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Can you find it in your heart to forgive?

Race, Requests, and Repair

Abstract

The hurry and bury ritual, on my account, is a public ritual of asking for and about the forgiveness of black victims of anti-black racism, white violence and state violence. I argue that in the ritual, requesters intend to spark forgiveness through the request. However, given the US racial context, the request has certain features and these features actually show disrespect for the victim and at least, in some cases, could block instead of spark forgiveness. Therefore, requesters have moral and practical reasons to refrain from or at least delay requesting.

Thursday,
March 15, 2018

12:20 - 1:50 PM

Student Center,
Amersfort Room,
2nd Floor

Lunch Will Be
Served.

