

NATIONAL ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION

"BIG BAD BAGHDAD"

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It always seems to me that
bad story lines always seem to

have a sequel. Notice all of the
Arnold Shwartzemegger mov-
ies, which are basically the same
story from the original Conan

the Barbarian film. Each one
seems to be a little bit worse
than the one before. Be that as it
may, this is not about Arnold.
What this is about is another bad
story line, which is beating up on
Baghdad whenever things get
rough domestically. The recent
bombing of the intelligence
headquarters of the Iraq govern-
ment shows how consistently
amoral the US leadership con-
tinues to be. George Bush really
started it with the so called lib-
eration of Kuwait after Baghdad
had liberated it a few weeks
before. Now after that debacle
and Kuwait is "free", the United
States decides to bomb Baghdad
based on a assassination theory

supposedly discovered by these
guardians of Democracy and
freedom, the rulers of Kuwait.
You will remember the rulers of
Kuwait, the emir is one of the
individuals that set two consecu-
tive records for the monetary
losses at Monaco six months
before Kuwait was liberated by
Baghdad. In the first instance,
this individual lost 260 million
dollars and then six months later
he came back and broke his own
record and lost 271 million dol-
lars. Can you believe that? That
is how much money this man
lost at Monaco (You can hear
the Casino owners in Las Vegas
drooling already). I bring this up
to indicate that to make a deci-

sion to kill a large number of
people based on information
gained from a suspect source is
criminal.

It appears that in spite of the
former governor of Arkansas's
protestations to the contrary, that
indeed the United States has no
regard for Iraqi lives. This is
consistent when one considers
that this is the same former
Arkansas governor who has not
seen fit to intervene in situations
where Muslims are being slaugh-
tered Nazi style by a renegade
force that basically has been
thumbing it's nose at the entire
world-i.e. Bosnia. This is the
same former Arkansas gover-
nor who contends that the at-



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tacks on the Somalias are in the
name of humanitarians. We have
all heard that once before. We
will either convert them or kill
them, and it does not matter
which one. This is the same
former Arkansas governor that
withdrew Lani Guinier's nomi-
nation without a fight. The same
former Arkansas governor that
mismanaged the economic
stimulus program so badly that it
ended up falling on it's face in
congress. Are we beginning to
see a pattern here with this for-
mer Arkansas governor? Re-
member, there is a certain leg-
acy that one must keep in mind.
This former Arkansas governor,
from what I can see, isn't much
different from a former Arkansas
governor i.e., Orvil Falbus, and
his behavior on the international
arena certainly proves that. It is
time that this country ceased
murdering Iraqi's in the name of
promoting peace in the Middle
East. Clearly the purpose of the
United States virtual occupation
of the Middle East is to insure
the continued flow of Middle
Eastern oil at an unrealistically
low price, in order to continue
the bloated obscene energy
consumption policy that the
United States has had and re-
fuses to change. All those big
heavy cadillacs out there appar-
ently need a lot of oil to keep
going. Apparently they also need
quite a bit of blood to keep func-
tioning. So long as it is the blood
of people of color, Clinton and
his cronies have no problem with
shedding it. It is only when it may
be white folks' blood that gets
shed-i.e. Bosnia- that Clinton
becomes the world's biggest
wimp. La Lucha Continua! The
Struggle Continues!

THE RAY WILLIS REPORT
BY RAY E WILLIS

SEEING GOD IN US

What difference does it make what color or race you think the Supreme Being (God) is? According to mental health experts, it can mean a lot—especially if you're an African-American.

They say it is important that your image of God in human form look similar to you. Because if you can't perceive God in your own image, you will find it difficult if not impossible to think very highly and self respecting of yourself and others who resemble you.

If someone asked you to describe what God looks like, how would you respond? What physical description of God would you provide? How would you envision Him? Would you say that He is white, black, red, brown or yellow?

The standard picture of Jesus, God's son, that we often see in churches portray Christ as having thin lips, alabaster white skin, rosy cheeks and long, flowing straight hair. But rarely, if ever, do you see pictures of a Black Jesus.

It's not documented anywhere in the Bible or elsewhere that Christ was White. Yet that almost singular concept of the savior is seldom challenged. Many find it easier to simply accept the prevalent view of Jesus as white or nearly white.

Given the fact that Christ lived in that region of the world now known as the Middle East, it's probable that he was of a darker complexion. Remember those images from Iraq of Middle Eastern men and women who looked remarkably like Black people we know right here in the U.S.?

And where is the Middle East? Smack dab on the northern tip of Africa—The Motherland.

With a resurgence of interest in Black awareness some progressive Black church leaders are beginning to display stain glass murals and pictures of Christ as a Black man with distinctly Black features.

Such displays make a definite positive statement by allowing that Christ was probably of African descent like us.

Since nine-tenths or more of the people on planet earth are people of color, it stands to reason that Jesus also was of color. The fact that the oldest remains of mortal man were unearthed in that portion of African Bible scholars refer to as Mesopotamia, adds weight to the argument.

That God in all His splendor and glory is reflected in our own image makes a significant, positive psychological statement to all Black people. Because if we can't see God as a reflection of us, then little else matters.

Case in point. The Rev. Cecil Murray, pastor of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church of South Central Los Angeles. Credited as being a leader of the movement to rebuild South Central in the wake of the riots brought on in the aftermath of the Rodney King verdicts, Rev. Murray has some strong views on the subject.

According to Rev. Murray, "If the book is written on what starts fires, it's unemployed people who are in a depressed area, who have to take a gang as a surrogate family, whose great grandmother has been raped, who's not been allowed to have his own culture or history, who has been told that God is white."

To know is to grow. Until next week.

NLV...THE WESTSIDE STORY
SOME WATER

By R. K. Brown
Just think what would happen, if we ran out of water. I mean really, Vegas is a desert. Things could get messy real quickly! All you have to do is leave the valley in any direction for more than 5 minutes. Every where you turn, nothing but dry heat.

Obviously this is why we see national and local water officials concentrating major efforts at establishing water conservation habits. Every citizen is made aware of the grave results of not enforcing water rationing.

We all know the rules! No grass watering from 3 til 7! No car washing during peak hours! And of course don't wash clothes or your body. "It's you that we are thinking about." If that isn't the biggest sack of oatmeal I have ever heard! As it is with everything else in white America; laws, (black prison population), standards, and citizen guidelines, don't apply to the wealthy.

As we face the biggest crisis in the history of the western United States, rich whites are given the O.K. to cut the lifeline,

of ANY human community. I don't care how far you want to go back, a community without water, is a NOOO community! So what is the point of this article?

The answer is simple, but so complex. Rich white developers in all of the western United States, need drinking water for everything but drinking.

While it might be good in principle to fine and charge the LITTLE MAN for water violations in his meek private life endeavors, the real culprits get away squeaky clean as usual. From the murder of Lincoln, Malcolm and Martin; to the scandal of Watergate and Iran Contra, rich whites work above the heads of the American public.

Earlier I stated that the loss of water in the Western United States is the biggest looming crisis in our time. I didn't exaggerate. The Colorado River is losing it's annual water supply, at a rate of over 1/8 of it's total volume each year. That is incredible! By the year 2000, we will all be thirsting for some water. You might ask, well what does that have to do with the Vegas Valley? I would simply answer,

EVERYTHING!!

At last count, there are at least 15 golf courses in southern Nevada. The one true desert place that has to have continuous watering, is any golf course. They become an OASIS in the desert. If we used all of the water in the world, we couldn't come close to using this amount.

Of course we also have the "lake" communities, of the rich affluent taxpayers. While you and I are caught and filmed by Contact 13 water patrol for washing our car, our rich neighbors waste water and everything else, just for fun! By the end of the century, the western United States will have to deal with serious water rationing. Colorado, Nevada, and Arizona, all use the water for everything but drinking? They must feel; "if it runs out we can buy some more". Hopefully for you and me, they can make that dream come true. peace....

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