

Editorial

Is there a need for Black History Month?



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Woodson established Black History week in 1926. Soon it became BlackHistoryMonth. Sincethat time African Americans and people of many other races have learned much about Black History. Some who are not African American ask the question, "Is there really a need for black history month?" Not long ago I spoke to a group that was virtually all white. I asked simple questions that had to do with black history. Asking those who knew the answer to raise their hand, each time almost no hands went up. I think that answers the question and the answer is definitely yes.

To make a difference in this society the racial stereotypes used to keep black people enslaved for more than 300 years must be corrected. Generations of families still past those horrible stereotypes

down to their children. To correct this misinformation the truth must be told to everyone. Teaching black history in the home, church and school will eventually help bring about an understanding of the true history of America, if the real truth is taught. The theme for February 2009 black history month is "The Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas". Other than the false stereotypes deeply planted into American society about black people, were: (1) the stripping of their right to vote, (2) the outlawing of the right to learn to read and to own books, (3) the Supreme Court turning its back upon the terrorism that was exercised against black people, during the time of hangings and the other terrible inhuman acts committed against black people. This country was founded upon the Constitution of the United States of America. The quest for true citizenship and all its rights should be within reach of all Americans.

There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil; but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good.

Romans 2: 9-10

Black History Note

In 1827, Samuel Cornish and John B. Russwarm started the first African-American Newspaper, called Freedom's Journal. Frederick Douglass started The North Star. Soon the Chicago Defender, Detroit Tribune, the Pittsburgh Courier, and the (New York) Amsterdam News were founded. The idea of an African-American newspaper was to give African-Americans the news through the lens of their own eyes.



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~Bob Goldsberry

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