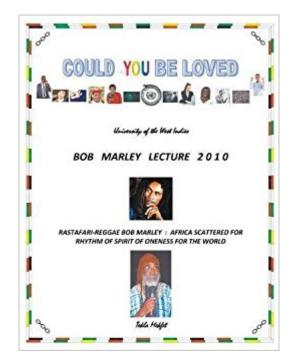


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# Could You Be Loved -Rastafari-Reggae Bob Marley: Africa Scattered For Rhythm Of Spirit Of Oneness For The World





#### Synopsis

PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION, POLITICS & CULTURE, AFRICAN MUSIC FUNCTION COULD YOU BE LOVED is of all Humankind acknowledging shared origin for Progress with Peace. "...insightful ... incisive and instructive ... a beautiful poetic move ... brilliant ... author, poet, philosopher Tekla Mekfet relates Bob Marley's poetics to African philosophy, the Bible and the problems of Babylon as we encounter them in Jamaica and the world. . . helps to resolve the tension between the individual and the community, in Rasta poetics . . Historical memory . . clues to liberation in the present. Out of history and prophecy . . philosophy in Rastafari offers unaccustomed wide practical application." (Dr. Noel Erskine, Professor of Theology & Ethics, Emory University, USA). "... deep understanding of world politics . . knowledge of the world's literary works whether fiction or treatise . . wide knowledge of music of all genres . . erudite . . encyclopedic . . for every and anyone." (Dr. Erna Brodber, sociologist-historian-novelist, University of the West Indies). "In his own thoroughly original way Tekla Mekfet evokes the largesse of spirit and innovative rhetorical performances of Walt Whitman . . Whitman opened up the space of the line in American verse; he had an agile poetic persona; he was chronicler, seer, prophet. In our time Ras Mekfet is accomplishing much the same through his vision and voice." (Michael Kuelker, Professor of English, St. Charles Community College, Rastafari-Reggae researcher, DJ, Missouri). Structure is as vocabulary item, social commentary, music of meaning, "Often, life is not nice neat sentences'. The index invites piece-mealing focus on such as The Word, Logic RHYTHM Household-Community, Reality, Freedom, Whiteness, or Oneness. Varied subjects are explored as symbiotic - as could be related to Spinoza's All is One and The One is Divine', to 'Selassie is The Chapel', to Hegel's 'God' dwelling within Humankind & permanently pervading the universe - related to shared African principles of an all-manifesting all-embracing 'NTU', or JAH of Rastrafari. Of Nature's Logic & Kant's 'Categorical Imperative' for universal oneness. Concept 'Babylon' de-constructed throughout, as is 'Zion'. Of 'Concrete Jungle', The City, Marketed 'God', Moral Relativity, "life-long insecurity." "... the heavy and the weary weight / Of all this unintelligible world / Is lightened." Mekfet invites you to be free 'of being psychologically blind. For YOU, are living of some measure & mix of philosophy . . that you may be living unperceived." to be recognized "for sense of options for direction. ." - Mother Africa's Philosophy, Rastafari, The Bible, & cross-refs philosophy of West & East - Philosophy in Reggae, Jazz, Dancehall Music: Atavistic Appeal African Rhythms Worldwide - Culture of Politics, Mis-Education, Violence & Masculinity in 'Jamaica'/'Carry-beyond' - A Rastafari Journey, Jamaica & Social Prejudice - Animism & Literary Imagery. Multi-cultural imagery 'Christ'/Re-patria-tion/Ancestor Worship - 'Israel' & 'Jerusalem' not as geographical entities, but as universal concepts for social

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Written by an insider, a member and intellectual leader of Rastafari. Themes of Zion, InI, Jah, and Babylon are examined. An excellent exegesis of Bob Marley's, "Could you be loved."

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