

Racial Justice and Social Inclusion:

Fulfilling the Love Command

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For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Jn 3:16

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Jn 13:35

God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God live in them.

1 Jn 4:16b

Jesus said, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Mt 22:37-40

For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this
one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."
Galatians 5:14

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**There is neither
Jew nor Greek,
slave nor free,
male nor female,
for you are all
one in Christ Jesus.**

Galatians 3:28



“Be the change that you wish to
see in the world.”

Mahatma Gandhi



FROM LAMENT TO
ACTION

“Decades of inaction carry consequences, and this inaction must be owned by the whole Church. A failure to act now will be seen as another indication, potentially a last straw for many, that the Church is not serious about racial sin. Disregarding a significant part of the population, and thus denying the gifts they bring for the service of the Church, is a loss to us all.”

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POPE NICHOLAS V



- 1452/4 CE: He wrote *Dum Diversas*, which granted to the kings of Spain and Portugal the right to reduce any "Saracens [Muslims] and pagans and any other unbelievers" to perpetual slavery.

http://www.religioustolerance.org/chr_slav4.htm



4. St MARY REDCLIFFE CHURCH

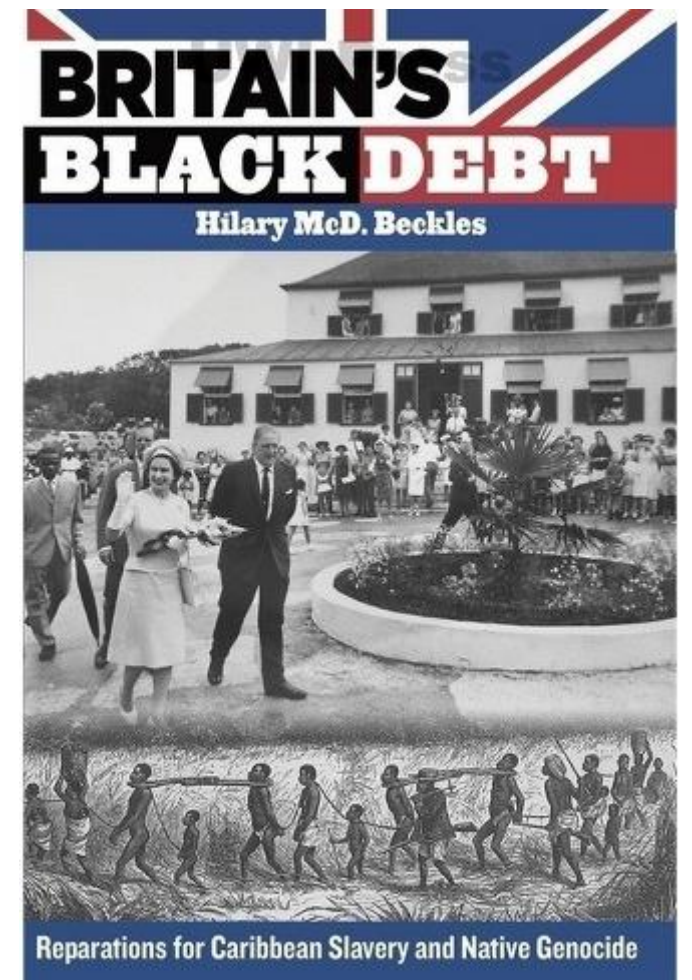
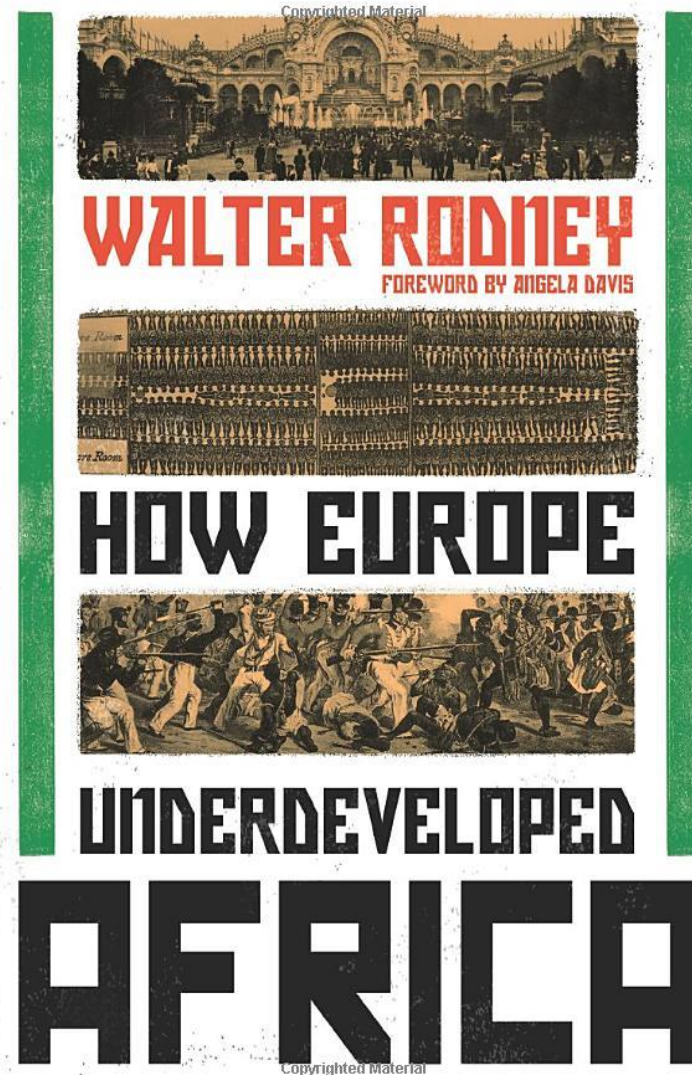
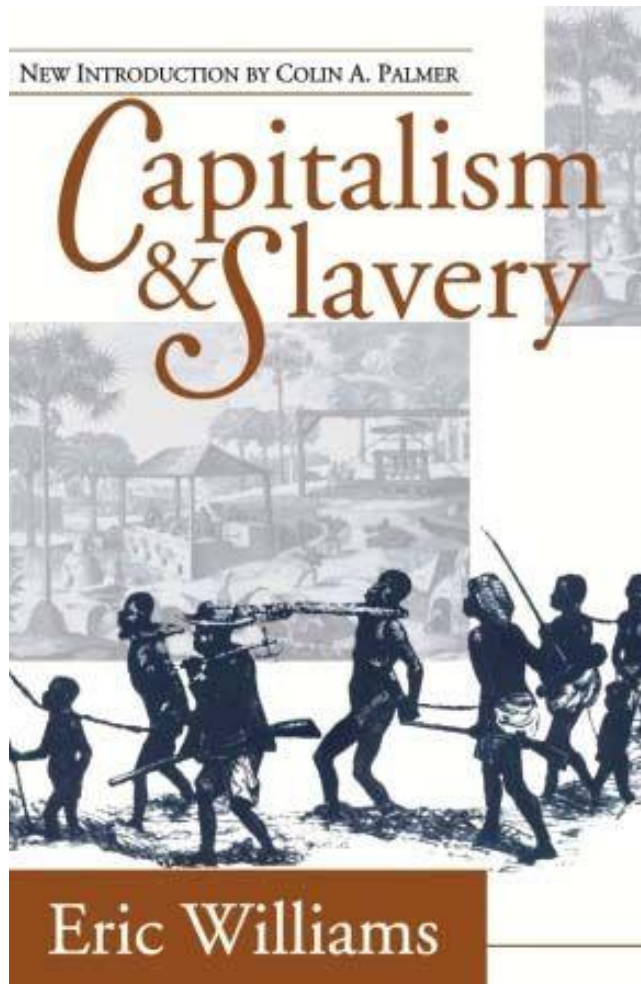
Opposite is St Mary Redcliffe Church.

When William Wilberforce's first bill to abolish the trade was defeated in 1791, the bells of the church were said to have rung out across the city in celebration.

Church records from the time show no evidence of paying bell ringers on this date, but it is possible the bells were rung by members of the merchant congregation themselves.

There is also a memorial to Thomas Chatterton in the churchyard. Bristol's 'boy poet' was critical of the slave trade in his work.







Church Commissioners' research into historic links to transatlantic slavery

It is approximated that Queen Anne's Bounty's, a precursor to the Church Commissioners, accumulated investments equivalent of between £443 million and £1b in today's terms from the transatlantic trade in enslaved Africans



The Rev. Morgan Godwyn

- England, 1640-ca. 1666
- Virginia, ca. 1666
- Barbados, ca. 1670-ca. 1679
- England, ca. 1679-?

“We have exceeded the worst of infidels by our first enslaving and then murdering men’s souls. For how can it be endured that a Nation once so famous for zeal and piety...should prostrate herself to that foul idol mammon, and worship trade.”

Godwyn 1685

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THE CHURCH

[Justin Welby](#), Archbishop of Canterbury, 67

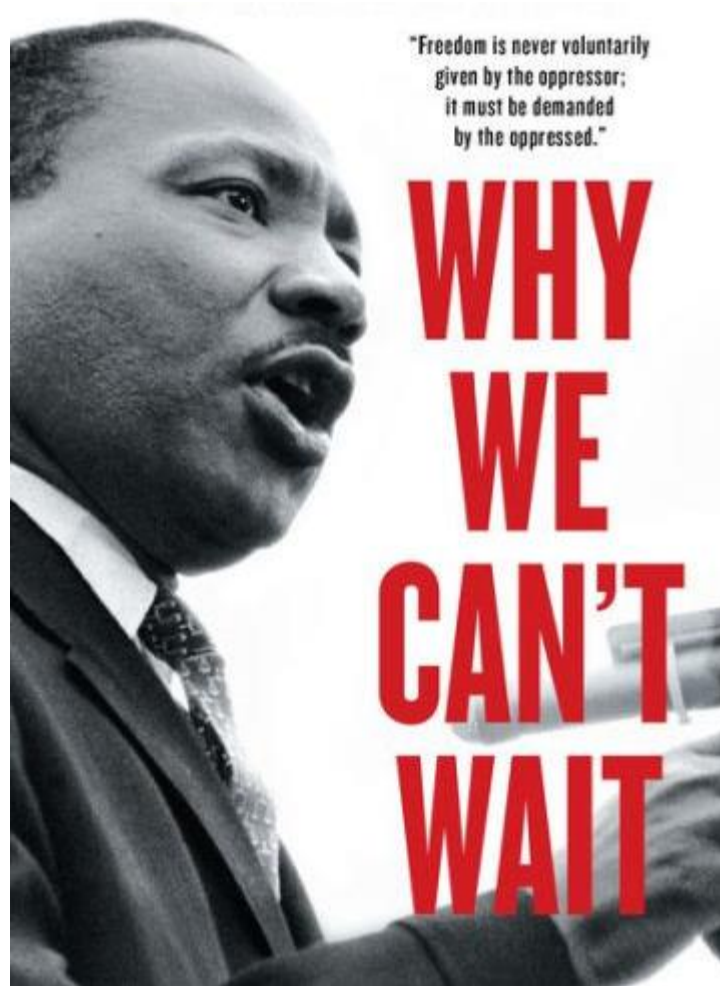
Ever-keen to advance the woke cause. Has said his church is 'deeply and institutionally racist' with a 'bias towards white people and against the global majority'.



Revelation 7:9

*After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude,
which no man could number, of all nations,
and tribes, and people, and tongues, stood
before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed
with white robes, and palms in their hands.*





Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable... Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.

Martin Luther King, Jr.