

ARTICLE ANALYSIS: THE ORIGIN OF RELIGION IN AMERICA

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Abstract

The aim and objective of this research topic selection is to obtain a profound understanding of the origin of religion to the Americas. This research is also geared at:

1. Identifying the original inhabitant in America that originated certain religious practices and beliefs.
2. Locating corroborated information from scholarly journals and articles that will assist in the fundamental basis and concrete conclusion of the Origin of Religion in America
3. Create an analysis that will outline and highlight the advantages and disadvantages of the Indigenous people in the American community who witness firsthand the pilgrims who brought Christianity to North America in the 1600. Therefore, the overall topic selection will ultimately provide the clear facts of who is considered the originators of religious practices on Americas soil from the 1600 to the 21 first century

The Search Terms Relating to the Topic are as follows: Keywords-Indigenous people, Religion,

Practices, Western Pilgrim, American Christian Movements.

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Overview The Origin of Religion in America can be historically traced back to the Indigenous

people who first inhabited the Northern and Southern regions of the Americas. The average individuals who reside in America tend to associate themselves with some religious practices and oftentimes those practices conflict with the Christian beliefs and the Holy Bible.

Thus, the reality is that religious practices in America originated with the Native Americans who are deemed aboriginal of the entire Americas and those practices predated the European colonization period.

According to (Wikipedia, 2024) "The definition of religion is a controversial and complicated subject in religious studies with scholars failing to agree on any one definition."

Nevertheless, (Merriam-Webster, (2024) states that religion is a set of beliefs, attitudes, and practices that are either personal or institutionalized." In addition, the basis of most religion is centered around a higher power that is to be acknowledged and worship. However, many scholars

tend to evade the topic of religion, because it is a very complex subject that has been misunderstood for years. But, for the Indigenous people in America religious practices was a lifestyle that was considered sacred and special. Also, the Bible states that "my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Hosea 4:6 KJV Therefore, scholars often agree that the complexity of the origin of American religion began in the 1600 when the pilgrims arrived in North America with the Geneva Bible and later translated in the Algonquin Indian language and printed by John Eliot in 1663.

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Level 1

Thompson, G. J. (2009) Article incorporated information about the religious ideology of the

Americas and how those religious beliefs and practices shapes the entire fundamental principles of every kindred and tribe residing on American soil. The journal stated “The importance of various religion shaping the ideological understanding of what it means to be America and Americans is never far from the political speeches and advertisements.” Also, Porterfield, A. (1997) studies created a reflection of the gradual shifting from the studies of American religion from the older European male perspective, but it later includes the studies of another ethnicity. In addition, he highlighted that “This volume reflects the momentous shift in the study of American religion from "an older, European American, male, middle-class, northeastern, Protestant narrative concerned primarily with churches and theology," as editor David G. Hackett describes it, "toward a multicultural tale of Native Americans, African Americans, Catholics, Jews and other groups." The volume gathers twenty-six of the strongest and most influential essays written about American religion over the last twenty years, organized to showcase the trend to multicultural social history.”

Level 1

Melton, Z. J. (2024) researched highlighted some very important facts related to “Race, Religion, and the Medieval Norse Discovery of America.” The author expounds profoundly on the negative promotion of prejudices by certain publishers that appealed to the Anglo-American group of

people in Vinland. This particular researcher had to use the Critical Discourse Analysis to present

the historical inequality of the presentation of Old Norse Literature. In addition, Melton, Z.J. (2024) stated that, “There are evidences that New England and this country were inhabited by a race superior to those found by our forefathers in 1620 (ibid., p. 20)”.

This type of religious-racial discourse continues to be used today by extremists. For instance, a writer for religious extremist TFP Student Action published an article online titled “How Catholic

Viking Reached the New World Before Columbus” in 2017.”

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Level 1

Mark, J. J. (2021) article primarily focus on the various religions that dominated the USA during Colonial period of America. Also, his researched led to the discovery of smaller groups, but The author expressed that the leading religious group in the year 1654 were large populations of Christians, but those belonging Judaism performed their gathering in small communities. However, Marcus, J. 2022) elaborated on the “Surprising Religious Diversity in America’s 13 Colonies.

This author researched were centered around the European Protestors, Puritans, and the Quaker who we're fleeing prosecution from their country of origin. Also, his article outlined how the foreigners had to integrate themselves with Native American who had already established their traditional believes and practices.

Findings

The thorough review of all the scholarly journals and articles surrounding the origin of Religion in America indicated the inequalities that individuals belonging to certain religious group had to encounter and the lack of understanding of spirituality that other pagan group demonstrated has total mockery to the True essence of America core understanding of the Almighty YAH.

Conclusion

The origin of religion in America had its share of turmoil and confusion, but the steadfast and fervent prayers of the faithful children of Adonai shifted the paradigm and created a path from heathenism to a greater relationship with the true and living YAH.

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