21st Century Maroons in the Crossroads

An Indigeneity based on Intersectionality
Power in the Intersections

- Out of the Silence…Music, The Word
- Song
- Story
- Medicine Wheel to Crossroads
- Basic Memetics
- Basic Maroonage
- Counter Memetics
GONA Song
Stand upon a patch of ground
Or anyplace place you hear the sound
of mother earth and all my relations
calling all the nations

Red and Yellow, Black and White
Deep the oceans mountains high
Fur, fin, feather, dragonfly
Spirit beings on earth and in the skies

A Web of Life connects us all
Whether the cities rise or fall
A Balance weighs all things great and small
Adds us to the whole

It goes around and comes around
Creeps up on ya without a sound
Seeps up from the fertile ground
Soaks you in the bones

Once it's in your very soul
Then you'll never walk alone
Keep the music in your heart
connects you to the earth and to the stars

Tidal waves of The man's machines technology
Threaten to drown or bury me
But I'll surf swim the seas of eternity
While they crash and recede

East & South, West & North
Going Within or Going Forth
Stars Above me, Earth Below
The Directions that show me where to go

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Story
The Stillness That Comes To All
Adapted from a story in David Bradley’s *The Chaneysville Incident*

The Great Sky God known as Olorun once, in the old days, had looked down and saw that humans were not free, for they feared the Stillness That Comes To All.

So Olorun called Papa Legba, the messenger and interpreter for the Great Sky God and the other gods, and told him to take the message to humans that The Stillness That Comes To All, that humans call Death, was not an ending of things, but the passing on of spirit, a change of shape, and nothing more.
The Stillness That Comes To All

When the Stillness came upon those they loved, they should not fear, or grieve, but rejoice, because the loved one had merely left the body that bound them to the ground, and they had become a spirit that could fly wherever they willed.

Olorun had given that message to Legba to take to humans, but Legba was an old man then, tired and feeble, and he walked with a cane. He was too fond of his pipe and chair to make the trip. So Legba called to Rabbit and told Rabbit to take the message.

Rabbit was swift, but Rabbit was stupid.
The Stillness That Comes To All

The first human that Rabbit found was a man with pale skin, straight hair, and eyes as gray as winter. Rabbit told him all of Sky God’s message and thinking he was done, went away.

The man with pale skin was not stupid like Rabbit. He saw that if he lied to the other men he could become the ruler of them. So he went to the other men and said that Sky God had sent a message only to him…

The other men would not listen, for they said if Sky God sent a message, why would he not send it to all?

So the pale man went away and thought and came back and told the other pale men the truth.
Then they all went to the men with dark skins and told them that the Sky God had sent a message to them. When the dark men asked why would the Sky God send a message to some and not to all, they said it was because their skin was light, and the Sky God said it was because they were better than other men, that they should interpret the meaning for other men.

Then they told the other men that the Sky God had said with the Stillness That Comes to All, they would cease to be, their bodies would turn to dust and ashes, and that their spirits would burn in a lake of fire forever, unless they did exactly as the pale men said.

The men with pale skin all spoke the same, and the dark men became so frightened of the lake of fire that they began to do what the pale men said.
The Stillness That Comes To All

But some of the men with dark skins guessed the truth. Those men did not fear the lake of fire, for they believed when the Stillness came upon them they would simply go to a place where there were no men with pale skins who stole the spirit by telling lies.

And so they did not do exactly as the pale men said. They learned to read, and write in secret even though the pale men beat or even killed them for seeking knowledge.

They were beaten, and chained, and starved, but it did not matter. For they believed the truth…
The Hero is the Teller of the Tale

- That tale is told from the point of view of Ifa, the religion known in Haiti as Voudou.
- It describes in allegory a series of real events.
- In particular how you can steal someone’s spirit by telling lies that make them afraid, instead of teaching them to be more deeply connected through their souls to all life.
- You can control or dominate people by telling them lies disguised as the truth.
- Western Civilization, particularly America requires addictive processes as an integral part of doing business.
- All addictions are based on a lie Their religion, their government, their schools, their commerce system feeds and reinforces addictions.
- All recovery is based on deeper and deeper levels of truth telling and discovery.
- Discovery of the truth behind the lies you’ve been sold as truth.
Indigeneity based on Intersectionality

We are Native to Earth
Where on Earth is your Home
Home is where the Heart Is
Tulapit Wapakisinep: ‘the long reaching land’ & ‘Turtle Island’
Alkebulan - Land of the Blacks
Crossroads

- The Lakota and the Tsalagi (Cherokee) Linked the Four Direction to a construct of Race I call it the Four Races Four Directions.
- This is one version of what is called the Medicine Wheel, Sacred Hoop, and other names.
- Creator created Four Races one for each of the Four Directions. Each was given a piece of The Truth to carry with them when they scattered.
• Each Piece of the Truth was their own particular way of seeing the world, and a pattern for living in the world.

• Another piece of the Truth was being able to recognize the other pieces, and where they fit.

• This was forgotten, so that in the time of separation, people tended to think, their piece was the only piece.

• Thus the whole truth cannot be known till all the people get together to share what they know.

Obviously this would be dangerous to any kind of supremacist.
Four Directions, Four Races

South
Alkebulan
Africa
“Land of the Blacks”

West Red
Tulapit Wapikisinep
The Long Reaching Land or
Turtle Island
“North & South America”

North
White
Europe

East
Yellow
Asia
Crossroads

• African’s take the same idea and call it the Crossroads, also the Circle of Life.
• The Crossroads are the intersections of change, the meeting of Heaven and Earth, Physical and Spiritual
African Crossroads

Heaven

Past

NOW

Future

Earth
Four Races, One Race

Each Race has its own:

Visible World

Invisible World
Four Races, One Race

Each Race has its own:

Invisible World

Visible World

There is power in Definition...

There is greater power in the undefined intersections.

Contrary / Trickster
Three Maroon Leaders: Surinam, Texas, Jamaica
By Way of Introduction…

- I am an urban Indian from the “South Central” reservation aka da hood.
- Ghettos were reservations created for “non-whites” in Europe, then the practice was exported to Tulapit Wapikisinep, (Indian Reserves) Alkebulan (homelands).
- My Grandfather was a Black Liberation Theologist and one of 10 Children of a Chata named George Washington.
- A popular name among freedmen.
By Way of Introduction…

I came to maroonage as a necessity to create an indigineity which blends an African worldview, with an indigenous, worldview, to engage in a liberation process.

Maroonage means you reform your culture from one recovering from genocide, to one thriving in freedom. Able to resist colon-eyes-ation

In effect neutralizing the “Trojan Horse” weapons that were used against you: Ignorance, Imbalance, Deceit, The Bible, The Bottle, The Casino.

Thru: Knowledge, Balance, Truth Discovery and Truth Telling,
Who is an Indian?

- Who knows it feels it.
- Is being an Indian a matter of blood quantum?
- Is it a matter of skin color?
- Is it a relationship with the Spirit of a place, such that you feel at home?
- Do the ancestors and spirits of the land speak to you?
- Can you recognize the citizens of your nation when you meet them, see the flames of their spirit through the flesh that masks it.
Who is a *maroon*?

- Who knows it feels it.
- Maroon means *wild, untamed, free* - Taino
- *Cimaroons* - Spanish, *mountain top, maroon*
- Maroons escaped slavery, developed a free culture based not only on resistance to European chattel slavery, but based on the intersection of tradition and innovation.
- Maroons blended, Indigenous, African, and European cultures, to create free and democratic societies on the edge of white civilization.
Who is a maroon?

Maroons are: multilingual, Not just the languages, but every sense of words.

Shelama, Shalom, Salaam, Umoja, Shanti

Multiliterate: Not just print, but culture, sciences, arts, technology, nature, situations, spiritual conditions.

Able to integrally utilize human diversity with knowledge and skill rather than suppress it in fear and ignorance: (12 kinds of marriage, 7 genders),
A Maroon is not an Escaped Slave…

- Any more than the descendants of the people from the Red Cities to the South are “illegal immigrants”.
- Slaves can escape slavery, but carry “massa’s culture” with them.
- As John Henrik Clark indicates: “Slavery destroys the capacity to create and maintain a state.” (As in nation state)
- Maroons escape slavery and create and synthesize a free culture, and moreover a condition of sovereign statehood.
Workshop Objectives and Directions

At the end of this workshop participants will be able to identify:

- Elements of traditional maroon culture.
- The intersectionality of Native Tradition & African Innovation (Medicine Wheel & The Crossroads)
- Ways of blending living systems of understanding and comparative problem solving “The Strings of the Kora & The White Roots of Peace”
- As maroon is an indigenous word, what relevance do maroon traditions have to us today? (If Hip-Hop were the seeds of a new Civilization, what would that civilization look like?)
Workshop Objectives and Directions

At the end of this workshop participants will be able to identify:

Possible directions for the creation and maintenance of a state (not just of mind, or being), but a state which moves from pan-indigenous, through pan-African, through pan-humanity, into pan-species, maybe even interworld (though its dangerous to think in those terms yet).

If the United States had been founded along the lines of the White Roots of Peace and the current South African Constitution, what would it look like today?
Workshop Objectives and Directions

At the end of this workshop participants will be able to identify:

- Signs and symptoms of advanced memetic infection.
- (Delusions of racial superiority or inferiority)
- A meme is a virus of the mind. It replicates through ANY mode of human communication.
- Like biological viruses, you develop immunity (or they kill you) but the viruses themselves evolve so that they are less immediately toxic (therefore they can replicate themselves longer).
- Thus though herpes viruses destroy tissue: cold sores, genital herpes, chicken pox / shingles, their outbreaks aren’t constant…thus we think of them as benign…but then there’s cervical cancer caused by hpv.
- Memes don’t have to be toxic
- You can engineer them
Basic Memetics

Meme: (rhymes with creme) the smallest unit of replicating thought.

Like a gene: smallest unit of replicating life.

Transmitted through any cultural mode of communication.

Memes combine to form viral ideas, which can mutate over time or given diverse environments.

Examples: Beliefs, Jingles, Cliches, Technology, Gangs, Addicts

Culture is a collection of strategy memes necessary for survival of a people.
Types of Memes - from Viruses of the Mind

**Distinction Memes**
- Category, Label

**Strategy Memes**
- Situational Cause & Effect Beliefs
- If ...... Then
- Example:
  - Driving: Red Light/Right Turn = Stop, then turn.
  - Four way stop = wait for all cars ahead, then go.
  - Traffic Circle, go counter clockwise
  - See a cop, slow down!
  - Drive casually.

**Association Memes**
- Link two or more memes:
  - Smell of wind on water
  - Sunlight on grass, sand, rock, skin
  - Flag, Military, American, Winner, The Best
Types of Memes

ADVERTISING MEMES
- Mom, apple pie, baseball, hot dogs, Chevrolet
- Sexy men, Diet Coke
- Sexy women, beer, computers, cars
- Joe Camel, youth rebellion, smoking

HEALTH MEMES
- Good Hygiene
- Safe Sex
- Proper Diet
- Rest / Exercise
- Memes don’t have to be toxic.
- You can develop resistance to toxic memes, but you have to do it consciously.
Toxic Memetic Exposure

- Natives were exposed to toxic memes of Western Civilization, much like exposure to smallpox blankets.
- African’s had some degree of immunity to many of these memes, because many of them like Christianity, Distilled Alcohol, were much more benign when we developed them.
- W.S.C.P. reengineered those memes and released them.
- W.S.C.P. is about 700 years old.
Is Black Blood Stronger than Native Blood?

Ideas of Racial "Purity"
Blood Quantum
"Blood Thinning"
"Half-Breeds"

Applied to First Nations
1/8 Indian for the purpose of removing tribal land rights.

Applied to African's
1/64 to deny equal access by law and custom.

Blood Quantum for Beginners:
The following chart assumes only 1 "purebred" per generation.

1/2 to 1 Parents
Black "Mulatto"
Indian "Half Breed/Iyeska"

1/4 Grandparents
Black "Quadroon"

1/8 Greatgrandparents
Federal "Indian" Cutoff
Black "Octaroon"

1/16 Great Great Grandparents
Cherokee Cutoff

1/32 Great Great Great Grandparents

1/64 Great Great Great Great Grandparents
"One drop" rule
Minimum Southern qualification to be Black.
Three Conditions in Slavery

- Master
- Slave
- Maroon

The Western Traditional Canon rarely (actually never) mentions maroons.

In fact if you hear the word you think of being abandoned by pirates on some desert island.

A convenient fiction.

Like Columbus discovered America, Slavery Improved Black People, Christianity Civilized People of Color, and James Cavizel actually looks like Jesus.
Master, Slave, Maroon

- With an inborn knowledge of the African Constitution and Rights System...
- African’s rebelled against chattel slavery
- In Africa: Queen Nzingha started as the general of her brothers armies, and later became queen.
- Defeating the Portuguese in her early 20’s, she ruled until her death at 81.
- The Portuguese never took a slave from her country during her reign.
The martial art known by its Brazilian name *capoeira* came from Nzingha’s country.

There were 150 recorded slave revolts at sea on slave ships.

Of the successful ones, *capoiera* could have been used because you can use it while in chains.

A successful rebellion means you take over the ship and sail yourself back home.

*Amistad*, was unsuccessful because they allowed the crew to live.

(Lesson: Never give a slaver an even break)
Master, Slave, Maroon

In Brazil, in fact everywhere there was chattel slavery, slaves escaped and formed their own communities.

In Brazil the first non-European, non-Indian republic was a quilombo called Palmares.

The maroons of Palmares maintained a free republic for nearly a century. Even after Palmares fell, active resistance continued for nearly a century after that.

There are quilombos today in Brazil.
A slave can escape slavery. If all they know is the master’s culture then they cannot be free.

A maroon escapes slavery and recreates their original free culture.

Maroon is a Taino word meaning wild, untamed, free.

Other Taino words: canoe, hamoc, tabaco, barbacoa, huracan.

In the “Columbus” discovered America tale, notice how the Taino and the indigenous name for the Island are left out?

The Spanish allege they wiped out all the Taino, on one island, thinking they had wiped them all out…period.
Taino meeting Colon at Guanahani Island
Far from being wiped out the Taino joined with others and fought back. Others included the African slaves under the Spanish who were left when the Spanish abandoned “The land of the Springs” or Jamaica, in 1655. The British attempted to reinslave the African’s in the mountains. …I don’t think so
Maroon

- The British, stupidly decided to import the Akan from Ghana.
- The Akan, were a militaristic nation in Ghana.
- The British thought this aspect of Akan culture would lend itself to the Akan becoming overseers for the British, and disciplining the other slaves.
- Riiight…

Gye Nyame: “Except for God I Fear Nothing”
Nanny, Maroon General

Though the Coromanti Maroons practiced and spoke the Akan language and culture...
They also practiced egalitarian political and military structures.
In other words, any person could attain any position regardless of sex, if they displayed the requisite characteristics...
Royal Worth: The Ability to Unite People across Differences
Nanny, a national hero of Jamaica was one such woman.
Following in the footsteps of Nzingha, and presaging General Harriet Tubman...Nanny crafted effective battle plans.
She also told stories and gave instruction on African culture.
The Maroons of Jamaica negotiated on their terms a peace treaty with British planters, in the 18th Century.

The British couldn’t beat them militarily, couldn’t enslave them, couldn’t stop their raids freeing slaves, livestock, plantings...

The parties cut a deal, where the maroons could hunt undisturbed, they agreed to stop raids, and could sue a planter in court.

With Jamaican Independence, in the 20th Century, a separate deal had to be cut with the Maroons in the mountains who have maintained their independence to this day.

The Maroons are independent of Jamaica.
Jamaican Maroon Chief Displays Copy of Treaty with British
Moore Town Jamaica
Nanny’s Maroon Camouflage
Maroonage: A Cultural Offensive

- It is not enough to escape slavery.
- It’s not enough to have survived genocide.
- You must reform your cultural orientation to defend and maintain a free society from attack.

Nanny’s Maroon Camouflage
A Maroon blends with the Landscape

- Using tools appropriate to prevail in a struggle.
- Understanding the weapons that are to be used against you.
- Planning for them, Countering them.
- Especially when your own civilized gifts are used against you.

Nanny’s Maroon Camouflage
**White Civilization?**

White Civilization: White Supremacist, male dominant, ahistorical “Christian”. (The story told only from the white point of view), that views the natural world as an adversary (uncharted, untamed wilderness), and a resource to be exploited (real estate, water, mineral resources), rather than being part of a respected living dynamic process.

The civilization that sees non-white human beings as impediments to “progress”, property to develop as “capital”, or potential markets for consumer goods.

In other words, not family, not kin.
White Civilization?

- Whiteness then can be seen as a memetic infection first propagated to instill a mindset necessary for agency in a perceived hostile world populated by majority non-whites.
- Memetic infection: Like smallpox blankets, except in ideology.
- You see yourself as separated, once you can do that, you can do anything to the “other that is not you”, since they are “demonized” as a result of the Ragamoffyn Paradox.
- Ragamoffyn = A demon in child form, also a Xmas angel with black skin and hair, identical in every respect to a white blond haired blue eyed angel.
- Message even if you look like an angel, if your of color, you’re a demon in disguise, not Divine.
White Civilization?

- You do anything to the other, and you seek to be or emulate the Ideal.
- So, actually you don’t even have to be white to believe in white supremacy, you can accept and even promote (in advanced cases of assimilation), white originated cultural forms and legal norms, as superior to what ever “indigenous” forms you might know of or utilize.
- But you generally don’t learn of those indigenous forms from whites.
- There was Democracy before white people, there was Christianity before white people, there were gift and economies of the sacred, before white people, there were non-addictive drug technologies, before white people.
Leadership was granted by the ability to unite people, across the differences already present in human kind.

Royal Worth in Africa was considered a spiritual quality. Clan Mothers of 6 Nations: selected chiefs who were relatives by blood or marriage.

An Indigenous sovereignty was not based on male only, human only, racial supremacy, or using blood quantum to determine citizenship.
Sovereignty

If you make decisions based on considering the effect on the 7th Generation, you are not concerned with diluting your blood.

White Sovereignty is not based on blood quantum. Otherwise German Royalty of African descent would not have graced the throne of England.

So who did blood quantum get assigned to?

Africans and Indians
Umoja, Mexica Tawey, Mitaku, Txai

- Umoja- Ki-Swahili means Unity & Peace
- Mexica Tawey - Aztec “All My Relations”
- Mitaku - Lakota, Cousin / Relative,

The way to Unity & Peace with all your relations is to know the things that unite you underlying your apparent divisions.

“We The People” doesn’t mean every human being present.

All My Relations means every human being as well as all visible and invisible beings.
The First Steps of Maroonage: Recognize You Are Free

- De-”Colon” -“eyes” (De-Colonize) your mind.
- “Emancipate yourself from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our minds.”
The First Steps of Maroonage: Recognize You Are Free

- A culture based on the practice of freedom, not a protest culture, not a culture based on recovering from genocide.

- Your past in all its pain and joy, has produced you in the present, and you inform your own future.

- You are free, but there are constraints on you, or attempting to constrain you if you let them.

- Trojan Horse: A weapon disguised as a gift. You have to understand that it is a weapon, how the weapon works, how it is constructed, how to deconstruct it and use it as a gift for your own liberation, not as a tool of subjugation as it was given.
The First Steps of Maroonage: Recognize You Are Free

- A maroon’s first allegiance is to the Spirit in all its manifestations, the Land, All My Relations.

- Out of that allegiance is the duty towards Self-knowledge, and Self-expression, and a continual engagement with Liberation, free yourself, free others.

- Know the ground that you walk on. (Heart, Soul, Spirit, Ground). Make friends with it, so when the Adversary comes after you, you can use the land to your advantage.

- Understand the weapons of subjugation the Adversary uses against you.

- “The greatest tool of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.” - Al Hajj Al-Malik Shabazz. Malcolm X
The Second Step of Maroonage: Express your Freedom

- When they express surprise that you can “think outside the box”…
- It’s because you were raised, and you live in more dimensions than they conceive.
- There is power in the intersections: Crossroads, Between the Worlds, Multiple Spirits.
The Second Step of Maroonage: Express your Freedom

- The Box (The Little Box):
  - Columbus Discovered America
  - America invented Democracy
  - Western Civilization is the pinnacle of human achievement, and America is the pinnacle of Western Civilization.
  - America civilized/improved the slaves through slavery and Christianity, and the Indians, through subjugation and assimilation. You can aspire to nothing greater than America.
The Second Step of Maroonage: Express your Freedom

The Larger Box:

Cristobal Colon, landed on Guanahani Island and encountered a band of Taino, the people from whose language we get the words:

Maroon, hamoc, tabaco, canoe, barbecoa.

Democracy existed and flourished in Alkebulan and Tulapit Wapikisinep long before white discovery.

Western Civilization is the attempt to reconstruct the Roman Empire using Christian-based White Supremacist mythology as a weapon.
The Second Step of Maroonage: Express your Freedom

The Larger Box:
Christianity is one set of African based religions, which were and are not White Supremacist / racist or sexist in their original and some of their current expressions. (Eastern Aramaic Speaking Church)

“Colon” - ization causes the slaves to reproduce slavery and the Indians to replicate the goals of White Supremacy, which essentially means extinction through subjugation and assimilation.

The challenge being abandoning the box of white supremacy, for the larger dimensions of deeper humanity.

What are the bases for symbiosis?
The Second Step of Maroonage: Express your Freedom

- 6 sides of the smaller box
- 1. Bible
- 2. Bottle
- 3. Casino
- 4. Blood Quantum as Identity
- 5. Material Economics
- 6. Sovereignty on white terms
- Weapons Disguised as Gifts
- Which Native people have swallowed “hook, line, and sinker” without questioning them or recognizing them for what they are: Trojan Horses.
The Third Step of Maroonage: Expand your Freedom Out’ da’ box

- Defuse the Weapons disguised as gifts.
- The Bible
- The Bottle
- The Casino
- To defuse the Weapons you must understand that they ARE weapons, how they work, and how to defuse them.
- Only then can you use their Gifts.
Defuse the Weapon: Use the Gift
The Bible

- The King James Version of the Bible...supports the Doctrine of White Supremacy.
- It is not the oldest version of the Bible, and is certainly not its most universal expression.
- The Peshitta, the Bible in Aramaic is an older more complete version
God's Secretaries
THE MAKING OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE
Foundations of Whiteness

- You start with a mandate from God (It helps if you help God write or edit the mandate)
- 1605 King James Version of the Bible
- James gathers 12 white scholars, who leave out about 200 books, especially those with African referents, changes biblical references to “tyrants” to more neutral “Kings”. They use Hebrew, Greek, Latin, but not Aramaic.
- Religious authority & secular authority enforce God’s will on earth through the divine right of Kings
- Christian Supremacy (Christian means “White”)
- Blood / Racial Purity
- Superior civilizing influence of “Western Civilization” Occidental v Oriental
Defuse the Weapon: Use the Gift

The Bottle

Non-Sacred / Addictive Drug Technology

In Western Civilization:
Once drug technology left the hands of the healers and was put in the hands of drug sellers, the health of the people was subsumed to the drug sellers.

This process started with Christian Nationalism and the burning of wise-women who controlled alcohol production.

KMT / Egypt developed distilled spirits as a state secret.

Natives with agriculture had beer and wine strength alcohol used ceremonially like tobacco.
Defuse the Weapon: Use the Gift
The Bottle

- Defuse the Weapon
- The Bottle
- There are rules of pharmacology.
- Natives, Africans, Asians, had extremely advanced drug technologies and healing systems.
- These can be combined with Western pharmacology to also develop drug free therapies, i.e. complimentary medicine.

- To defuse the Weapons you must understand that they ARE weapons, how they work, and how to defuse them.
- Only then can you use their Gifts.
Defuse the Weapon: Use the Gift

The Casino

- Defuse the Weapons
- The Casino: Non-Sacred / Addictive Economy.
- Gambling per se is not the issue (Hand Game)
- Native’s Gift Economy placed value on giving gifts of spiritual / cultural significance, because culture and history were seen as wealth.
- Wampum is not simply a medium of exchange, it tells a story that brings people together.
- Frogskins do not.
- Capitalism doesn’t have to be racist and sexist…but
Defuse the Weapon: Use the Gift

The Casino

- Defuse the Weapons
- If an ethical economy for frogskins can be developed it would entail how to use frogskins to ensure the health of the 7th generation.
- It’s not your money, it is to be used in the present to ensure a peaceful future.
- Adam Smith: Profit / Wealth is God’s gift to help others less fortunate.
- Teach people to use money in a gift economy, or at least how to ethically use that form of power.
American Style Racism

- White Supremacy: Only 700+ years old.
- Earliest writings: Spanish Inquisition: Suspect “Moorish & Jewish” Blood also applied to Black Catholics who were also persecuted.
- “Liempieza de la Raza”: The Purification of the Race aka The Spanish Inquisition.
- A United Europe bound together by Western Romanized Male Dominant Christianity based on Patriarchal Latin, Hebrew, and Greek Text.
- Weaponized Christianity
- Biblical figures depicted as European.

END OF DAY 1 WEEK 4 ADD LASTPAGE OF STILLNESS and restart day 2 there
American Style Capitalism

Adam Smith writes about the moral responsibility of the wealthy to maintain the social contract and the social fabric.

Profit is a good, but the greater good is to use your wealth for the benefit of your community.

Similar to the belief that wealth was a gift from God, to help you do God’s work of reducing misery and suffering.

In America these moral values were written out of conceptions of capitalism: Profit is good and more profit is better, even if it comes at the expense of the social fabric.

Amoral Capitalism: Chattel slavery, you could buy a human female, rape her, and then sell her children (Your offspring) at will, at a profit. And not feel anything about it.
American Style Capitalism

- The idea following Euro-American Axiology that human worth is based on possessions.
- The more possessions you have the more valuable you are.
- In New Orleans when in the absence of military or police rescue for the first week, volunteers organized themselves and rescued more people than the military did.
- Civilian rescued Community members were aghast that the police and military ignored them and focused on protecting property, rather than getting people to safety and medical care.
- Property is more important than people.
- Where did that value come from, Christ? Nope.
Maroonage as African-Indigenous Intersection

- Natives have the advantage of knowing Turtle Island and therefore access to the spirit of the land, where that awareness has not been obscured by colonization.

- Africans have the advantage of knowing Europeans, and being multiliterate, can develop strategies based in language, mathematics, to plot and plan for struggle against specific weapons and types of warfare.
Maroonage as African-Indigenous Intersection

In order to critique lies, you have to know the truth, to correct the falsehoods.

Natives made the assumption that Europeans saw them as equals, because Natives saw themselves as equals with Europeans.

Europeans were mandated, conditioned and educated to believe in their racial superiority, 40 years before Columbus, through various Papal Bulls establishing the doctrine of Christian Discovery.
They practiced a weaponized form of Christianity (witness Aztec babies being baptised before being slaughtered).

African’s could be aware of other Abrahamic religions as well as African forms of Christianity older than those practiced by Europeans.

Natives would be unable to critique European forms and culture, not having any experience with them.

Africans would.

Through Assimilation, European forms and toxic memes would be taken in by Natives without critique or question, and replicated as if normal.
Maroonage as African-Indigenous Intersection

- African’s are equipped with a deep spirituality coupled with an astute awareness of politics, science, and social justice, and most of all speaking out, where others would remain silent.

- As Black Indians we combine those African qualities with the Native knowledge of Turtle Island.

- We are the conscience and the memory of America.