

# A WORD OR 2

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*"Black Nationalism is the only real solution for Black People in the United States."*

## For The Time Being

This is my first news item in 2008, and my first release of material in more than a month. I have been occupying myself with activities, not words. How many times must the same things be said and pointed out, and in how many different ways? Certainly, what Black People have lacked for quite a number of years now is not information. As I stated and wrote more than thirty years ago the choice for Black People in the United States of America is clear: either seek self government or allow Ourselves to be morphed into dark skinned white people.

My position is "We are Black People, We are not dark skinned white people." In order to keep Our heritage and culture from all but disappearing, in order to elevate the quality of life and standard of living of the masses of Black communities and families, and in order to help build a world order that values Us, We need to govern Ourselves and bear allegiance to Our national and international aspirations.

The president of Bolivia is Evo Morales. Morales has introduced changes to the constitution that will give more power to the indigenous people there and reduce the impact of the "whites." Morales has been president for only two or three years, but already the whites have threatened to separate from Bolivia and establish their own government and nation. Why whites can decide so rapidly that its time to separate while the majority of Black People in the United States have not reached that conclusion after more than 300 years is a comparison that begs to be analyzed.

Why do some groups of people insist on controlling their destiny, while other groups shy away from doing the same? I can see why those who are accustomed to having power want to continue holding onto power, but it is strange when those who do not hold power don't want to seize control of power. It is even more daunting in the case of so-called African Americans because the level of input and participation of African Americans in white America's government is very low, but the negative ramifications generated by white America's government is felt in the Black communities at a very high level.

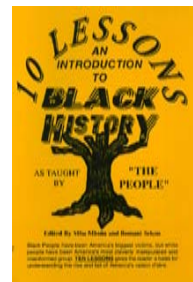
I have asked myself several times why African Ameri-

cans are so stuck on the United States of America? Because of the policies of this country, the health of African Americans is among the worst in the world, the jails are disproportionately occupied by so-called African Americans, the condition of so-called African American communities is largely deplorable, and, as New Orleans is telling Us, will get worse and worse in the future. Less Black individuals are literate now than 40 years ago, and that is a consequence of design, not happenstance. Additionally, legislation is being considered that will make it a crime to protest against the government. The United States government is making it clear that it considers its citizens its property, its raggedy ann doll, its mindless tagalong, and so-called African Americans seem to be alright with that.

I try to understand it but I can't. There is a value system operating here that is difficult for me to accept.

So I am not going to accept it.

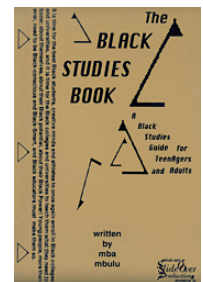
Take a look at the African Americans who are urging you to stay the course. They are probably the most schooled, the most well off, the most upwardly mobile, the most recognizable. They are also the most selfish Blacks, and are not typical of the best of Us. For the time being, mediocrity reigns.



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