



# WHITE PRIVILEGE AND SUPREMACY

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It is a serious thing  
just to be alive  
on this fresh morning  
in the broken world.

Mary Oliver, "The Invitation"

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“White privilege is like an invisible weightless knapsack of special provisions, assurances, tools, maps, guides, codebooks, passports, visas, clothes, compass, emergency gear and blank checks that I can count on cashing in each day, but about which I was “meant” to remain oblivious.”

Peggy McIntosh

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## PLAYING THE RACE CARD

“This idiom is sometimes used in any situation where someone uses their ethnicity or skin color as leverage in an argument or negation. “Pulling the race card” is often viewed negatively because it suggests that people who bring up their racial identity are doing so solely for selfish reasons rather than genuine concern for social justice.”

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# BLESSING

*Adapted from the work  
of Barbara Holmes*



May we understand and transform racial habits of harm.

May we grow in our awareness that what we do and say can help or hinder racial well-being.

May we meet the racial cries of the world with as much wisdom and grace as we can muster.

May our individual tears moisten the soul of our common humanity, germinating seeds of hope, compassion and mercy that will blossom and heal our collective suffering.

May all beings, without exception, benefit from our growing awareness.

**Ashe, Amen, May it be so**