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“Black Nationalism is the only real solution for Black People in the United States.”

NO FEAR NO RESPECT

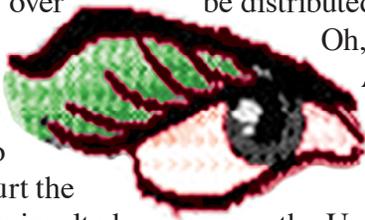
At times, the relationship between Black People and white power makes me think about cocker spaniels and rag dolls. Black People in the United States have taken on such a non-aggressive demeanor that We are indirectly forfeiting Our equal status. We are making it easy for white power to think of Us in less than complimentary terms, to trivialize what is important to Us, to think that Our concerns mean less than those of others. We are making it easy for white power to relate to Us as if We are less than human, less than what We actually are. Many of Us wonder why white power “treats” Us so bad. It is because We make it easy for white power to “treat” Us so bad.

When I was a little boy, little boys all over the country were learning that those who did not fight back were the ones who were most likely to get picked on and disrespected. The ones who were scared to fight were the ones whose feelings were hurt the most, the ones who were most likely to be insulted. Simply living the life that a little boy lives taught me that, and whether I wanted to believe it or not was irrelevant. In order to get some respect, little boys had to show that they could make others feel pain or discomfort.

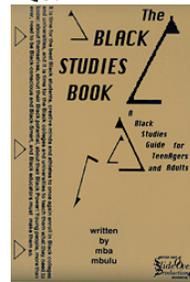
The same is true of Black People in the United States. If We want others to worry about how their actions will affect Us, We have to establish a track record of inflicting pain and discomfort on those who fail to relate to Us with respect. We can't be like cocker spaniels (cocker spaniels are the “cutest looking” and sweetest acting puppies you'd ever want to see, but nobody fears them, nobody respects them), nor can We be white America's doll. Millions of little white girls grow up with raggedy Ann dolls as their constant companion. When they don't have anything else to do or anyone else to be with, they can always fall back on their doll. And when they are upset or disappointed, or don't get their way, they can always take it out on their doll and not worry about repercussions.

We are reminded of Our cocker spaniel or raggedy Ann status everyday. Police officers empty their guns in Black bodies because they know Black People will not make them pay, the “authorities” do not investigate such incidents or punish the perpetrators because they know Black People will not make them pay, and white college students have parties that trivialize Black People and the Black “struggle” because they know Black People will not make them pay. Black People bore the brunt of the Civil Rights struggle but white women and non-Black people of color benefitted the most. Why? Because there are no repercussions when Black People are short-changed, no fear of pain or discomfort when what should be distributed to Us is distributed to others instead.

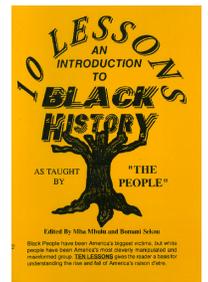
Oh, if only Black People in the United States of America had the fight and self pride in them that Black People in Haiti have. Whereas Haitians have fought like no others to remain true to their essence, Black People in the United States of America have allowed white people to make Us what white people want Us to be. I feel secure in stating that the Haitian People are closer to greatness than mediocrity. I can't say the same about Black People in the United States of America.



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