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Why Isms?

Ism is a distinctive practice, system, or philosophy, typically a political ideology or an artistic movement. There are over 234 isms, each representing a philosophical, political or moral doctrine or a belief system. In this micro chapbook of poems (which I update yearly with more isms), you will find my definition of some isms using subtle metaphors.

ism

here's my tag and that's yours

here's the mark, you may not cross

truism:

I lie to everyone about my sexuality
and forever lie about everything?

But I cannot lie to myself

because I'd lose myself, no one will care.

racism:

how can one carve a coal coloured portrait of me
and label him the devil?

but time over, the light skinned fellow
thrives in the white of his shadow.

tribalism:

what said the Iroko to the eagle?

'my branches are also for vultures; swallow your ego'

sexism:

a boy has to acquire feminine traits?

That's right: you never rode this thought lane.

feminism:

because a specie couldn't find her place,
she tramples on 'head' to save her face.
If equity is the real deal,
who served equality in the dish?

chauvinism:

because bias rules my sensibilities,
I remain devoted to antique cultures,
like the rampant run of one gender above the other.

stereotypism:

because exaggerated conceptions give me multiple orgasms,
I throw jabs against my queer brothers,
with generalizations toddlers cringe at.


humanism:



to value our values and meet needs without greed,
to promote selfless interests,
to uphold an all-inclusive dignity,
to flaunt freedom unbound by rigid liberalism.

I feel uneasy with isms;

humanity holds in high esteem philosophies
that set boundaries on no man's land.

OTHER BOOKS BY JAACHI ANYATONWU

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WHO IS JAACHI?

Jaachi Anyatonwu is a poet, editor, and publisher living in the suburbs of Aba. He is the author of numerous poetry chapbooks and collections, and the Editor-In-Chief of Poemify Publishers Inc. Jaachi is passionate about discovering new voices and mentoring emerging poets. He is also a fierce advocate for the boy child and sexually molested.

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