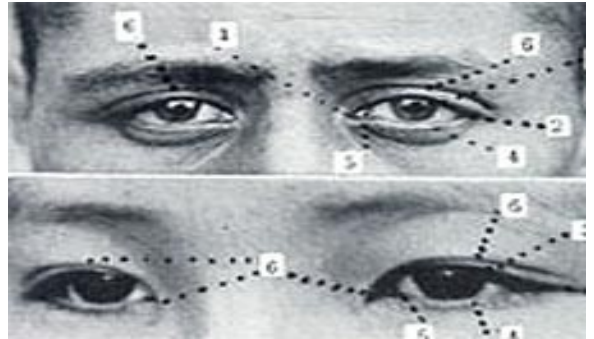


THE CENTER FOR THE HEALING OF RACISM

Presents a Special Video Screening and Discussion of:

Race – The Power of an Illusion



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February 28, March 7 and March 14, 2006
First Unitarian Universalist Church
5200 Fannin Street @ Southmore
7:00pm-9:00pm

This series is free and open to the public. Registration is required and limited to the first 60 registrants. Call 512-731-5491 and leave your name and contact information.

Facilitated discussion after each segment

Cherry is one of the founding members of The Center and has been its Co-Executive Director since its inception. She has worked tirelessly to build the organization to the nationally respected and recognized institution that it is today. She has worked with numerous organizations and has traveled all over the United States conducting workshops. Cherry has received numerous awards and honors for her steadfast work in dismantling racism.

The division of the world's peoples into distinct groups - "red," "black," "white" or "yellow" peoples - has become so deeply imbedded in our psyches, so widely accepted, many would promptly dismiss as crazy any suggestion of its falsity. Yet, that's exactly what this provocative, three-hour series claims. *Race - The Power of an Illusion* questions the very idea of race as biology, suggesting that a belief in race is no more sound than believing that the sun revolves around the earth. Yet race still matters. Just because race doesn't exist in biology doesn't mean it isn't very real, helping shape life chances and opportunities. By asking, What is this thing called 'race'?, a question so basic it is rarely asked, *Race - The Power of an Illusion* helps set the terms that any further discussion of race must first take into account. Ideal for human biology, anthropology, sociology, American history, American studies, and cultural studies. This series originally aired on PBS in the spring of 2003.

Episode 1- The Difference Between Us examines the contemporary science - including genetics - that challenges our common sense assumptions that human beings can be bundled into three or four fundamentally different groups according to their physical traits.

Episode 2- The Story We Tell uncovers the roots of the race concept in North America, the 19th century science that legitimated it, and how it came to be held so fiercely in the western imagination. The episode is an eye-opening tale of how race served to rationalize, even justify, American social inequalities as "natural."

Episode 3- The House We Live In asks, If race is not biology, what is it? This episode uncovers how race resides not in nature but in politics, economics and culture. It reveals how our social institutions "make" race by disproportionately channeling resources, power, status and wealth to white people.

THE CENTER FOR THE HEALING OF RACISM

With the avowed purpose of healing racism, the goals of The Center for the Healing of Racism are:

- To create safe and accepting environments in which people can explore issues of racism
 - Help people recognize manifestations of racism,
 - To examine assumptions and beliefs about racism,
 - Help people understand the impact of racism on themselves and others
 - Provide the support and encouragement to begin the healing process.
- In addition, the Center recognizes the benefits derived from active coalition building with other groups and associations that share a commitment to racial justice.



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