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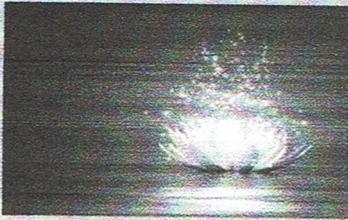
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The essence of pain, runs deep it more than 33 years and during class it felt like I had just experience this pain. I am concerned that the effects of my emotional pain and disappointment has impacted my life more than I imagine. Briefly, I am a victim of spousal abuse (physical + verbal). My previous marriage to a minister who was from an influential family in the Caribbean (St. Martin). While during my years of emotional + physical trauma, the church did not care for my experience, they turned their head away. It was my doctor who advocated on my behalf. Submitted his medical notes to the courts and Police. The day of my case in court. The Church had posters on the side of road, condemning me, with messages of hate. Despite the law protected me the church stoned, telling me I am going to hell for destroying my Husband's name. Before my divorce trial, I had surgery. One of the minister was bold enough



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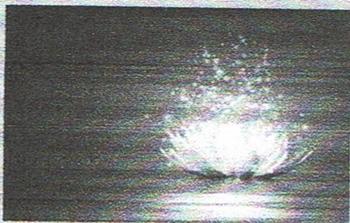
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This is the primary reason why I am very scared or keep my distance when individuals are very loud with words. For me their actions needs to wonder:

I have search deep inside and I afraid that my public involvement and association with leaders, my immediate church family have been affected, due to my lack of trust.

It seems like my survival have been to dissect words and actions using my experience as a microscope to assess their sincerity. Most astonishing I afraid that my experience is only a drop among my religious leaders spouse. Could my life experience be my reason to avoid my purpose? Finally I must face the giant 'Fear'



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enough to informed me, that I will die in surgery if I don't cancel my divorce and go to hell. When I replied, Is it okay for me to be abused and die ~~with~~ⁱⁿ pain and fear having hate inside my heart and go to hell, as long as I don't let ~~my~~ Ermando's name be associated, with the responsibility ~~and~~^{for} crime of physical & emotional Abuse. A minister, clergy the Church Christians. Discouraging Breanna Taylor, George Floyd and listening to people who claim themselves as religious leaders do nothing to create peace within this time, they have an opportunity to speak up speak loud but they are not concern. What happen to those ministers who attend those prayer breakfast at the White House, those in the mega churches where are they when the country needs