

A WORD OR 2

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

The Best of Us, The Worst of Us

Much of what will be thought about a people like African Americans is determined, unfairly, by what the smartest and strongest individuals do and fail to do. The smartest and strongest African Americans have failed to step up to the plate in a meaningful way recently. That has allowed those who are not as smart and not as strong, the Condoleeza Rices, Clarence Thomases, Tavis Smileys, etc., to play white power’s game and mold an image of Us that any self respecting victim of injustice and racism would be ashamed of. It is normal for onlookers to think that those who are most successful are the strongest and smartest of the lot, but that is not the case when it comes to African Americans. The smartest and strongest African Americans have not allowed themselves to become a willing pawn of white power, so they don’t experience “success” to the extent the weaker and less astute African Americans do. The weaker and less astute African Americans do whatever they can to please white power America). In the process, they help white power America generate a worldwide image of Us that is regrettable.

Unfortunately, it is an image that is more accurate than We should want it to be. A combination of what the smartest and strongest have failed to do and what the weaker and less astute have done has produced an African American reality that is frightening. There is a lot of talk about how bad off the Blacks in Haiti are, but when one gets down to the nuts and bolts of the matter, African Americans are in less control of themselves and their destiny than the people of Haiti. The same is true when one compares African Americans to many impoverished people throughout Africa and the Caribbean / South America. Why is this true? Because African Americans do not govern African Americans. African Americans do not have a gov-

ernment of their own, and African Americans don’t seem to possess the will, commitment to posterity or pride in self to take a “give me liberty or give me death” position on anything. As a result, African Americans don’t instill fear in any actual or potential abuser.

Let’s break this thing down and look at what it is to be an African American today. Today’s African American is a person who has adapted to living in an environment where he or she can not exert any meaningful political, economic, educational, judicial or cultural power. The African American vote is a joke and there is no African American lobby to speak of. African Americans aren’t in control of any raw materials, and don’t produce any vital goods or provide any vital services.

If African Americans relied on African American economic activity for survival, all African Americans would be living well below the poverty level. African Americans have little to no sayso in what African Americans are taught in school, and are so disrespected that authentic Black centric books are discounted by school systems and educators as a matter of course. The judicial system practically revolves around incriminating African Americans, and African American judges, like African American politicians, economists and educators, are essentially empty suits. And African American culture revolves around the popular more than the traditional; what it destroys is essential, while what it establishes is negligible. As such, it does almost nothing insofar as instilling a sense of community is concerned. If people in other parts of the world know anything about African Americans culturally, it is a by product of white America’s business and propaganda initiatives. African Americans have not developed the wherewithal to export anything, not even an African American intangible, and African



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Americans seem to think there is nothing lacking or out of the ordinary about that.

Yet, African Americans think they are more advanced than people of color in other parts of the world, and think they are better equipped than others to play a meaningful role in the struggle of Black People throughout the world. Those among Us who haven't figured out how to make themselves politically, economically, educationally, judicially or culturally relevant still think they have something of unusual value to offer struggling people who have already made themselves politically, economically, educationally, judicially and culturally relevant. The fact of the matter is that the early-21st century African American is presently incapable of leading anyone to anything other than that which is good for white power.

As I experience people of color who are not African American, I advise them to hope for the best but be prepared for the worst when they deal with African Americans. Until African Americans have demonstrated that they have broken all meaningful ties with white power America, trusting African Americans is risky business. African Americans today are consumed by white power America; what they are most capable of is leading others to the same level of subservience to and dependence on white power that they have resigned themselves to. Black People in other parts of the world are better off without that.



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POWER QUOTES

"When the Blacks of San Domingo would not submit to slavery, the French whites considered it an unpardonable crime."

"But what men these Blacks are! How they fight and how they die! One has to make war against them to know their reckless courage in braving danger when they can no longer have recourse to stratagem. I have seen a solid column, torn by grape shot from four pieces of cannon, advance without making a retrograde step. The more they fell, the greater seemed to be the courage of the rest." From the memoirs of a white man who believed in slavery, The Black Jacobins

"Traitors and scoundrels are part and parcel of every nationalistic movement. Success can be had in spite of them."

"The right time is a consequence of progress, not a prerequisite to progress."

"Black People have to develop a more effective balance between the logic of words and the logic of emotions. Our disproportionate reliance on words seems to have drained Us of Our potency."

"Quite frequently, it is the blind desire to avoid violence that causes it."

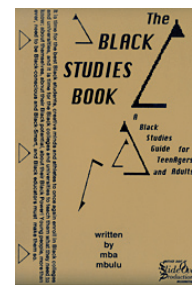
"The only time rich and powerful people understand justice is when they are running for their lives."

"Revolutionaries everywhere aim to exterminate their oppressors."

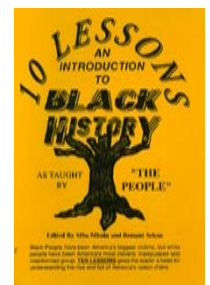
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