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As [@jsaideepak](#) has shown, the "decoloniality" happening in Americas has been focussed only on race and race only. Because their religion was irrecoverably lost. What remains is only phenotype differences. Here is once such encounter with a vocal Native American handle.



Ram Swaroop had written 30 years ago on how Indigenous America was destroyed by Christian zealots and how it has to be rediscovered in a Hindu way.

Remember that America was discovered during Europe's search for India. Is it all chance, or does it have some deeper meaning on another plane? Are the two peoples of the two antipodal lands interlinked in some invisible way? Indians should learn to take a deeper interest in American Indians. Is not the Great Spirit of the American Indians the same as the *Brahma* of the Hindus, the *purusham mahāntam* of the Upanishads? America is waiting to be rediscovered in a characteristically Hindu way, not the Christian way.

But there is considerable resistance by Native Americans to rediscover their traditions from a polytheistic lens which only Hindu Dharma can offer today. Since, for them, Christianity has already been accepted as "true". Their uniqueness is purely reduced to race.

I feel it is really not worth engaging with Native American and African decoloniality since at the end of the day they've accepted Christianity as a non-negotiable and the only lens to analyze other "religions", such our Hinduism.

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It's a complex. The ideological framework for them is different: indigenous people in India are seen as oppressed by a religion and a state that has deprived them of rights for centuries. Christianity is seen as empowering them with education and individual rights. + <https://t.co/JTzdmqTRwR>

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