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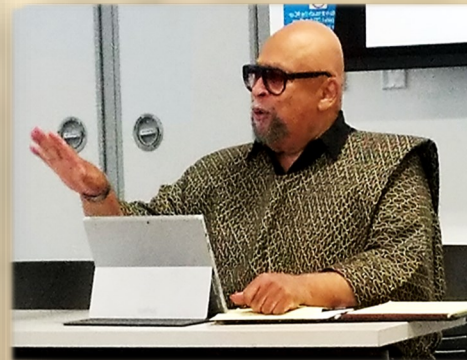
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**“MAATIAN ETHICS AND CURRENT CRITICAL ISSUES:
REPAIRING, RENEWING AND REMAKING
OURSELVES AND THE WORLD”**



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Maat, The Moral Ideal in Ancient Egypt: A Study in Classical African Ethics
Selections from the Husia: Sacred Wisdom of Ancient Egypt
Book of Coming Forth By Day: The Ethics of the Declarations of Innocence

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

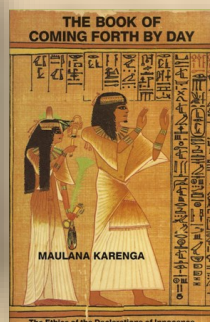
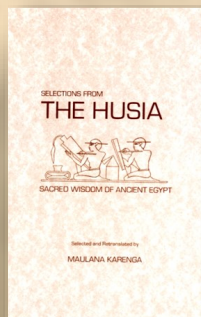
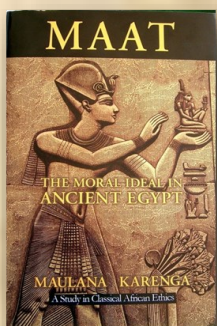
This Kawaida Master Class in Maatian Ethics will be taught by Master Teacher and Seba Ma’at, Dr. Maulana Karenga. An ethical philosopher and author of *Kawaida* philosophy, he has developed for over three decades a creative and scholarly *Kawaida* interpretation of ancient Egyptian Maatian ethical thought as a living tradition and a useful philosophical option to engage the urgent issues of our time. *Kawaida* philosophy is an ongoing synthesis of the best of African sensitivities, thought and practice in constant exchange with the world.

The class will explore the ethical thought of ancient Egypt (*Kemet*) with due attention to the socio-historical context in which it was developed and evolved and to its major concepts, concerns and insights rooted in and guided by the moral ideal of *Ma’at* (rightfulness and goodness in the world).

This will include a critical examination of central themes of the major ethical texts of ancient Egypt as collected in the *Husia*, including:

- (1) the *Sebait* (The Moral Instructions);
- (2) the *Ikeru* (The Declarations of Virtues);
- (3) the Four Good Deeds of Ra in the Book of Vindication;
- (4) the Book of Khunanpu;
- (5) the Book of Djedi;
- (6) the Declarations of Innocence in the *Pert-em-Heru* (*The Book of Coming Forth By Day*); and
- (7) the Instructions to the Prime Minister.

The course will also demonstrate how this rich, ancient and ongoing ethical tradition can serve as an African-centered foundational source to engage and address critical issues of our times such as: human dignity, human rights, human relations, male/female relations, right relations with the environment, reparations, war and peace, immigration, poverty, racial and social justice, the good life, education, the ethics of struggle, and *serudj ta*, the moral obligation to constantly heal, repair, renew and remake ourselves and the world in the interest of African and human good and the well-being of the world and all in it.



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Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, you will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the historical context and cultural setting in which Maatian ethics emerged and developed;
2. Identify and articulate core concepts in ancient Egyptian Maatian ethical thought, including, but not limited to, *Ma'at* (the moral ideal), *shespesu* (human dignity), *senen netcher* (image of God), the Seven Cardinal Virtues of *Ma'at*, *geru maa* (the truly self-mastered person), the sedjemic person (the hearing and responsive person), and *serudj ta* (to heal, repair and remake the world);
3. Identify and discuss major textual sources of Maatian ethics from the *Husia*: the Four Good Deeds of Ra, the Book of Khunanpu, the Book of Djedi, the Declarations of Innocence, the Declarations of Virtues, the *Sebayt*, concepts of rulership and civil service, and other related texts;
4. Exercise an enhanced ability to engage in moral deliberation and critical thinking about moral concepts and issues from an African-centered standpoint;
5. Put in practice the acquired capacity to apply

*** At the end of this Kawaida Master Class in Maatian Ethics, a *Shahada*, a certificate of completion, will be awarded.

GENERAL INFORMATION

WHEN:

Sundays | June 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023

WHERE: | Virtual

FEE: | \$225.00

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