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

Once Upon a Time

Once upon a time, who knows how many years ago (maybe one hundred, more or less) there was entered into the struggle of Black people the “emotions” factor. It was inserted that one of Black People’s shortcomings was that We were too emotional, that We needed to become more analytical (like white people). So it came to pass that, as ineffective strugglers are apt to do, We set out on a path that would appease Our worst enemies. We began concentrating on making Ourselves less emotional, and that has become one of Our biggest mistakes.

Effective strugglers struggle within the context of who they are. Black People in the United States have not learned that lesson. That is one of the reasons We cringe with shame when We hear a Black person talk like We talk instead of like white people talk.

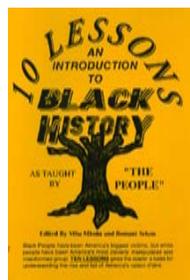
That is one of the reasons We prefer to live in white communities rather than Black ones. That is one of the reasons We prefer to have white schools teach Our children rather than Black schools. And that is one of the reasons We set out on a journey of many years to make Ourselves less emotional. In so doing, We surrendered one of Our most effective weapons.

There is a subconscious logic to every emotion. Our ancient African forefathers figured that out and accepted the fact that the heart is more powerful than the mind. One of the reasons governments and authority figures wield so much control over the average person is because they arouse the average person’s emotions. When an authority figure appears, the average person feels the emotion of fear; fear of being put in jail, fear of losing a job, fear of being killed, fear of being rendered financially unstable. Even when they know the authorities might be wrong, the heart of the average person convinces them to do what is “safe,” not what makes the most sense.

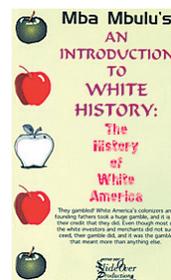
When We provide Black individuals with an analytical reason to oppose oppression, it is not likely to stand up during a time of crisis. When a crisis appears, people’s emotions are going to dominate more often than not. What Black People need is something that will neutralize an emotional response. That thing is another emotion.

We need to get back to acting like We are who We are. At any time long ago We might have exploded in

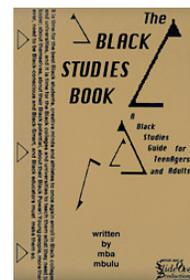
any situation at any given time. That burst of spontaneity kept Our enemies off balance and fearful of Our unpredictably. And, most importantly, it helped render the emotions Our enemies use against less effective. We need to get back to that.



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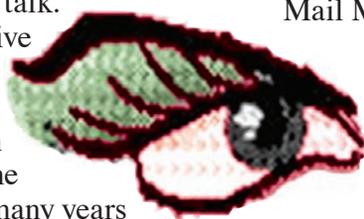
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