IMAGES OF GOD AND NONVIOLENCE

What Race?
What Sort of Society Are We?
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- What are your expectations?

- What are your fears?
An Inclusive Society

Please define the following words in a couple of sentences:

- Culture
- Ethnic/Ethnicity
- Race
- Racism
Culture
Way of life
No one culture in its entirety is superior or inferior to the other
Ethnic/Ethnicity

Derived from the Greek word Ethnikos. We are multi ethnic in our heritage, depending on how far back we go with our DNA.
Ethnicity in UK

- **White British:** 2001: 87.5%, 2011: 80.5%
- **White Gypsy or Irish Traveler:** 2001: not listed, 2011: 0.1%
- **White Irish:** 2001: 1.2%, 2011: 0.9%
- **Other white:** 2001: 2.6%, 2011: 4.4%
- **TOTAL WHITE:** 2001: 91.3% 2011: 86%
- **Mixed white and black African:** 2001: not listed, 2011: 0.3%
- **Mixed white and black Caribbean:** 2001: 0.5%, 2011: 0.8%
- **Mixed white and Asian:** 2001: 0.4%, 2011: 0.6%
- **Other mixed:** 2001: 0.3%, 2011: 0.5%
- **TOTAL MIXED RACE:** 2001: 1.27%, 2011: 2.2%
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- Black Caribbean: 2001: 1.1%, 2011: 1.1%
- Black African: 2001: 0.9%, 2011: 1.8%
- Other black: 2001: 0.2%, 2011: 0.5%
- TOTAL BLACK: 2001: 2.2%, 2011: 3.4%
- Chinese: 2001: 0.4%, 2011: 0.7%
- Bangladeshi: 2001: 0.5%, 2011: 0.8%
- Pakistani: 2001: 1.4%, 2011: 2%
- Indian: 2001: 2%, 2011: 2.5%
- Other Asian: 2001: 0.5%, 2011: 1.5%
- TOTAL ASIAN (excluding Chinese): 2001: 4.4%, 2011: 6.8%
- Arab: 2001: not listed, 2011: 0.4%
- Other ethnic group: 2001: 0.4%, 2011: 0.6%
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Race

This term has never really been clear. Scientists argue that biologically the differences are so superficial that the term is meaningless.
There is one race - The Human Race

‘From one ancestor He made all nations to inhabit the whole earth’ Acts 17 26
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- Confronting Evil

What is Racism?
Roots of Racism

- Historical
- Ethical

Racism survives by a pervasive system of mutual reinforcing **mistreatment** and **misinformation**
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RACISM = PREJUDICE + POWER

PERCIEVED

RACISM = PREJUDICE + ^POWER
Racism

Systematic discrimination and misinformation

Generates further misinformation and ignorance

Become the justification for further discrimination

Creates socially sanctioned attitudes, beliefs, feelings and assumptions

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“PRIVILEGE IS WHEN YOU THINK SOMETHING IS NOT A PROBLEM BECAUSE IT’S NOT A PROBLEM TO YOU PERSONALLY.”
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"When you're accustomed to privilege, equality feels like oppression"
1. Equality can feel like oppression. But it’s not. What you’re feeling is just the discomfort of losing a little bit of your privilege’
RACISM

- **PERSONAL** - The actions and attitudes of individuals

- **STRUCTURAL** - The composition and organisation of an institution.
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- **INSTITUTIONAL** - The procedures, rules and practices of an institution.

- **CULTURAL** - The imposition of the values, ideas and concepts of one’s own culture.
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Inclusion

Exclusion  Segregation  Integration
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Your Kingdom Come .........
Diversity
Different Individuals
Valuing Each other Regardless of Skin Intellect Talents or Years
Handle the Bible with care!

- Leviticus 19:33 & 34, 1 Corinthians 12:11-13
- Isaiah 56:6 & 7, Galations 3:26-28
- Matthew 28:19 & 20, Ephesians 2:14-19
- Acts 17:26, Colossians 3:11
- Romans 1:16, 1 John 4:20, Revelation 5:9
- Romans 3:29 & 30, Revelation 7:9-10
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Luke 10:25 -37
Universal Love.

- Tragedy of limiting neighbourly concern to tribe, ethnic group, class or nation.
- Spiritual short sightedness of seeing people as Jews or Gentiles, Catholics or Protestants, Chinese or American.
Dangerous Love.

‘The ultimate measure of a man/woman is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy.’

Martin Luther King.
Excessive Love.

- True Love is more than the capacity to pity.
- True love is the personal concern which demands the giving of your all.
Laws made by governments may assure justice, but a higher law produces love.

Morality cannot be legislated.
Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate; our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light not our darkness, that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?
Actually, who are you not to be?
You are a child of God.
Your playing small doesn’t save the world.
There is nothing enlightening about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you.
We are born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.
It is not just in some of us it’s in everyone.
And as we let our light shine we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.
As we are liberated from our own fear our presence automatically liberates others.

Mirianne Williamson
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“Never, never be afraid to do what’s right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake....”

--Martin Luther King Jr

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Pontius' Puddle

Sometimes I'd like to ask God why he allows poverty, famine and injustice when he could do something about it.

What's stopping you?

The Pentecostal Testimony / May 1994
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I'm afraid God might ask me the same question.
WE ARE ALL HUMAN

I hope that people will finally come to realize that there is only one race - the human race ...
and that we are all members of it.

Margaret Atwood
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What do you see?
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What do you see?