



CONVEYING TO BLACK AMERICA WHAT ISLAM IS!

BLACK DAWAH NETWORK

ISLAMIC OUTREACH TO OPPRESSED BLACK COMMUNITY

"AFROCENTRIST FALLACY"

WELL, I CAN'T BE A MUSLIM BECAUSE THOSE ARABS ENSLAVED BLACK PEOPLE. THAT'S WHY I PRACTICE NATIVE AFRICAN SPIRITUALITY.




IF YOU CAN'T BE A MUSLIM BECAUSE SOME ARABS ENSLAVED BLACK PEOPLE WHY DON'T YOU DROP NATIVE AFRICAN SPIRITUALITY?

IN ALCOHOL AND THE ATLANTIC TRADE, NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE PROFESSOR AND ANTHROPOLOGIST FREDERICK H. SMITH WRITES THAT "EUROPEAN SLAVE TRADERS WERE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SECURING SLAVES." SIGNIFICANTLY,



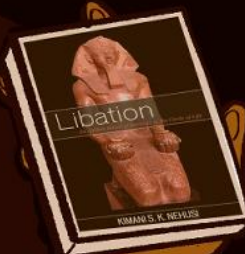
SMITH WRITES "THE ONLY EXCEPTION TO THE ALCOHOL-FOR-SLAVES MODEL WAS IN THE NORTHERN STRETCHES OF THE SLAVE TRADE WHERE ISLAM WAS STRONGLY ENTRENCHED."



IN ALCOHOL IN COLONIAL AFRICA, LYNN PAN WRITES THAT THE WIDESPREAD PREVALENCE OF ALCOHOL FOR SLAVES SYSTEM RESULTED IN MANY AFRICANS BELIEVING THAT "LIQUOR OF THE SO-CALLED CHRISTIAN NATIONS WHICH WAS CAUSING HAVOC AMONG AFRICANS."

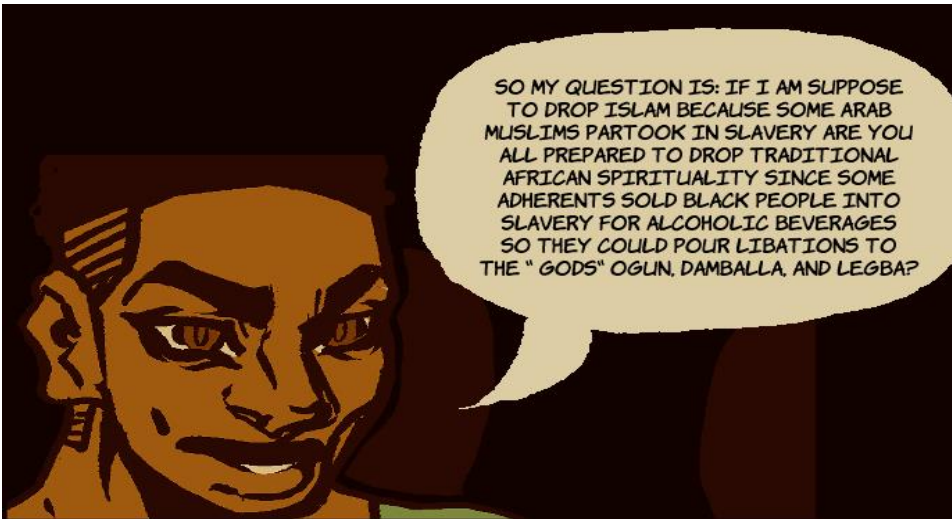
AS A RESULT, "ISLAM'S RESTRAINING INFLUENCE ON THE USE OF SPIRITS" APPEALED TO "AFRICAN CHIEFS ANXIOUS TO MAINTAIN SOBRIETY AMONG THEIR PEOPLE." IN FACT, THIS REALITY SPURRED CONVERSIONS AMONG ADHERENTS OF TRADITIONAL AFRICAN FAITHS TO ISLAM.

THING GET EVEN DEEPER WHEN WE LOOK INTO THE REASONS SOME AFRICANS SOLD OTHER AFRICANS INTO SLAVERY FOR SOME DAMN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. IN LIBATION: AN AFRICAN RITUAL OF HERITAGE IN THE CIRCLE OF LIFE, KIMANI S. K. NEHUSI INDICATES THAT ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION WAS BELIEVED AMONG ADHERENTS TO WRITES THAT IN VOODOO, THE ALCOHOL USED IN LIBATIONS "VARIES ACCORDING TO THE GOD. IT IS SWEET LIQUOR IF IT IS DAMBALLA, RUM FOR OGLIN, LOCO OR LEGBA." IN OTHER WORDS VARIOUS DEITIES NEEDED VARIOUS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN ORDER TO BE PLEASED.



IN DRINK, POWER, AND CULTURE CHANGE: A SOCIAL HISTORY OF ALCOHOL IN GHANA, CIBOO EMMANUEL AKYEAMONG, A PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, WRITES THAT AMONG THE AKAN PEOPLE OF GHANA ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION WAS CONSIDERED A SACRED RITUAL WHICH "BRIDGED THE GAP BETWEEN THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL WORLDS."

IN CONTRAST, THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD, PEACE BE UPON HIM, STATED: "ALLAH HAS CURSED ALCOHOL, THE ONE WHO DRINKS IT, THE ONE WHO POURS IT, THE ONE WHO SELLS IT, THE ONE WHO BUYS IT, THE ONE WHO SQUEEZES (THE GRAPES ETC), THE ONE FOR WHOM IT IS SQUEEZED, THE ONE WHO CARRIES IT AND THE ONE TO WHOM IT IS CARRIED (ABU DAWOOD (3674))."



SO MY QUESTION IS: IF I AM SUPPOSE TO DROP ISLAM BECAUSE SOME ARAB MUSLIMS PARTOOK IN SLAVERY ARE YOU ALL PREPARED TO DROP TRADITIONAL AFRICAN SPIRITUALITY SINCE SOME ADHERENTS SOLD BLACK PEOPLE INTO SLAVERY FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SO THEY COULD POUR LIBATIONS TO THE " GODS" OGLIN, DAMBALLA, AND LEGBA?



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