Examining the Role of the Spiritual Lives of the Living-American Women who Use Crack through the Lens of Soul Theology

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1. Background
Soul Theology points that some spiritual beliefs, thoughts, and ideas have been developed through years of slavery and oppression, empowerment American women in their lifetime challenges, some of them are:
* The Providence of God
* The Grace of God
* The Omniscience of God

2. Methods
All a group of 10 core beliefs are as follows of the Women’s CoOp – a salient control intervention which is called Soul Theology. The following are 3 quotes that support some of these emerging themes:

3. Summary of Additional Emerging Themes (Inductive Category Development)
In addition to the Soul Theology, themes additional emergences through this study have developed that our sample of African American women crack were incorporated spiritually and/or religiously into their lives. These themes are:

4. Discussion
Like other research, this study supports the importance of spirituality or religiosity for positive health outcomes.

5. Implications
This study has been done to change African American women’s drug use and related health/behavioral outcomes. Women’s interventions effects have not obtained sustained over time because their spirituality and religiosity had an important role in these lives and that strong prayerfulness of religious faith is related to reduction of drug use behaviors. Although we did not ask any spirituality or religiosity questions, this indicates that spirituality and/or religiosity is an important factor in the lives of African American women. Furthermore, this supports an idea that spirituality and/ or religiosity are important factors in the lives of African American women. Additionally, it reinforces the idea that spirituality and/or religiosity are important factors in the lives of African American women.

**Definitions Used for this Study**
- **Soul Theology**: a specific theological framework which posits that some spiritual beliefs empower and promote physical and mental healing as African Americans experience by the African American community. The remaining core beliefs extract anthropological insights into the African American community. The following are 3 quotes that support some of these emerging themes:

**References**
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