



Muhammad Ali the Antiracist



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We're in Church and I said to my mother, 'How come everything is all white. How come Jesus is white and blond with blue eyes. Why is the Lords supper all white men and they angels are all white and so is Mary.

I said 'Mother when we die are we going to heaven?' and she said 'Yes, naturally we go to heaven.'

And I said 'What happened to all those black angels ...oh I know the black angels are in the kitchen preparing the milk and honey'.

**Interview with Michael Parkinson,
1971**

I am America, I am the part you won't recognise. But get used to me – black, confident, cocky; my name, not yours; my religion, not yours; my goals, my own. Get used to me.

The Nation of Islam taught that white people were devils. I don't believe that now; in fact, I never really believed that. But when I was young, I had seen and heard so many horrible stories about the white man that this made me stop and listen.