

## Quotes for reflection and discussion from the following podcast

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A. D. A France-Williams reads from Ghost Ship: Institutional racism and the Church of England

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### Part one

Unless you smile we cannot see you... I have been smiling for a very long time. My face is aching and my smiles are turning into tears

Diversity can assume the need for a simple horizontal relationship to be created whereas equality questions the vertical dimensions of the engagement

Micro racisms – these assaults on one’s personhood are death by a thousand papercuts.

### Part two

To love oneself as a black person in the UK is an act of resistance to the pressures and the powers that are ever bearing down to disassemble any sense of identity one can muster.

The church does not want strong communities or empowered congregations: It wants clones. It cannot have both.

Calvin said that a person’s place in society was God granted rather than a function of human effort, advancement or gift “honour men who have more than themselves because God has freely bestowed the special gifts of honour upon the elect so the poor must yield to the rich, the common to the noble, the servants to their master and the unlearned to the educated”

Consider the lyrics of All Things Bright and Beautiful: “The rich man at his castle, the poor man at his gate. God made them high and lowly and ordered their estate”

It is useful if your beliefs and lived convictions of God and theology match your place in given society.

### Part three

Listen to the Winnie Varghese quote (24:41 – 25:54)

You cannot be white and a Christian. You must resist that identity