

## Sun Ra, Alter Destiny, and AfroFuturism

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(Answers to FAQs)

- 1) Sun Ra's **AfroFuture** is **Alter Destiny** – literally, a region in time-space.
- 2) Space is *the* Place. Alter Destiny is a **when that constitutes a where**.
- 3) The migration towards Alter Destiny is not an Imperial Project, nor is it a proAmerican enterprise. Alter Destiny, that is, *the* AfroFuture, is **antithetical to Manifest Destiny and American Exceptionalism**.
- 4) If you were to think of Alter Destiny in a sequence, you might try **Pre-History -> History -> Post-History**, where Post-History is equivalent to Alter Destiny. Or, **BCE -> AD -> AD**, where the first AD is the Christian Era, i.e., the Era of Western Hegemony, and the second AD is Alter Destiny.
- 5) Sun Ra was a strategic generalist. He knew that specifics could be rebutted and challenged but that the strength of his core ideas rests in their **compelling simplicity**.
- 6) History is full. Its project (unifying the planetary system through a techno-economic gesture of brutal and sweeping effect) is complete. That which leaks out from the remnants of history is Alter Destiny.
- 7) Alter Destiny is, therefore, stubbornly **resistant to institutional reification**. You can't turn it into a club, political party, or church.
- 8) "...a planet all their own, without any white people there." **Whiteness** is (and always was) **an illusion**, a figment of the Imperial Imagination created, not by genetics, but by the shifting demands of a dominator's agenda. That planet – the one that is free of white people – is *this* planet, once evolved out of Imperial history and into the phase of development called Alter Destiny.
- 9) As such, Alter Destiny cannot be glibly summed up in a set of policy reforms or even fullscale changes to the paradigms by which social order is installed and maintained.
- 10) Culture is a meta-institution. **Alter Destiny does not fit within any cultural system. No existing cultural system fits within Alter Destiny.**
- 11) Imperialism (the AD of white Christendom) is not, by this account, to be viewed as a particularly oppressive program of human organization, but as a structure of mentality. **It exists equally and fully formed within the minds of both masters and slaves**. Like the tadpole's tail, this mentality is intended to be used up and exhausted over the course of our development.
- 12) **Alter Destiny is New Human Consciousness** – a profoundly adaptive **Ecology of Awareness** that actualizes Justice and obviates Rape, War, Money, the Nation-State, and a host of other outdated and maladaptive ideas.
- 13) Oddly, this **AfroFuture is not just for Black people**. It is a Gift originating **from** the existential struggles of Africans in the West and offered to a dying world. The only *sustainable* future is to be found within Alter Destiny.
- 14) Alter Destiny is **not a project** that we are executing. The planet really is a spaceship and Alter Destiny is its pre-programmed and inevitable destination. Resistance is futile.
- 15) It's after the end of the World. **Don't you know that yet?**

