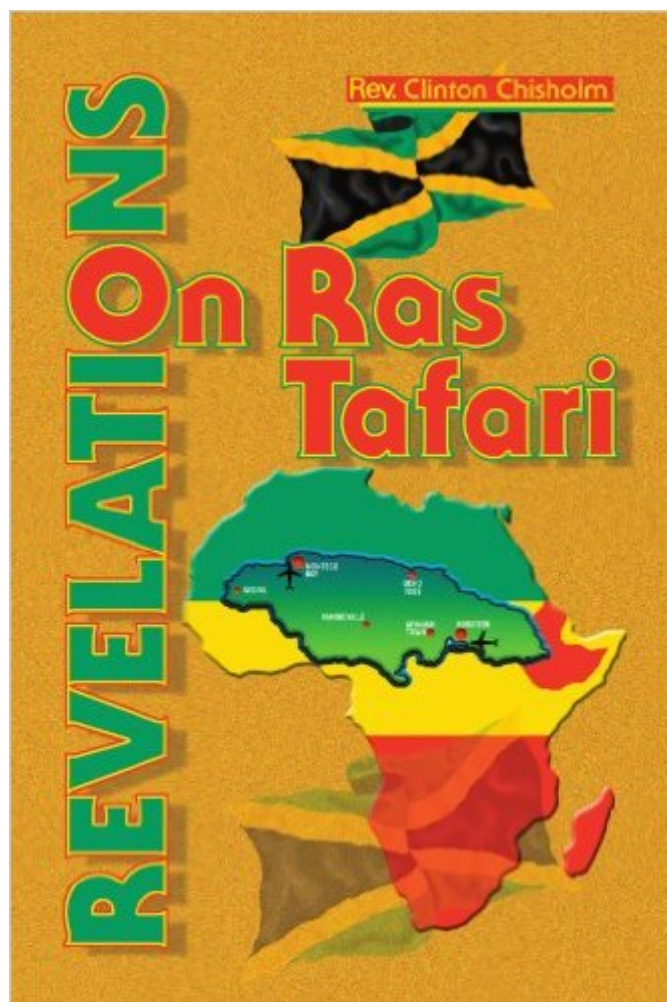


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Revelations On Ras Tafari



Synopsis

In this concise analysis of the Ras Tafari movement's most foundational beliefs, Clinton Chisholm provides shocking perspectives on the origins of the movement, the misconceptions concerning Emperor Haile Selassie's names and titles and alleged connections with King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. He highlights the mistaken belief that modern Ethiopia is mentioned in the Bible and points out some weaknesses in the Kebra Nagast. Drawing on his training in the biblical languages, the former Baptist Pastor chides Rastas on their pronunciation of 'Jesus' and 'Jah' Chisholm will no doubt 'lose friends and irritate people' for his radical views on black consciousness in the chapter dealing with whether Jesus Christ was Black and Dreadlocked. In the latter chapters of the book the self-styled Christian Apologist tackles those who see the Rastafari faith as superior to Christianity and he pits Emperor Haile Selassie's views on religion, Christianity and the Bible against the views of Rastas. The book closes with appendices in which Chisholm tackles the views of Professor Rex Nettleford and the late Barbadian 'Dread' Dr. Ikael Tafari.

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Rastafari, a relatively young phenomenon, may be susceptible to misunderstanding. Clinton Chisholm doesn't suggest that Rastafari is misunderstood; instead he indicates that Rastafari itself is based on a misunderstanding of Ethiopian history, culture and documents, as well as a shallow grasp of Biblical literature. In *Revelations on Ras Tafari*, Chisholm has produced a primer that shows Rastafarianism's base of clay and structure of straw. Chisholm is perhaps the world's leading critic of the Rastafari faith, an authority and credibility for which he prepared through his research in

Jamaica among Rastas, and his post-graduate degrees in Christian Apologetics and Biblical Studies on two different continents. Chisholm attacks and debunks the foundational link of the late Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie I, with Rastafari, exposing the links as more fanciful than historical, pointing out that the Emperor was neither God nor claimed to be God, but instead professed faith in the Christian God. Each chapter corresponds to one of the 8 categories of revelations with which he is concerned. With his superior exegetical skills, Chisholm attacks the claim that Selassie may be linked dynastically with King Solomon of Israel, that Sheba was Ethiopia, and that Sheba's Queen left Jerusalem bearing Solomon's child. In his revelations on Selassie's names and titles (pp.24-26), he shows how ignorance of Ethiopian history and customs leads to the crucial fallacy that Selassie was anything more than the 'king of the kings' of Ethiopia, only. The much revered Rastafari reference book, the Kebra Nagast, comes in for a diligently argued position contrary to popular Rastafari belief (pp.27-31).

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