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# Rastafarianism

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## Definition of *Rastafarianism*

: a religious movement among Black Jamaicans that teaches the eventual redemption of blacks and their return to Africa, employs the ritualistic use of marijuana, forbids the cutting of hair, and venerates Haile Selassie as a god

## First Known Use of *Rastafarianism*

1938, in the meaning defined [above](#)

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