

Is The KKK A Religion?



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Rodger's Klan Past Raises Some Eyebrows

New City Commissioner in Lake Wales



Rogers said he wants to be judged by his recent actions, not his distant past. "I am not going to go rehash all that stuff and get into race baiting," he said of his Klan background.



Undated Photo...John Paul Rodgers, meets with other leaders of the United Klans of America.

He joined the Klan in 1963. For many years he headed the United Klans of America. He currently owns a barber/gun shop.



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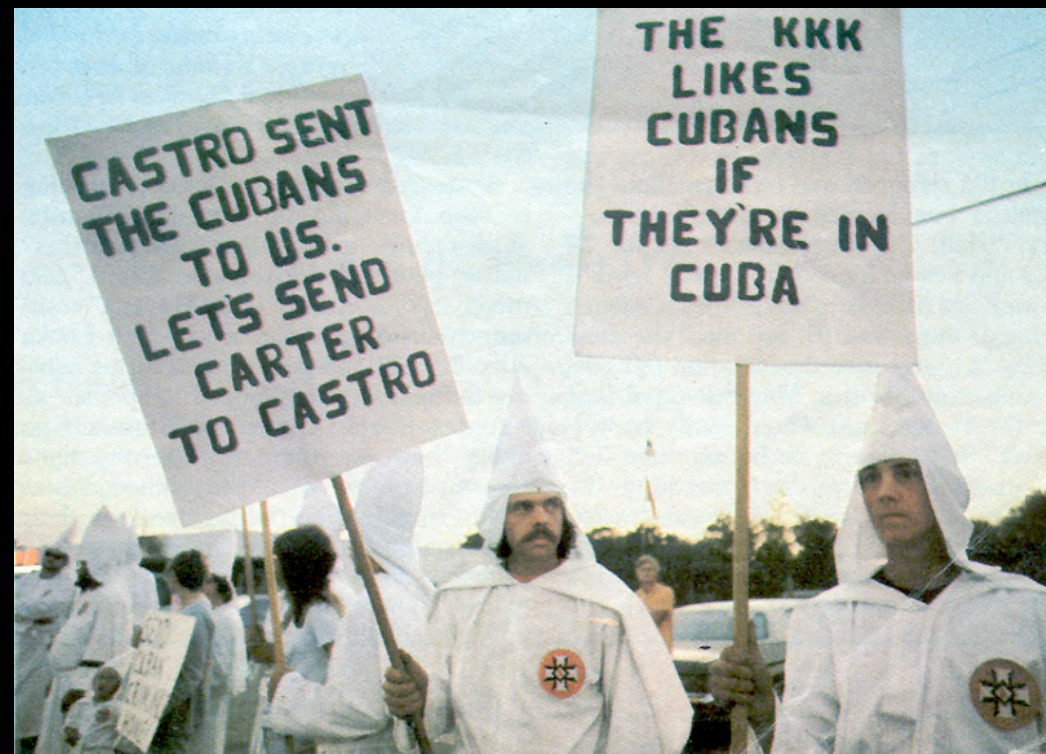
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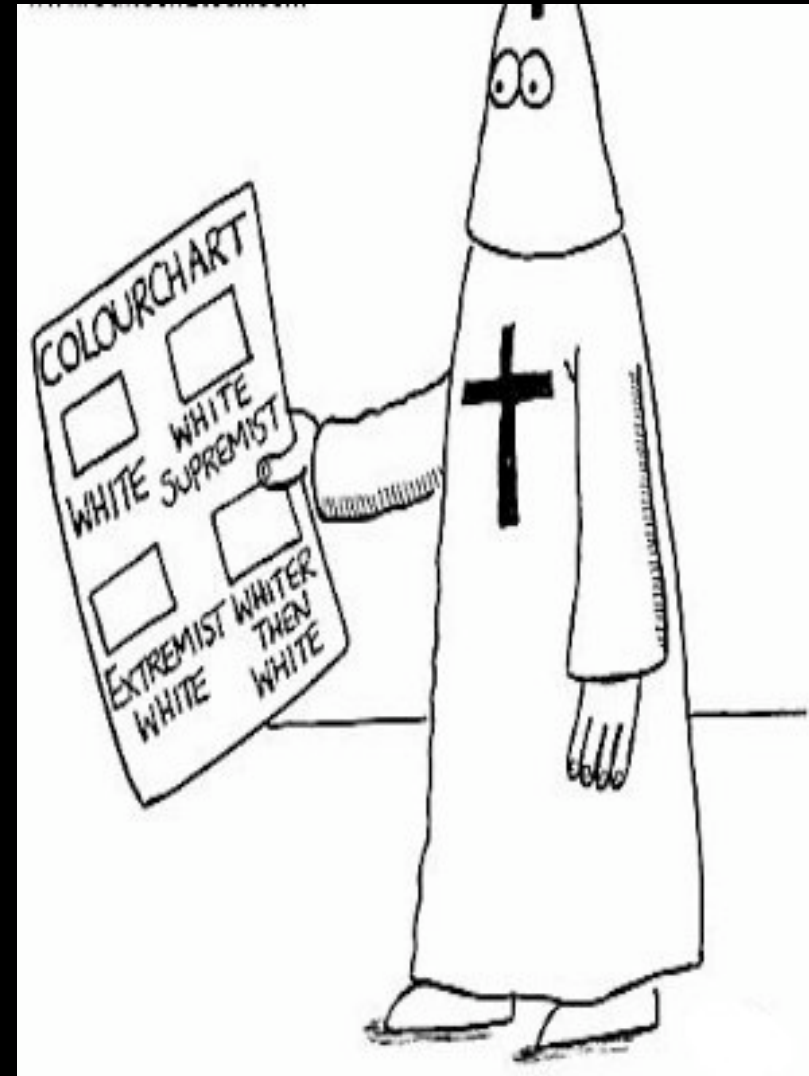
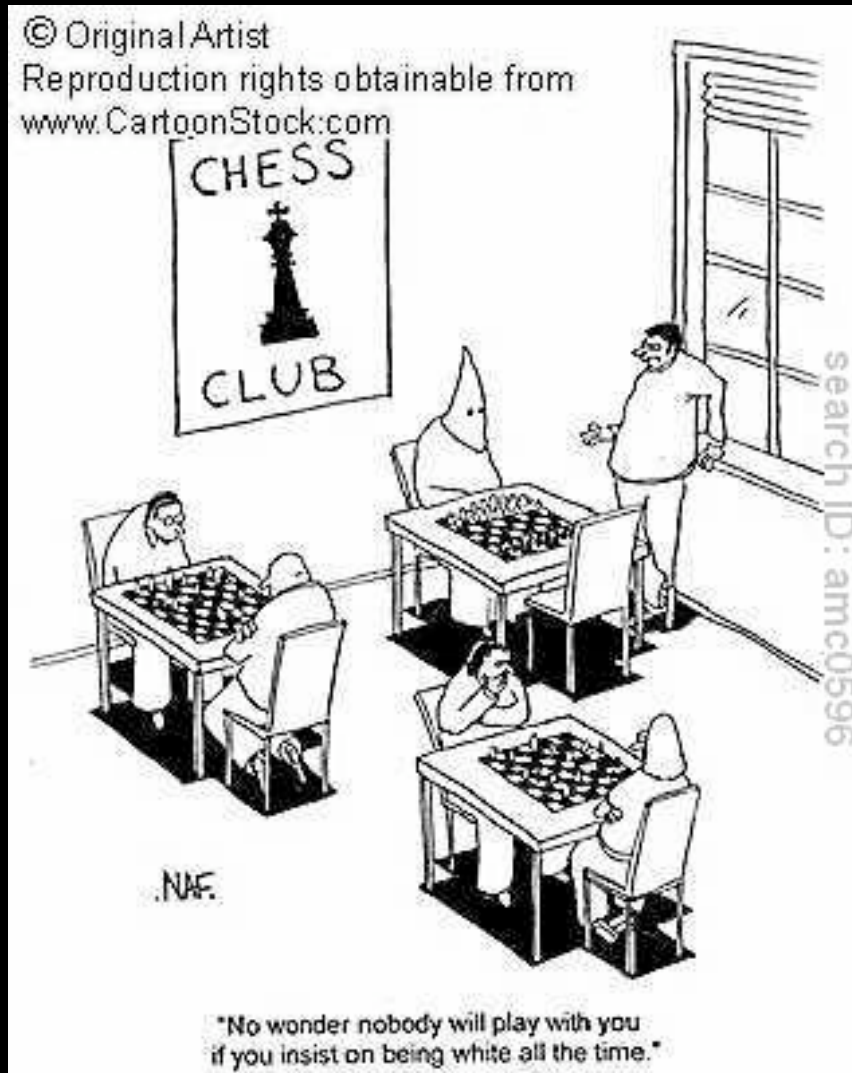
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The main objective of this presentation is to allow the viewer to determine if the KKK could be considered a form of a Protestant Christian religion in the United States.



The images came from many different sites on the internet.





All of the text
information on
the following
slides came
directly from the
official KKK
website.

“Even today, when a Klansman speaks,
he is exercising the Constitution,
keeping strong and immutable the
peoples right to speak and publish
their ideas.”



“There is a race war against whites.
But our people-my white brothers
and sisters-will stay committed to a
non-violent resolution...”

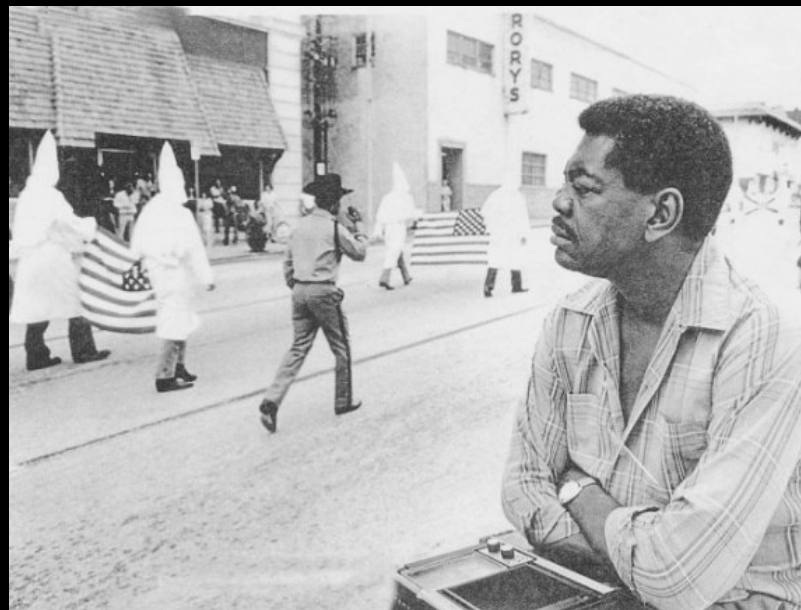


“...That way is the Christian way-law and order-love of family-love of nation. These are the principles of western Christian civilization.”

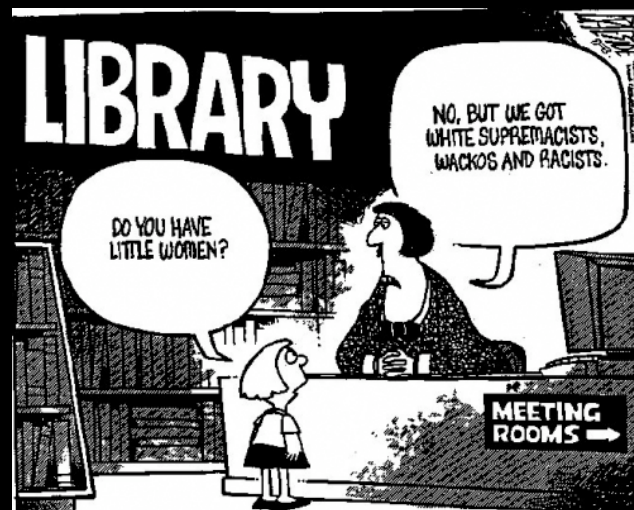


“If I should choose to associate with The Knights what will be required of me?”

We emphasize ONE requirement for every person who decides to associate with the Knights, and that is that they conduct themselves with Christian character.....”



“Today, White Christian children, are taught to be ashamed of their culture. Our children are taught at public expense, theirs is a culture of slavery, bigotry and oppression; they are schooled to be ashamed because they are white.”



“The Ku Klux Klan is THE only organization dedicated to preserving white culture! We stand for family values, the American Constitution, freedom of religion and western culture.”



“THE KNIGHTS’ PARTY PLATFORM

- ✓ The recognition that America was founded as a Christian nation
- ✓ The recognition that America was founded as a White nation
- ✓ Actively promote love and appreciation of our unique European (White) culture
- ✓ Restoring individual freedom to Christian America (People should be able to hire who they want, live where they want, and practice the Christian faith as they please.)....”



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