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### **Rastafari as an African Diaspora National Liberation Movement**

Five hundred years of European colonization of the New World has resulted in the near genocidal decimation of the indigenous peoples of the Americas and the enslavement of millions of African people in the Americas and in the Caribbean. A psychohistoriographic analysis of this period of the millennium indicates that this European civilization systematically replaced the indigenous cultures of the region and the culture of the enslaved African people with a European culture. Using violence and oppression, this Imperialistic culture based on the delusional European belief system of white supremacy decimated existing family systems, replaced existing languages with European tongues, and attempted to systematically destroy indigenous religious and cultural ideologies with an imposed Judeo-Christian belief system that introduced a hierarchical and prejudicial process of social engineering and mind-control, engendering racism, self hatred, vicious socioeconomic discrimination and subjugation across the world. The resilience of the enslaved African people and the emergence of Ethiopianism stoutly resisted the ravages of this European colonization. Rastafari emerged in Jamaica in the early twentieth century as an antidote to the delusional European ideology using the psychological mechanisms of negation, encapsulation and political resistance, which have resulted in an antithetical psychological, political and cultural formation that has swept the world. The resultant formulation has produced a black-led popular movement that has antithetically replaced the religious and cultural expressions of the delusional European ideology by a culture of freedom that has profoundly rejected the delusions of white privilege. This has catalyzed a spontaneous irrevocable process that has provided the basis for a worldwide ongoing cultural healing and the liberation of people of color. This paper examines the political influence of Rastafari as a National Liberation Movement in Jamaica and the African Diaspora.