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Or was it the Vikings before him? And before the Vikings, what about the people who lived there? Were the inhabitants of that area blind? Who gave maize and potatoes and tomatoes and chocolate and the rivers and mountains of America their names? Were the people who were already living there mute? We have been told, and still are, that it was the pilgrims of the Mayflower that populated America. Had it been empty before? Because they wore no clothes, were gentle, and gave away everything they had, he concluded they lacked the capacity for reason. And because he was certain of having discovered the Orient by the back door, he believed they were Indians from India. Afterwards, during the second voyage, the admiral promulgated an act establishing that Cuba was part of Asia. The document of June 14, , stated as evidence that the crew of the three ships recognized it as such. And they treated the Americans as if they were what they imagined the pagans of the Orient to be. In Guyana, according to Sir Walter Raleigh, there were people with eyes in their shoulders and mouths in their chests. In Venezuela, according to Pedro Simon, there were Indians with ears so long they dragged on the ground. The Black Code prohibited the torture of slaves in the French colonies. The Laws of the Indians, which protected those in the Spanish colonies, were quite moving. But the gallows and pillory set up in the center of every Main Square were even more affecting. The reading of the Request for Obedience was very convincing. This occurred on the eve of the assault on each village. It explained to the Indians that God had come to the world and left St. Peter in his place, and that the successor of St. Peter was the Holy Father, and that the Holy Father has shown favor on the Queen of Castilla, who rules all this land. Until not long ago, October 12 was Race Day. But does such a thing even exist? Has anyone seen, by chance, black blood? Afterward, Race Day became the Day of Encounter. Were colonial invasions encounters, whether those of yesterday or those of today? Perhaps the most revealing episode in the history of the Americas occurred in in Chile. Indians besieged the fortress of Arauco, depriving the Spanish of food and water, yet Captain Bernal refused to surrender. We will make them bear children who will be your masters. And they called them savages. But they were not wrong about this. Eduardo Galeano, was an Uruguayan writer and journalist.

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Must the curse of Columbus live in me forever? by Biggie Tembo - lyrics posted at blog.quintoapp.com Records from the "Skin" album "The key question about the sort of society that issued from the mixing of people following Columbus' voyage has always been whether diversity is a blessing or a curse.

From the Curse to the Cure Romans 5: The man was Christopher Columbus. According to research, Columbus was responsible for introducing many new things to America: Columbus brought not only some of Europe to America, he also took some things from America back to Europe. Among these were smoking and syphilis. Whether for the good of mankind or for his detriment, this one man made a great impact on his world. None, however, has had greater impact than Adam, the first man. To the unbeliever, this passage promises and offers not only the forgiveness of sins, but a new beginning, in Christ. To the Christian, there are no more encouraging words than those found here. These words speak not only of the salvation which God has accomplished for us, in Christ, they also lay the foundation for the next section of Romans in chapters , for the basis for sanctification is found in the truths which Paul expounds here. The words of our text are words of life and hope for all mankind. The Context of Our Text After explaining his relationship to those at Rome, his desire to visit them, and his purpose for writing this epistle 1: In His righteousness, God must condemn sinners. In his rottenness, every human being, Jew or Gentile, is under divine condemnation because each has rejected that revelation of God which he or she has received. The solution to this dilemma is the cross of Calvary. There, Jesus Christ took upon Himself the sins of the world and bore the righteous wrath of God for sinners. His faith, like ours, was in a God who had the power to raise the dead. In Romans 5, Paul views the justification of men by faith from yet another, much broader, perspective. We may finally boast in God, through the person and work of Jesus Christ 3: The work of Christ offers all men not only the promise of the forgiveness of their sins, but a new identity and a new beginning, in Christ. The Structure of the Text Our text falls into three sections. Verses describe the similarity between the act of Adam and that of Christ. The similarity between these two men is the basis for the work of our Lord. The differences between them are the basis for His becoming the cure for the curse which Adam brought upon the human race. Verses sum up the results of the work of our Lord, in relation to those which stem from the action of Adam. We can therefore summarize the structure of our text as follows: Paul sets out to establish two very important connections in these verses. The first link is that between Adam and mankind. The second is between Adam and Jesus Christ. These connections are essential, for they explain the way in which God purposed to save men from their sins. In particular, the work of Christ is presented as the reversal of the work of Adam. The curse which Adam brought on the human race has its cure in Christ. With his act of disobedience, sin first entered human history. No believer would disagree with this. Adam sinned, and because of this he died. Adam sinned, and because of this, all men die. All men die because they sinned, in Adam. In some way that is difficult to understand, all mankind sinned in and with Adam. All those who lived from the time of Adam until the time of Moses, when the Law was given, died. Sin existed in those days, but it was not imputed, because there was no law. Why then did all those from Adam to Moses die? Because they all sinned, in Adam, and were therefore guilty and worthy of death. It is very important that we understand what Paul is not saying here, as well as what he is saying. Paul is not saying that we all sin because Adam sinned, though this is true. Paul is saying that we are all guilty of sin, in Adam, and thus we fall under the divine death penalty. The period of time between Adam and Moses best demonstrates this, because those who died during this time period did not have their own sins imputed to them. The point then is this: This does not really sound fair, does it? Come on, admit it. This sounds, at first, like a terrible injustice. Why should we suffer because of Adam? There is a solution to our problem. Men are not guilty sinners only because Adam sinned, corrupting and implicating the rest of the human race. Paul has already taught in chapters that all men, without exception, are guilty sinners, because each of us is guilty of unbelief and disobedience toward God. All men have received some revelation about God from His creation. But regardless of how much men have had revealed to them about God, they have rejected Him and refused to worship or to obey Him. As a result, Paul has said, all men are guilty sinners,

worthy of death. Are we guilty sinners because Adam sinned? But we are also guilty sinners because we have sinned. We are not under divine condemnation only because Adam sinned; we are condemned as sinners because we have sinned. Adam sinned, and we are guilty Romans 5: All have sinned and are also guilty Romans 3: Does the curse of sin on the entire human race, due to the act of one man, trouble us? Then we must press on to the second link which Paul makes in our text. There is a correspondence between Adam and Christ. Adam, we are told, is like Christ. It is this likeness, this link, which enabled our Lord Jesus Christ to die on Calvary, and to rise from the dead, and in so doing to free men from the curse brought upon them by Adam. Distinctions Between Adam and Christ 5: For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. If the link between Adam and our Lord is established clearly in verses , the distinctions are emphatically put forward in verses What delightful differences these are, between Adam and our Lord. Let us briefly consider them, as explained by Paul. The first distinction between the work of Adam and the work of Christ is the difference between guilt and grace. In verse 16, Paul adds two more distinctions between Adam and Christ. In verse 17, two further distinctions are presented by Paul. And since this life is eternal life, righteousness will reign forever. Whatever the similarity may be between Adam and Christ, the distinctions are far greater. Both the link and the distinctions between Adam and Christ make it possible for Christ to act in such a way as to undo the damage done by Adam and to shower upon men grace in place of guilt, righteousness in place of sin, and life in place of death. The link between Adam and Christ is that both persons, though one man, have acted in a way that affects all men. Adam sinned, and his transgression brought condemnation upon all men. Having summed up the impact of Adam and Christ, Paul returns to the subject of the Law. Already Paul has said that those who lived before the Law from Adam until Moses, verse 14 died because they sinned in Adam. Sin is not imputed to men without law verse The absence of the Law, for those who lived before the giving of the Law, was a kind of blessing. Without the Law, sin, other than that of their sin in Adam, was not imputed to them. Now, Paul must pick up the subject of the Law and its impact on men after it was given. The giving of the Law did not solve the problem of sin. The Law was not given in order to reduce or remove sin but to increase it. While this sounds incredible, this is exactly what Paul says. The Law increased sin, our Lord Jesus bore the penalty of that sin, and the grace of God is multiplied. The Law was not to deliver men from sin but to declare men sinners so that the sin introduced by Adam could be remedied in Christ. Conclusion How differently things look now! It first appeared that God might be unfair, condemning us as sinners, in Adam. But now we see this was in order that He might receive us as saints, in Christ. The work of one man both condemns and saves men. Being of the physical seed of Abraham did not save anyone. Being of the physical seed of Adam, however, condemned them. They were not righteous, in Abraham, but they were sinners, in Adam. And since Adam was the head of the whole human race, there is no distinction between Jews and Gentiles.

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The first Indigenous People's Day was proclaimed on October 12, , the quincentennial of the infamous voyage of Christopher Columbus to this hemisphere. At the Continental Gathering of Indigenous Peoples in Quito, Ecuador participants from different nations collaborated to write.

Antonio Soler used it regarding the portrayal of some Castilian monarchs within Spanish history, for example. Abroad our miseries are known and often exaggerated without balance: Yves Guyot , which we can consider as the perfect model of a black legend, the opposite of a golden legend. The Spanish black legend is a straw man for those who seek convenient examples to support certain political theses He was the first historian to describe and denounce this phenomenon in an organized way, providing the first definition of "a black legend" as well as the first description of "The Spanish Black Legend". In , Charles Gibson wrote that "Spain and the Spanish Empire were historically presented as cruel, bigoted, exploitative and self-righteous in excess of reality. An image of Spain circulated through late sixteenth-century Europe, borne by means of political and religious propaganda that blackened the characters of Spaniards and their ruler to such an extent that Spain became the symbol of all forces of repression, brutality, religious and political intolerance, and intellectual and artistic backwardness for the next four centuries. He also provides various examples of how it was still active in modern history: Spaniards who came to the New World seeking opportunities beyond the prospects of their European environment are contemptuously called cruel and greedy "goldseekers," or other opprobrious epithets virtually synonymous with Devils; but Englishmen who sought New World opportunities are more respectfully called "colonists," or "homebuilders," or "seekers after liberty. When Spaniards expelled or punished religious dissidents that was called "bigotry," "intolerance," "fanaticism" When Englishmen, Dutchmen, or Frenchmen did the same thing, it is known as "unifying the nation," The hypothesis of a Spanish black legend assimilating anti-Hispanic propaganda from the 16th and 17th centuries has a high level of acceptance among specialists, but the extent of its reach and the data it affected, and what happened instead, is still debated, especially regarding the Spanish Conquest of America , where few written sources have been proven reliable. Historians are now exploring genetic as well as new scientific and statistical investigative techniques. While some authors like Powell believe that the Black Legend keeps determining modern day policies and international relationships, other authors, like Richard Kamen , believe it has been left behind. Unique aspects[edit] According to historian Elvira Roca Barea , the formation of a black legend and its assimilation by the nation that suffers it is a phenomenon observed in all multicultural empires, not just in the Spanish Empire. The black legend of empires would be the result of the following combined factors: The combined propaganda attacks and efforts of most smaller powers of the time, as well as defeated rivals. The propaganda created by the many rival power factions within the Empire itself against each other as part of their struggle to win more power. The self-criticism of the intellectual elite, which tends to be larger in larger Empires. However, the factors that would set the Spanish Black Legend apart from others, would be its abnormal permeation and outreach across nations,its racialized component, and its abnormal persistence through time. The causes of this would be: The overlap of the period of splendour of the Spanish Empire with the introduction of the printing press in England and Germany, that allowed the propaganda of such colonial and religious rivals to spread faster and wider than never before, and persist in time way after the disappearance of said Empire. Permanence after the dissolution of the empire due to religious factors. The dismantling and substitution of the Spanish intellectual class by another favorable to former rival-France- after the War of the Spanish Succession, which established the French narrative in the country. The unique characteristics of the colonial wars of the early contemporary period and the need of new colonial powers to legitimate claims in now independent Spanish colonies, as well as the unique and new characteristics of the Empire that succeeded it, the British Empire. You can help by thinking of a more appropriate title and renaming the section. October Learn how and when to remove this template message Edward Peters , states in his work "Inquisition": The inquisition was regarded outside of Spain as a necessary cleansing, since all Spaniards were accused of having Moorish and Jewish ancestry. First condemned by the impurity of their

beliefs, the Spanish then came under fire for excess of zeal in defending Catholicism. Influenced by the political and religious policies of Spain, a common type of ethnic invective became an eloquent form of description by character assassination. Maltby, regarding Spain in the Netherlands. As part of an Elizabethan campaign against Spain and the Catholic Church hundreds of anti-Spanish publications appeared in English, Dutch, French, and German in the sixteenth century. New editions and New works restating old accusations would appear in the Thirty Years War and in other occasions when it seemed useful to excite anti Spanish sentiment. Given the pervasiveness of such material, it is not surprising that the authors of scholarly histories observed anti-Hispanic and transmitted it to later generations. Such reading of Spanish history was overly simplistic but promoters of American exceptionalism found it useful. There is, however, no significant trace of it in the Muslim world or Turkey despite the almost nine centuries of sustained war that Spain and the Islamic world were engaged in. This seems to reinforce the idea of a European origin. Core elements[edit] As seen in the quotes of "about" there are no other core elements to the accusations of the Black Legend than those of being "the immoral other", whatever that might mean at the time. The accusations of mixed blood and loose religiosity of the 15th century were turned into accusations of religious fanaticism and Judaism in the 16th century, and of antisemitism in the 20th century. The only stable element is an element of "otherness" marked by interaction with the Eastern and African worlds, of "complete others", cruelty and lack of moral character, in which the same narratives are re-imagined and reshaped, as Margaret R. Greer and Walter D. Mignolo indicate in their work "Reading the Black Legend. Discourses of Religion and Racial Difference".

Origins[edit] Anti-Spanish sentiment appeared in many parts of Europe as the power of the Spanish empire grew. In 1592, Pope Paul IV described Spaniards as "heretics, schismatics, accursed of God, the offspring of Jews and Marranos, the very scum of the earth". In the following centuries anti-Spanish stereotypes circulated widely, especially in English, Dutch and German-speaking parts of Europe. This propaganda would depict exaggerated versions of the evils of Spanish colonial practices and the Spanish Inquisition. Various reasonable origins have been suggested for the Spanish Black Legend. In his book *The Black Legend. A Study of its Origins*, Arnoldsson cites studies by Benedetto Croce and Arturo Farinelli to affirm that Italy in the 14th, 15th, and 16th centuries was extremely hostile to Spain, and considers that the texts produced and distributed there were later used as a base to build on by Protestant nations. In general, they raise the following objections: It is a normal reaction in any society dominated by a foreign power. The phrase "black legend" suggests a certain "tradition", which did not exist in Italian writings based primarily on a reaction to the recent presence of Spanish troops, that faded quickly. In 15th- and 16th-century Italy there coexisted critics as well as Italian intellectuals that greatly admired Spain, especially Ferdinand II of Aragon. Maltby further argues that the Italian satire lacks the "conducting theme", the common topic and narrative that would later form of the Black Legend in the Netherlands and England. In general, the Italian origin hypothesis is a good field to explore and read about the difference between a black legend and a simply negative view. German origin[edit] Arnoldsson offered a second alternative to the Italian origin in its polar opposite, the German Renaissance. However, both Ulrich of Hutten and Martin Luther, the main authors of the movement, combine the "Roman" in a wider concept of the "Latino, or "Welsche. The propaganda against Charles V was deeply nationalistic and identified him with Spain and Rome, even though he was Flemish-born and -raised, with origins in a German dynasty, and spoke little Spanish and no Italian at the time, and was often at odds with the Papacy. To further the appeal of their cause, rulers opposed to Charles focused on identifying Charles with the Pope, a view that Charles himself had started as a way to force the Spanish troops to accept involvement in his personal German wars, which they very much resisted as being none of their concern. The fact that the troops and supporters of Charles included German and Protestant princes and soldiers was an extra reason to focus attention on the rejection of the Spanish elements attached to them. It was necessary to create fear of Spanish rule, and to do so a certain image had to be created. At this point, the printing press would come into full action. Among the points most often highlighted was the identification of Spaniards with Moors and Jews due to the high level of intermarriage and the number of "conversos" Jews or Muslims who had adopted Christianity in their society, and with the "natural cruelty of those two. Additionally, the Reconquista which played a major role in creating Castile, benefited substantially from contributions both in soldiers and settlers

from all over western Europe, including, but not limited to adventurers of German origin. By the end of the 16th century, the Black Legend had acquired clear race-based elements under the influence of Flemish and French writers. This created fear in France and discontent in the Flemish nobility, who saw their comparative power diminished and were repeatedly denied their desire to participate in the conquest of America see following point. Anti-Islamic and Anti-Semitic origin[edit] This origin combines elements of the German origin with the proofs of the anti-Hispanic narrative existing prior to the 16th century, and with the large number of parallelisms between anti-Spanish and anti-Semitic narratives in modern Europe, and it is among the ones that are gathering most support. Roca Barea, among others, argues that The Black Legend is founded on a spin-off, a reused version of the anti-Semitic narratives forged and circulated through England and most of Central Europe from the 13th century on. According to this view, the Spanish Black Legend was created by transferring the already created "character" of the "cruel, gold lusty Jew" onto the Spanish nations. Since the narrative was familiar, the stereotype accepted, and the identification of Spaniards and Jews was already mainstream in Europe due to the long history of coexistence between both in Iberia, at a time in which the Jews had been expelled from most of Europe, the Black Legend was promptly believed and asimilated in central Europe. This case has three main sources of proof, the texts of German Renaissance Intellectuals, the existence of black legend narrative in Europe prior to the conquest of America, and the similarity of the stereotypes associated to judaism by anti-semitic Europe and those that the Black Legend attributed to the Spaniards. For example, the famous account of the mistreated Native Americans killing their oppressors by pouring melted gold on their heads is an exact copy of the same scene in the anti-semitic poem the Siege of Jerusalem. Luther creates a particularly explicit correlation between "the Jew", already detested in Germany at the time, and "the Spanish", which had a growing power in the area. He describes both as "thieves, false, proud and lusty". It is hard to believe that the words of such an influentian thinker would go unnoticed. This animosity of Luther towards Spain, even though it still was not the power it would later become, is explained by Arnoldsson as follows: An identification of Italy and Spain with the papacy, even though the Papacy and Spain were bitter enemies at the time. His own antisemitism and the long history coexistence-and intermarriage-of Christians and Jews in Iberia -the Spanish royal line was known to have Jewish blood in it. Identification of Spain and Turkey, and fear to an invasion by both. Ideo prophetatum est Hispanos velle subigere Germaniam aut per se aut per alios, scilicet Turcam [Eo tendit Sathan, quod Germaniam liberam perturbare tentat. Among many other similar affirmations, he is quoted as writing: The Spanish eat white bread and kiss blonde women with all pleasure, but they are as brown and black as King Balthasar and his monkey". References to Spanish as "bad Christians", "Jews", "Moors" or racialized references associating said ancestry with lack of moral or general inferiority can be found uninterruptedly in black legend sources and political propaganda since the Middle Ages until well into the contemporary period. This section does not cite any sources. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. England had a crucial role in its spread and use during colonial times, but it is also agreed that, no matter how much they added to it, the origin of the narrative was not here and actually reached the islands quite late in the game. He stated that the criticisms spread by the Jews expelled by the Catholic Monarchs of Spain have been considered an important part in the spread of anti Hispanic sentiment, especially when it comes to religious stereotypes. Those accounts tend to characterize Spain as godless, heathen and idolactric, as opposed to fanatically catholic like other German sources, but as usual those two things were not seen as mutually exclusive. Even though Jewish communities had already been expelled by almost all parts of Europe, including some of those who re-admitted them as a result of their feud with Spain, the level of criticism that the Sephardic Jews displayed was not seen regarding any other nation. Some of the explanations offered for this are that the Jewish community had never enjoyed such a golden period as they did in Spain, nor been so integrated, which made the expulsion more traumatic; that in other cases they were not so integrated in academic life; or that similar criticisms may have existed regarding other nations but found no amplifying mechanism in other parts of Europe and faded away, while the Sephardic Jews got enthusiastic listeners in Holland and the Netherlands. The active involvement of expelled Sephardic Jews, particularly of former intellectuals, in spreading a distorted image of Spanish religious practices has been

supported by the studies of Yosef Kaplan , Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi and Jaime Contreras.

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That fair--it was a year late because the mammoth task of construction held it up--attracted some 24 million visitors at a time when the national population was 63 million. Christopher Columbus and the Columbian Legacy, it was "the largest crowd for any single event in the history of the world to that point. A century ago the qualities considered so integral to the United States were celebrated in textbooks, parades, speeches, memorial statues. Then as now, the legacy of Columbus loomed as large as that of any figure who ever set foot on the soil of the New World. Or more accurately, much that was known was fiction. The book is an effort to understand the dark side of the last years, which might easily have been lost in the hype surrounding the quincentennial. Many of the stories told about the man known in Spain as Cristobal Colon are no more than myths: But to winnow these colorful accounts--as Sale does--is not to deny the very real accomplishments of a remarkable man. So--he was a real hero, right? An achiever worthy of the title "Admiral of the Ocean Sea," which Isabella and Ferdinand granted him, a man deserving of a national holiday plus lavish centennial celebrations? He was at times a foolish mariner, sailing doggedly into contrary winds, and in such a hurry to find gold that he once set sail at night just off a dangerous coastline, only to have the Santa Maria run aground. During his tenure as governor of Espanola a large island now divided between Haiti and the Dominican Republic , Colon tired of the complexities of government and set out to explore more of the Caribbean. Sale has no good explanation for this bizarre behavior, but he does suggest that Colon was subject to periods of mental instability and self-deception. Of course any hero has foibles, and it is risky to judge historical figures by the standards of our own age. More interesting, really, are the mysteries about Colon. Historians have speculated for centuries about his birthplace, his beliefs, his life before Colon was given to self-promotion, and Sale maintains that the very lack of reliable information about him is a pretty good reflection of who the man was: The darkness there suggests rather that he was a man truly without a past that he could define, without a home, or roots, or family, without ever a sense, or love, of place. His early years are dark because, in a sense, they are empty. Certainly his navigational achievements reflected the advancing science and technology of Europe. But also his greed for gold reflected the cupidity and growing materialism of 15th-century Europe; his apocalyptic millenarianism, his belief in his own calling, reflected the spiritual doubts of a subcontinent under the hegemony of a corrupt church; and his heroic striving reflected the gung-ho spirit of a new age of rationalism and capitalism. The progress of empire on Espanola is the prototype for what was to happen later throughout the New World at the hands of the Spanish, English, French, and other Europeans. The spot was a poor one, but Colon claimed that divine intervention had wrecked the ship there. He sailed back to Spain in early , bursting with optimistic stories of lodes of gold, and returned later that year with 17 ships and over 1, aspiring colonists, all men. They expected to find gold, lots of it, without much effort--not such an unreasonable proposition if they could get the natives to do the work for them. To this end the colonial administrators, headed by Colon, sanctioned enslaving the Tainos, demanded regular tribute in gold, and used often-deadly force whenever they felt it was justified. The colonists went beyond even the barbarity of this law. The natives are thought to have gained an equally unwitting, if not as devastating, revenge by infecting the invaders with syphilis. The dying, and the cultural dislocation, must have been overwhelming for the Tainos. Sale estimates that up to 99 percent of the native population of Espanola died by Astounding though that figure may be, it reflects what happened later across the Americas. Once contact between Europeans and natives became more common, epidemics swept the New World, decimating entire peoples that had never seen a white man. Population statistics for the New World before have been highly controversial--not least because it is easier to excuse the excesses of colonization if one believes the new lands were never very densely populated. But some historians have recently suggested that as much as 95 percent of the North American native population was wiped out by or so. The toll of more overt wars between Europeans

and natives pales in comparison to that first unconscious genocide. The disruption among the survivors must have been enormous; what is amazing is that so many accounts by later European explorers and settlers depict native societies that were still viable after such a blow. Other historians have claimed that native Americans lived in harmony with nature merely because they possessed less destructive technologies than Europeans. But Sale portrays these precontact societies as paradisiacal--and he believes that the Europeans were cruel to them partly out of jealousy at their Edenic way of life. Sale devotes several chapters of *The Conquest of Paradise* to the settlement of Jamestown, Virginia, which began in and represented the first English colonization of what was to become the United States. They had landed on a highly fertile coastal plain teeming with game, nuts, corn, fish, and fruit. Sale ascribes that decimation to the psychological difficulty of adjusting to lands so different from what Europeans knew: When the English did see nature, it was with a vision, as we would expect, refracted by the marketplace. Nature was hardly more than a storehouse of commodities or potential commodities. Moreover Europeans showed an unwillingness to see human beings--at least themselves--as part of nature: To have regarded the wild as sacred, as do many other cultures around the world, would have been almost inconceivable in medieval Europe--and, if conceived, as some of those called witches found out, certainly heretical and punishable by the Inquisition. The settlers axed old-growth forests to clear fields, whose thin soil eroded easily and was exhausted in a few years. Once-plentiful wildlife was driven out. But there was money to be made, lots of it, and for a good long time there were plenty of new forests to be cut down, with no owners but the Indians--and they were just savages anyway. The destructive agricultural practices introduced at Jamestown continue, augmented by chemical fertilizers and pesticides, leaving a legacy of exhausted soils, poisoned waters, and eroded fields. The legacy remains in the pattern of greed, of ignoring the lessons of the land. Take it and run. Sure, Sale can sound preachy at times. The tone of crisis pervading *The Conquest of Paradise* might easily make readers think it remarkable that any of the lush world Colon found has survived. Fifteenth-century Europe, he says, was "a most proficient civilization in material terms, capable of immense energy and immense impact, but still dispirited and adrift, turmoiled and beset, sickened by gloom and suffering--and, above all, not quite grounded in the living earth, not quite at ease with itself in the circularity of nature, not quite able to accommodate its limitless genius to the limited world in which, perforce, it lived. Sale believes that the explorer perceived, however vaguely, that the natives there experienced life in a fullness he could not imagine. When he died in , Colon was wealthy and titled but still restless: And, says Sale, understood little more than Colon the harmony that could have been theirs, and ours. I see little point in trying to wish away history--as Sale at times seems to do--but there is ample reason to work toward understanding our roots, toward understanding the places we live and how to live there. *The Conquest of Paradise*: Art accompanying story in printed newspaper not available in this archive:

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The Curse of Christopher Columbus Christopher Columbus The Columbus Lighthouse "They say it came first from Africa, carried in the screams of the enslaved; that it was the death bane of the Tainos, uttered just as one world perished and another began; that it was a demon drawn into Creation through the nightmare door that was cracked open in the Antilles.

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Season 3, particularly Season 3, Episode 9: Columbus Day. It also presents another Oak Island theory involving Freemasons and the Chambers of Enoch.