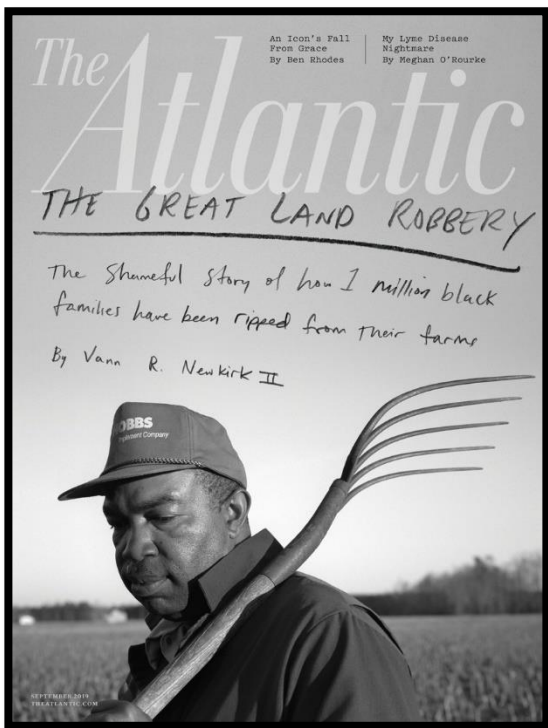
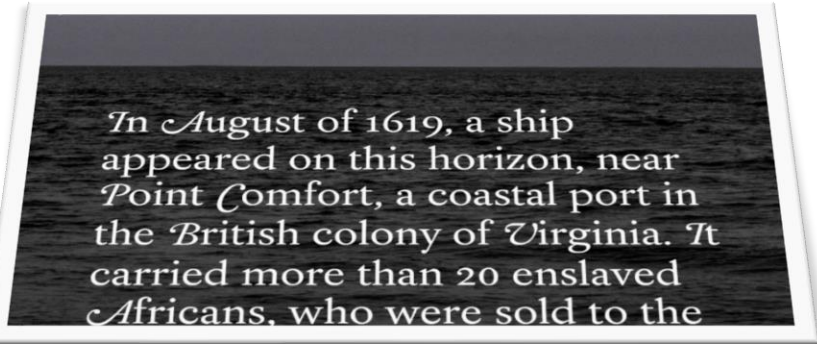


## Theological Musings from Dave's Laptop

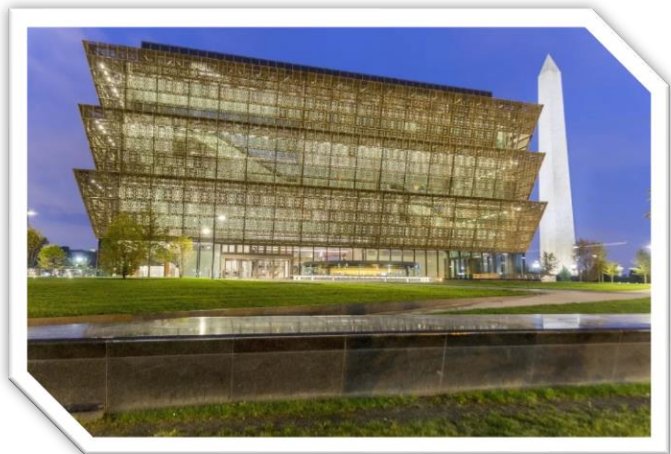
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I have been sad and ashamed of late as I have been reminded of our dark history of 400 years of slavery and racism in this nation.

You probably know that this year marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans to these shores. I've been reminded of this through the news, through visiting the Smithsonian Museum of African-American History (twice, now), through reading "This Land was Our Land: The Great American Land Robbery" in *The Atlantic*, and through reading "The 1619 Project" of *The New York Times*.



Rather than try to summarize these powerful narratives, this week's assignment is to read them for yourself. Three links follow. The first is to "The 1619 Project" online, which is the easiest way to read it. The second link allows you to download the entire issue of *The New York Times Magazine* in which "The 1619 Project" appears. And the third link will allow you to download "This Land was Our Land" from *The Atlantic*.



I hope you'll take the time to read these. It's a lot of reading and it won't be any fun, but it will be very important. We **can** do better. We **must** do better. We **will** do better, by God's grace.

Dave

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