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Author: historian, read a lot of stuff, said that none of them gave him the perspective he got from experience had a rough childhood

We are here to educate, not forgive. We are here to enlighten, not accuse. - Willie Johns

- people did bad things
 - learning and knowing the hist is "both a necessity and a responsibility to the ancestors and descendants of all parties."
- "everything in US history is about the land" what?? is it? what about laws, or the concepts, or the market??
 - could make a "everything stems from" arg but that's awfully reductionistic
- argues that reconciliation is not visible in modern day
 - but arnt we getting better?
 - says not even in utopian dreams – people dont want it to be better?
- **how might acknowledging the reality of US history work to transform society? That is the central question this book pursues.**
- original narratives were puritan settlers had a covenant with god to take the land
- postmodernist studies called for *agency* "under the guise of individual and collective empowerment" blaming the bad of colonialism on the natives
- post-civil-rights multiculturalism means no indigenous communities?
- all meant to disguise the fact that the existence of america is based on the looting of the entire continent
 - wait isnt that how land works?

****Man·i·fest Des·tin·y****

noun

1. the 19th-century doctrine or belief that the expansion of the US throughout the American continents
 - multiculturalism: manifest destiny won
 - def of modern genocide: terminate survival as peoples
 - premodern: extreme violence without the goal of extinction
 - united states is a result of the colonial process

if there was no one here, how different would it be?
would america not be successful?

- natives survived and hold their hist
- argues that postmodernism and multiculturalism emerged from neocolonialism?
- fundemental prob: absence of colonial framework?
- says, US did economic penetration of native societis, and made them economicaly dependent
 - imbalance of trade
 - incorporated natives into spheres of influence
 - controlled them with christian missionaries and alchohal?
- eatin food....

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