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“Living With Other Gods” Essays



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Third Place Winner

One

There is one G-d: The G-d of the Earth

There is one people: the people of G-d

There is one pillar for all; the pillar of truth

There is one mitzvah; to do good things

There is one religion; the religion to love

There is one language; the language of truth

There is one land that we all dwell on; the earth

There is one social class; people of the human race

Why do I say all of this?

Because I am a Russian, an African, a Jew, a Christian,

a Jamaican, an Irishman, an Englishman, a Chinaman,

a Colombian, a Muslim, a Hispanic, a Greek, an Italian

—but more importantly I am a resister of racial classifications

I am a painting of different colors

I am the melting pot of my own country

I am a rainbow of the human race

I am a mixed person

I am a person, a person of G-d, a person born on this world with a cause

My cause is to break racism

To break division

To break a future apartheid

To bring unity to people

We all have one blood, it is red.

Who has the right to say, "You do not belong"

All of us live in this world once

Why would one want to waste his or her time with hatred of other races?

I am here to stop the killing of one man to another man because of race, religion or belief

I am here to stop the 6 million Jews that died, the 1.5 Armenian Christians that died, or
the 800,000 Tutsi civilians, 300,000 Bosnian Muslims, the 1.7 million Cambodians killed
by Pol Pot

I am here to stop hate. I am here to exclaim my name.

I am. . . .