

Online Resources: Writings and Speakers

1. Don's blog site: www.free-2-think.com

2. YouTube Speakers:

Economics

Milton Friedman
Thomas Sowell
Walter Williams

Politics

Victor Davis Hanson (History and Politics)
Jordan Peterson (Psychiatry and Politics)
Dr. Alan Keyes (Morality and Politics)
Dinesh D'Souza
Charles Murray

Religion

Fr. Robert Barron (Religion and Philosophy)
Frank Ture (Religion and Apologetics)
Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers (Religion and Apologetics)
Voddie Baucham (Religion and Morality) ***"We cannot continue to send our children to Caesar for their education and be surprised when they come home as Romans."***

Scott Hahn (Morality and Religion)
John Lenox (Morality and Religion)
Hugh Ross (Apologetics from an Scientific Perspective)
Kent Hovind (Apologetics and Nature/Science)
Ravi Zacharias (Religion, Apologetics, and Morality)

Books for Kids and Adults (Books everyone should be familiar with somewhere along the way)

Animal Farm, George Orwell

1984, George Orwell

The Gulag Archipelago, Alexander Solzhenitsyn

Economics in One Easy Lesson, Henry Hazlitt

Puddin'head Wilson, Mark Twain

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain

The Book of Virtues, William Bennett

The Lord of the Rings, JRR Tolkien

The Hobbit, JRR Tolkien

Up From Slavery, Booker T. Washington

Black Like Me, John Howard Griffen

Notes of a Native Son, James Baldwin

The Ways of White Folks, Langston Hughes

Watership Down, Richard Adams

The Odyssey, Homer

The Iliad, Homer

Beowulf, Unknown. Recommended Retellings by Seamus Haney and Ian Serrailier

As A Man Thinketh, James Allen

The Chronicles of Narnia, CS Lewis

Old Testament Books of:

- Sirach
- Wisdom
- Proverbs
- Exodus
- Judith
- Jonah

Books for the Pointy Heads Amongst Us

The Road to Serfdom, Freidrich Hayek

Atlas Shrugged, Ayn Rand

The Rise and Fall of Great Powers, Paul Kennedy

Shogun, James Clavell

King Rat, James Clavell

Free to Choose, Milton Friedman

Mere Christianity, CS Lewis

Empires of the Sea: The Siege of Malta, The Battle of Lepanto, and the Contest fo the Center of the Earth, Roger Crowley

Warlords, Simon Berthon and Joanna Potts

The Second World War, Antony Beevor

Black Rednecks and White Liberals, Thomas Sowell

A History of the American People, Paul Johnson

I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist, Frank Turek and Norman Geisler

The Brothers Karamazov, Fyodor Dostoevsky

Movies (Race Relation movies to watch with teens and older and discuss)

This is just a short list, gleaned from favorite movie lists over the years. It is biased toward a 60-year-old male viewer but these movies have stood the test of time.

Note: Sidney Poitier and Gregory Peck are two of the greatest actors, ever. Anything with them is a must watch!

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? 1967, Starring Sidney Poitier, Katharine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy, Beah Richards, Isabel Sanford

When their children decide to marry, the parents of both (a white woman and a black man) must face their concerns and disconnects between their stated beliefs and the impact on their family members.

Glory, 1989, Starring Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington, and Morgan Freeman
Story of the Massachusetts 54th Regiment, an all-Black unit, during the Civil War.

Amazing Grace, 2006, Ioan Gruffud, Benedict Cumberbatch, Albert Finney, and Oluadah Equiano

William Wilberforce, an 18th Century British Parliament member, advocates for the abolition of the British slave trade.

Amistad, 1997, Starring Morgan Freeman, Anthony Hopkins, Matthew McConaughey, and Djimon Hounsou

Based on the true story of the La Amistad slave ship when the captives gained control of the ship and were intercepted in US territorial waters. The ship's owners were of a third country so this resulted in a constitutional issue of ownership, ultimately decided by the US Supreme Court in 1841. Powerful implications for the recognition of slaves as men in the United States.

Lilies of the Field, 1963, Starring Sidney Poitier

German religious sisters seek assistance to build a church in the Arizona desert. A black handyman comes along and the sisters persuade him to help build the church.

Great cultural interactions with good music and a deep spiritual message.

The Defiant Ones, 1958, Starring Tony Curtis and Sidney Poitier

Two convicts escape from a chain gang, shackled together. They must overcome their mutual racial animosity to work together for a successful escape.

Roots, 1979, Starring LaVar Burton and many more! The list of stars is very long; everyone wanted to be a part of this movie, black and white. This is a multi-generational story running from the capture of Kunta Kinte in West Africa through his descendants up to the 1930's.

Awesome story, acting, and soundtrack.

To Kill a Mockingbird, 1962, Starring Gregory Peck

Atticus Finch, a respected lawyer, defends a black man against fabricated rape charges. The trial and tangent events expose the evils of racism and stereotyping, and the importance of courage.

Mississippi Burning, 1988, Starring Willem Defoe and Gene Hackman

Two FBI agents investigating the murder of civil rights workers during the 60s seek to breach the conspiracy of silence in a small Southern town where segregation divides black and white.

Brian's Song, 1971, Starring James Caan and Billie Dee Williams

Tear jerker! True Story based on the book I Am Third.

Mid-1960s Chicago Bears teammates, Brian Piccolo and Gale Sayers develop a growing friendship at a time when professional football still bears a certain amount of race-based segregation. This friendship becomes a symbol of harmony during the civil rights era.

Imitation of Life, 1959 and 1934 versions both deal with single mothers raising daughters - one white and one black. Layered on the struggles of raising children as single parents is the struggle of the black daughter to find where she belongs as a light skinned black person in a racially segregated world.

Blazing Saddles, 1974, Starring Mel Brooks, Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder, Madeline Kahn, and many more.

The Ultimate Western Spoof. It breaks all the rules, poking fun at socially incorrect matters at every turn. (Note: not for the easily offended. Do preview before watching with younger set - lots of language, thematic and humor flags here!)

A Raisin in the Sun, 1961, Starring Sidney Poitier

A young man shares a small apartment with his wife, child, sister and mother. They all have dreams to better their situation for the future. When they are presented with the financial means to do so, they must decide which dream to pursue.

A Path of Blue, 1965, Starring Sidney Poitier, Elizabeth Hartman, and Shelley Winters

A blind young white woman befriends a black office worker and their budding relationship eventually leads to romance. However, the girl's insensitive and abusive mother is determined to keep the couple apart. This story of interracial love and class differences fittingly reflects the civil rights movement of the era.

Slumdog Millionaire, 2008, Starring Dev Patel and Freida Pinto

Set in India, this film is a grim reminder that racism is NOT a uniquely American problem. It is a problem for all humanity and exists with much worse outcomes in the rest of the world. This movie is also a great reminder for American kids of all persuasions that we ought to wake up every morning and, after a morning prayer, kick the ground and be thankful that we were born in the United States of America. Great discussion material for parents and teens/young adults.