

Ethics of Identity

What is in the Name???

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Identity

Origin:

late 16th century (in the sense 'quality of being identical'): from late Latin *identitas*, from Latin *idem* 'same'.

Definition:

1. The fact of being who or what a person or thing is

e.g. Mahesh, Michel, Nushrat

2. The characteristics determining who or what a person or thing is

Casanova, Superman,

Religious Divide



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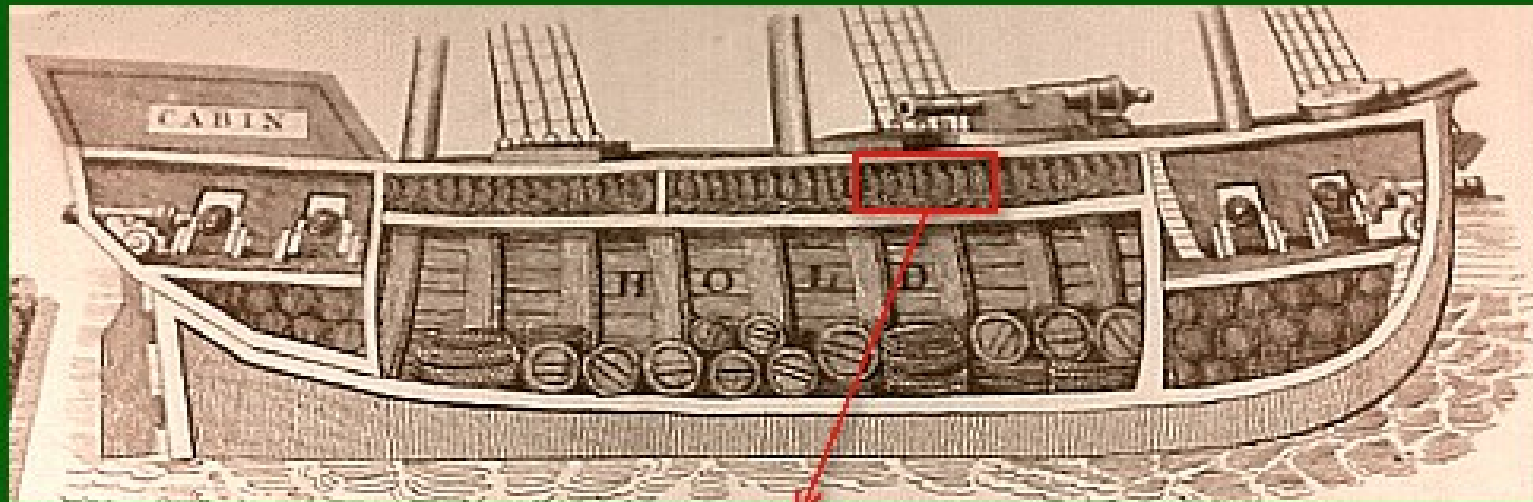
Midnight's Children

Amina Sinai: "Thank God, it's not a Muslim name."

Aadam Azia: "This Godse is nothing to be grateful for."

Amina: "Why not, after all? By being Godse he has saved our lives."

Race and Racism



Transatlantic Slave Trade

The Atlantic Slave Trade

The Middle Passage:



Ethnicity and the Holocaust

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas



Gender

Patriarchal Society:

Gender Discrimination

Female infanticide

Caste

Hierarchal Structuring

Kachra: a blend of caste and ~~gender~~ discrimination
disability

Regional Identities

Based on a person's regional belonging

Hasty generalizations based on singular incidents

Nationality/ National Identity

Does national belonging encourages one to suppress other nationalities for the good of one's own people???

Representation/ Prejudices/ Stereotypes

1. Blacks are inherently inferior, criminal, emotional, untrustworthy
2. Caste determines a person's moral, intellectual and behavioral characteristics
3. People coming from a particular region are untrustworthy
4. Sardar Jokes/Jokes on blond women
5. Women lack rationality/emotional/gullible

Identity

Being

- Human
- Gender (Biological Sex)

Becoming (Cultural Identity)

- Subject to culture, history, geography, power, education etc.

Fundamentalism

A usually religious movement or point of view characterized by a return to fundamental principles, by rigid adherence to those principles, and often by intolerance of other views and opposition to secularism.