Rastafarianism and Peace

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Introduction

Rastafarianism is an Africa centered religion created in November 1930. Rastas believe in Haile Selassie. They also have a deep belief in the teachings of the bible. With their deep belief in the bible they also held a deep belief for cannabis meditation.

Rastafarian Bob Marley

The Peace Medal of the Third World was given to Bob Marley on June 15, 1978. The legendary song writer wrote songs like “No Women No Cry” and “One Love” which help express the Rastafarian’s views of peace and view of women.

Conclusions

The Rastafarian religion is one of peace. The Rastas are ridiculed for their sales of cannabis. With deep bible conviction they find peaceful ways to avoid all problems. The main concept of their religion is “do unto others as you would want to be done to you”. Fellow Jamaicans and people all over the world see that with all the inequalities the Rastas go through, they stay strong and find positive solutions.

Women’s customs in Rastafarian culture

- Women are regarded as subordinate to men
- Women are regarded as housekeepers and child bearers
- Women must not commit infidelity
- Women are not called to be Rastafarians except through their husbands
- Women cannot be leaders
- Men are the spiritual head of the family
- Women must not cook for their husbands when menstruating
- Women must not wear makeup, dress in promiscuous clothing, or use chemicals in their hair

References

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Research Question

How did the Rastafarian movement contribute to peace in Jamaica?