

UNTIL THE PHILOSOPHY

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I
BOB MARLEY TOOK IT UP
FROM EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE I
BORN TAFARI MAKONNEN WOLDEMIKAEL
WHO ADDRESSED THE UNITED NATIONS
IN 1963:

UNTIL THE PHILOSOPHY
WHICH HOLDS ONE RACE SUPERIOR
AND ANOTHER INFERIOR
IS FINALLY
AND PERMANENTLY
DISCREDITED AND ABANDONED
EVERYWHERE IS WAR.

WE TAKE IT UP FROM BOB MARLEY
WHO ADDED THE WAR IN 1976
AND HUMBLY SUGGEST
AN AMENDMENT
FOR 2018:

UNTIL THE PHILOSOPHY
WHICH HOLDS ONE RACE SUPERIOR
AND ANOTHER INFERIOR
IS FINALLY
AND PERMANENTLY
DISCREDITED AND ABANDONED
THERE IS WORK FOR US TO DO.

II
WE TAKE ON LOUIS AGASSIZ
WHO HELD ONE RACE SUPERIOR
AND ANOTHER INFERIOR
AND THE MIXING OF RACES
ABHORRENT AND SINFUL
AND WHOSE TRACES OF RACES
ARE LEFT IN SPACES
WHERE ASTRONAUTS
MIGHT NEVER VENTURE.

WE TAKE IT FROM SHAKESPEARE
THAT THE MOON IS INCONSTANT
AND WE ASSUME
THAT THE SAME IS TRUE
FOR MARS:
NAMES CAN CHANGE
AND SO CAN PHILOSOPHIES
IF EARTHLINGS
BOTH THE SEEING AND THE BLIND
CAN TOUCH
AND BE TOUCHED.