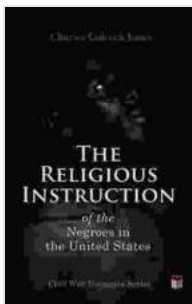


The Religious Instruction of the Negroes in the United States

The history of religious instruction for African Americans in the United States is a complex and multifaceted one. From the earliest days of slavery, Africans brought their own religious beliefs and practices to the New World. However, these beliefs and practices were often suppressed or distorted by the dominant white culture. As a result, African Americans developed their own unique religious traditions, which blended elements of African and American culture.



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In the 19th century, a number of white abolitionists and missionaries began to work to provide religious instruction to African Americans. These individuals saw religious instruction as a way to uplift the slaves and prepare them for freedom. However, their efforts were often met with

resistance from slave owners, who feared that education would make their slaves less obedient.

After the Civil War, the Freedmen's Bureau established schools for African Americans throughout the South. These schools provided not only academic instruction but also religious instruction. This instruction was often based on the Protestant denominations that were dominant in the United States at the time. However, African Americans also began to develop their own independent churches, which often reflected their unique cultural and religious experiences.

In the 20th century, religious instruction for African Americans continued to evolve. The rise of urban centers led to the growth of new denominations, such as the Pentecostal and Holiness churches. These churches emphasized emotionalism and personal experience, and they appealed to many African Americans who were seeking a more passionate and fulfilling religious experience.

The Role of Slavery

Slavery had a profound impact on the religious development of African Americans. Slave owners often forbade their slaves from practicing their own religions, and they forced them to attend Christian services. However, slaves often found ways to incorporate traditional African beliefs and practices into their Christianity. As a result, a unique African-American Christianity emerged, which blended elements of both cultures.

One of the most important aspects of African-American Christianity was the emphasis on music. Music was a way for slaves to express their emotions and to connect with their ancestors. Spirituals, which were songs that often

expressed the slaves' longing for freedom, were a particularly important part of African-American religious life.

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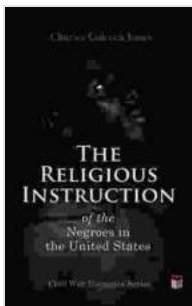
The Role of the Church

The church has played a central role in the religious life of African Americans. In the early days of slavery, the church was often the only place where slaves could gather and socialize. The church also provided slaves with a sense of community and support.

After the Civil War, the church continued to play an important role in the lives of African Americans. The church was a place where African Americans could worship freely, and it was also a place where they could learn about their history and culture. The church also played a key role in

the civil rights movement, providing a platform for African Americans to speak out against injustice.

The religious instruction of the Negroes in the United States has a long and complex history. From the earliest days of slavery to the present day, African Americans have sought to find expression for their religious beliefs and practices. The result has been a rich and diverse religious tradition that has shaped the culture of the United States.



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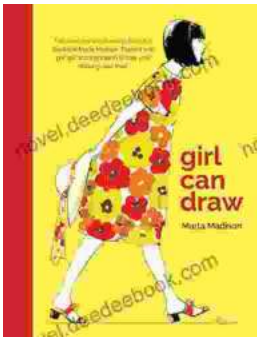
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