

## ABSTRACT

### **Dialectical Incarnation: A Harmony of One Love, One Heart in the Totality of Reality**

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This thesis is in the general area of philosophical theology. The topics of this thesis are (1) a metaphysical view called 'Dialectical Incarnation,' and (2) the application of this metaphysical view in certain theological and ethical debates.

Dialectical Incarnation is the unity of the divine and human, spirit and matter. In its simplest explanation, Dialectical Incarnation can be seen as a synthesis of Hegel's Dialectical Idealism and Marx's Dialectical Materialism. The thesis states that all of reality is a dialectical unity of incarnate love. Love is philosophically understood through the condition of the possibilities of divine and human, spirit and matter, Self and Other. This incarnate love manifests itself in and through the unity and synthesis of the divine as spirit and the totality of reality as matter.

The historical development of precursors to this metaphysical view is investigated in depth. Beginning with the Ionian cosmologists and moving through the Pre-Socratics, Nicholas of Cusa, Giordano Bruno, Baruch Spinoza, G.W. Leibniz, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and Karl Rahner, the thesis develops the argument that the philosophy of Dialectical Incarnation is a "legitimate pantheism." Similarities with certain views from the East – the *Aum* of Hinduism and the *Tao* of Chinese philosophy – are investigated. Similarities with Rastafari and the "New Physics" are also provided.

The thesis concludes by offering an understanding of the Self with ethical and cultural applications. The ethics is rooted in an existential, natural law, virtue based, social mortgage, through the common good perspective. The cultural instantiation is presented in the material-supernatural existential of music and dance found in the *Riddim of Creation*.

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