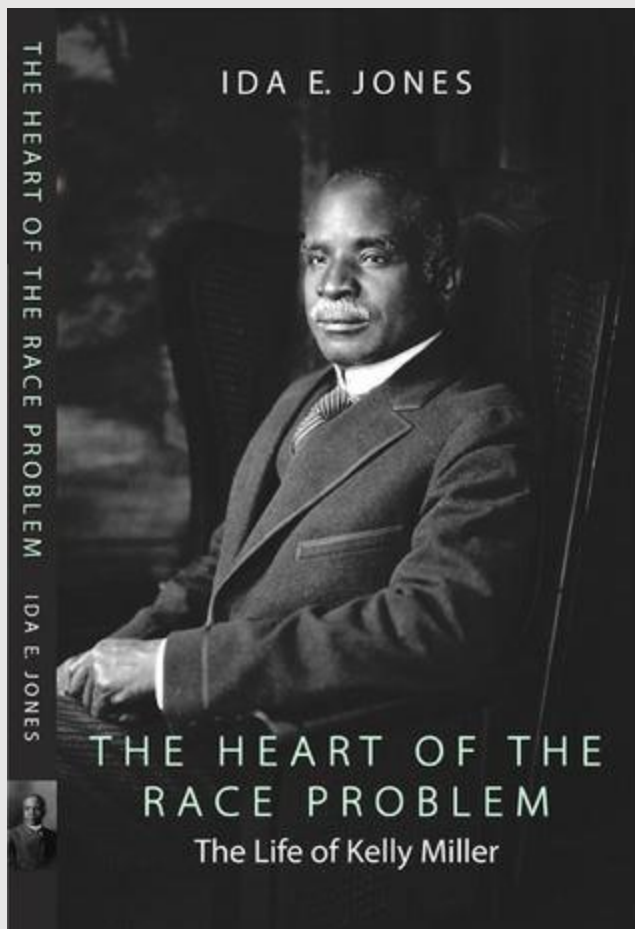


Clearly, the issue of race was an urgent matter that all men and women of his generation sought to refute and recast. Miller's life



and ideological position is a unique example of a religious conservative who sought to navigate the explosive racial terrain of early twentieth century America. I cast Miller as a daysman, a biblical mediator found in the book of Job. Miller was an opinionated and passionate educator. His ideas were expressed in writings published in newspapers, journals, magazines and books. The vast majority of his writings involve some aspect of racial uplift or racial reconciliation. He sought to harmonize divergent opinions and find

common ground to reconcile differences. His outlook on racial strife was optimistic, in part from his childhood as well as a Christian ethos. Unlike his two most famous contemporaries Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois, Miller did not create lasting an ideology such as DuBois's pan-Africanism or institution such as Tuskegee Institute. Still his contributions to rising generations as well as the national conversations on race matters cannot be ignored. A, former student of Miller's, W.A.C. Hughes, noted that there was a special "something" about Miller.

That something was his solution to the heart of race problem which revolved around education. Born in July 1863 six months

after Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, Kelly Miller, was a renowned educator, author, lecturer, and columnist who sought to raise the moral consciousness and cooperative action of African American leadership. Mathematically gifted Miller shifted his focus to the race problem in the mid-1890s to abate deteriorating race relations and strengthen the African American community. Jones's tripartite theory is placed within the biblical context of a daysman. The daysman served as an Old Testament mediator seeking to reconcile disparate opinions. Jones believes that Miller's entire life sought to harmonize divergent ideas and ideologies. Miller wrote: It is not sufficient for the leaders of the Negro race to rely upon denunciation of others, however deserved.