PSYCHOLOGY OF RACISM - DISCUSSION PAPER:

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Before looking at some of the specifics of racial domination in Britain, it is important to make clear some observations of white supremacy in the international context.

I do not agree with the liberal approach which treats racism as "prejudice" based on some psychological complex operating on a personal level, neither do I see racism as some subordinate feature of a class system or class exploitation nor merely a factor or legacy of international capitalism. On the surface it may seem that the bare face exploitation which was and still is being administered to black people today in purely economic terms explains the drive for expansion of capital and conquest in imperialism. This is only one motive of capitalism, another significant feature of capitalism is the constant endeavour to create other systems in its likeness toextend its particular brand of political philosophy as being right and virtious by the establishment of similar institutions.

It is therefore imperative that racism be seen not only in relation to the skin criteria, but as a system of domination. When a people, social group or race is conquered we see the often violent imposition of political, socio-economic, religious and linguistic norms and values of the conquering group, for example the implantation of Islam in Africa, 640.A.D or 18 A.H, known as the Jihad or holy wars, hence while international monopoly capital is the operative element in economic domination, the concepts of Euro-centrism or white supremacy are the operative elements of world psycho-social and cultural domination. These two systems are in intimate interaction with each other neither being subordinate.

It is significent to note that white supremacist ideology pre-dates any capitalist or for that matter socilist economic systems. We see this tradition deeply rooted in the Judaeo-christian culture, Ham as one example was condemed in the 'bible' along with his decendants: "cursed be Canaan, meanest of slaves shall be to his brethren." (Genesis IX : 18-27) Canaan was earlier identified with Ethiopia (Afirca) as a result we see texts like this:-

> "And since you've disabled me------ doing ugly things in the blackness of the night, Canaan's children shall be born ugly and black! moreover, because you twisted your head around to see my nakedness, your grand children's hair shall be twisted into kinks and their eyes red; again because your lips jested at my misfortune, theirs shall swell; and because you neglected my nakedness, they shall go naked and their male members shall be shamefully elongated! men of this race are called negroes. their fore-father Canaan commanded them

to love, theft and formication to be banded together in hatred of their masters and never to tell the truth."

Jewish talmudic scholars wrote this passage in the sixth century nearly a thousand years before Europeans "discovered" Africa or adventured into the Americas. This represents the early origins of white racism and religious bigotry which rationalised chattel slavery of black people. Both the Catholic and Protestant churches supported this institution of unprecedented inhumanity and viciousness with equal zeal.

Racism is clearly thus not only skin deep i.e. a rejection of a person's physical colour. Even more importantly than that racism is the motivator or driving force behind the interruption, disruption and attempted distruction of a society, culture and accomplishments of a dominated people. The methods it uses to enforce this domination is by way of arms, 'education' culture and science systems.

So we see that racism does not solely depend upon theories of biological or genetic inferiority of the Jenssenist/shockley variety but, because white people have invented self-righteous notions of civilization which are intergral parts or in fact the centre or pivotal point of white racism and western conquest of those designated as "uncivilized", what I am saying is that the basic ideology of Europe is racism.

One of the most important examples of misrepresentation by self-styled scientists is the history of ancient Egypt. Egypt was a black nation evolving after an equally majestic black civilisation in Nubia - Ethiopia that gave birth to the "modern or white technological world." The science of Egyptology was manufactured to whiten or bestow an Aryan origin on our people's accomplishments. (see Diop's - African origin of civilisation and destruction of black civilisation by chancellor Williams).

We also know that Africans had established extensive contacts with the Americans long before Columbus was told about sea routes to the Caribbean by West African seamen who had had a three hundred year contact with that region. (Columbus did not discover the Caribbean!!)

The blatent refusal by white institutions to accept that black cultural and technological development was well in place by thousands of years before the distruction of black civilisation "while others were barbarians", (Count C.F. Volney said this in his major work RUINS OF EMPIRE - He was a French academic in the eighteenth century). is a corner stone as fundamental to the false ideology of white supremacy as the belief in the genitic inferiority of blacks. In this context the psycho-social and cultural side of 'white supremacy' has become its strongest pillar.

Racism thus goes beyond the skin color. Racism is a complex system of psycho-social, cultural, economic and political destitution depriving a people of their history, identity and basic humanity, an awareness of this fact is essential before we can attempt to understand the psychology or destruction of the minds of the recipients of racism.

Psychology or mind destruction of racism

One of the most difficult tasks of a Black person is to analyse or understand the influence of racism and its effects on Black behaviour, attitudes and general condition. Western''Scholarship' have set up a barrier or what they called a 'working hypothises' namely the 'analysis of the victim'. in this case having a built-in ground rule which suggest that the 'victim' is realy the cause of his own problems. The white concept of 'free will' which says that people have choices so therefore they can be held responsible for their behaviour, pre-supposes that we all stand at the same starting point equally together i.e. socially, politically, economically, spiritually etc., we know that this is not the case of course, White People control all the Institution of ethics namely - the church, government, judiciary, the education system,media, the malitia etc.

Let us have a quick look at Black people before our bondage/ polution (1500 - years of it !) and attempt to highlight some of the important features and principles of our culture.

Culture it seems to me is a blueprint or directive created by the genious of a people to be used as a foundation upon which religion, music, dance and other sciences like mathematics, agriculture etc., which are the products of culture, can develop. Culture at the blueprint level or directive level of existence is non-material or intangible, unconsciously we think and act in accordance with the dictates of a cultural blueprint. This is important to understand I believe because since the implantation of colonisation i.e. slavery and the trade in slaves in Africa, the Caribbean, the Americas and currently in Britian and Europe, in this newest phase of internal colonies. (a sub-group of Blacks and others having no actual as opposed to potential power - in other words, not owning and controlling any economic, political or legal institutions).

Thus we have a situation where the cultural blue-print we now follow is essentially the European one. If we agree with the fact that broadly speaking our 'cultural' reality currently on display in Britian is one of REACTION and ASSIMILATION (misnamed Integration) then the statement above is true.

The Cultural directives therefore that are upon us which we perpetuate knowingly or otherwise have highlighed a very dangerious situation for us as a people (1) these cultural directives are Institutionalised so (2) they not only ensure the continued dominance of Black people in this country, because we are 'schooled' by these Institutions but (3) they potentially distroy the possibility of a return to our cultural ways in this context. So we can see that a main component of the psychology of racism at the Blueprint or mind level is to destroy in an already conquered people their ability or capacity for escape or fight by mesmerising our minds until we are so paralysed by confusion that we actually assist in our destruction.

Some of the early African creations and developments in antiquity are as follows:-

The Stellar Calendar - in use by the ancient Nile Valley Africans and other Blacks of the Great Lakes regions (10,000 - 6,000 B.C.)

The Solar Calendar in use by the Ancient Nile Valley Blacks (4,000 - 3,000 B.C.) which is a method of reading seasons and time, this is infact a refinement of the much earlier Calendar mentioned above, based on the movement of the stars etc.

The Stellar Calendar is a product of the predynestic Africans of the Silt Pyramid building eras called Sebellian period ranges from 25,000 - 6,000 B.C. In antropological terms the periods from 250,000 - 6000 B.C. covers what is called PALAEOLITHIC periods - lower, middle and predynastic - the invention of hand axes and other tools were from these periods, these tools were the original signs and symbols used in the institutions of the descendants of the hand axe inventors that created the education system, (that Europeans renamed the "Mysteries").

Today we can still see the remains of Majestic Black Civilisations. (Although a large number of artifacts and other items are to be found in Europe, Britain, the Americas and elsewhere, in their well protected museums, private collections and university libraries etc) All over Africa stone and brick pyramids, rock tombs, stone obelisks along the Nile Valley and Great Lakes and Great Zimbabwe, (which means buildings of stone) needless to say that they applied philosophies like architecture, mathematics, physics etc, that had to be invented and evolved to become common knowledge among the Black People for the thousands of years in order for these 'impossible' feats to be achieved.

It is also important to mention that Black People gave the World the first form of picture writing to be called hieroglyphics comming for the later called Egyptians (kushites) mainly located in the North Eastern Africa.

Records show the history of Egypt and kush beyond 20,000 years, it is also known that as recently as 7,000 years ago Europe was still in the grip of the last Glacial Epoch/Ice Age thus showing another reason why the claim that Egypt was some-how White is false.

In more recent times we have the sophisticated Yoruba systems of numbers, the highly developed NOK Culture of Northern Nigeria which is iron based existing 400 - B.C. - A.D. 200 but recent finding suggests it goes back 39,000 years !! (See Africa Counts - Claudia Zaslavsky).

The complex knowledge of the Dogon of Mali about the Sirius Star system is sending shock-waves around the Scientific World. These West African people have not only plotted the orbits of stars circling Sirius but have revealed the extraordinary nature of one of the companions - Sirius B which they claim to be one of the most dense and tinniest of stars in our Galaxy.

The most astonishing thing about their revelations is that Sirius B is invisible to the naked eye. European Scientists and travellers have said that this knowledge is due to the presence of Space-men!! saying that, according to Kenneth Brechner these people "have no business knowing this". We know ofcourse to the ancients that space was of life and death importance, all over the earth stand their mysterious megalithic monuments tuned to the rhythm of the stars the cycles they realise were the pulse of life.

Some dangerous aspects of Black life in Britian

A professor (white) of psychology at the University of Chicago proclaimed to the world this prophecy,"give me a dozen healthy infants, well formed, and my own specified world to bring them up in and I'll guarantee to take anyone at random and train him to become any type of specialist I might select - doctor lawyer, artist, merchant, chief, and yes, beggar - man and thief regardless of his talents, tendencies, abilities, vocations, and race of his ancestors (Watson 1924).

In B.F. Skinner's 1971 work Beyond Freedom and Dignity in which his "experimental analysis of behaviour" (behaviour modification) said that it is possible to "delude" people into believing that they have the essence of life namely freedom and dignity - "and still control them".

Family breakdown, mental illness unemployment, suicide - which in my humble opinion is the highest stage of mental illness i.e. total self distruction, self-hatred etc., is increasingly forming the context of our Black experience both in this Country and elsewhere. We read in our Black press that - 25% of people serving life sentences in Britian are Black - 40% of the occupants in Borstals are Black - 23% of all prisoners in British prisons are Black, 25% of all psychiatric patients in the Inner Cities are Black". Caribbean times paper possed the question WHY? when only 3% of Britians are Black (see Caribbean Times - 22nd - 28th April / 29th April - 5th May. We now hear that in some Boroughs between 40% and 70% of people in the care and control of the Local Authorities are Black !. We see in King's Cross and other places around the Country the increasing appearances of young Black girls on the street engaged in prostitution. We hear of the increase of homosexuallity and lesbianism in the Black Community. It is interesting to note that the Liberal Party is campaigning for propotional representation in the political process, I would suggest that it should be introduce only with regard to the statistics above !

Some-one said to me once that if a visitor came to London Airport and was immediately taken on a guided tour of the Mental and Penial Institutions in this Country without any prior knowledge of the racial composition here, would have to believe that this was a Black Country!

The World renoun Brother Doctor Bobby Wright - who among other achievements, is a clinical psychologist, in his essay the Psychopathic Racial Personality ,

he poses Whites as the mortal danger to Black people, according to Wright, European "Matadors" (he uses the analogy of a bull fight and suggests that the bull(us) stop charging the cape blindly and seesthe matador and "faces the moment of truth") have for hundreds of years held up banners to distract and delude Black people i.e. "such concepts as Democracy, Capitalism, Marxism, religion and education". but now the banners, Wright contends, have been reduced to one - genocide as evidenced in the development of the genetic chemical, electrical, surgical and other behavioural control strategies. He goes to say that this emerges from the fact that due to technological development and the Worldwide struggle for resources, "Blacks are now a threat and a liability to the White race" as such it is in this context that the understanding of the White "Matador" becomes imperative.

Bobby Wright continues his analysis by stating the basic premise of his work "is that in their relationship with the Black race Europeans are psychopaths". He defines a psychopath as "one who is constantly in conflict with others -----unable to experience guilt, completely selfish and callous and has total disregard for the rights of others", he goes on to say that by definition his lack of "concern or committment except to their own interests and becomes idignant and angry when they are exposed or questioned.

A clear frame of reference from which to ultimately examine the psychological nature of black oppression or racism, In my view can only come from within a Black/African psychology, that is to say the recognition and practice of a body of knowledge which is fundamentally different in origin, content and direction than that recognised and practiced by European psychologists

As I am told that unlike the physical sciences, the behavioural sciences have yet to agree on uniformed standards by which behaviour can be appropriately judged. The concepts employed by behavioural sciences are derived from the particular cultural experience of the Scientists themselves - you know who ofcourse! the argument being that since nobody knows what such phenomena "really are" it is quite alright to adopt "operational definitions" which would fall in line with other racists concepts that bare very little relation to the "truth" but at the same time meeting the desired ends.

Some questions that Black Psychology will have to address itself to, are as follows (and is already doing so-) :-

(1) Which is the original race, Caucasion or African?
(2) What is the nature of Black intelligence ?
(3) What is the nature of Black Self and Black personality ?
(4) What is the mystery of Melanin - the colour agent in the skin ?
(5) What is the relationship between Melanin and the nervous system ?

This Paper is to be continued.

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