

A WORD OR 2

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

Black Nationalism is the Solution

I recently received an email from a brother asking me how I continue to be a Black nationalist. At a time when Black People seem to be more caught up in this white power system than ever, what is there to motivate a Black nationalist to continue the struggle? What follows is an expanded version of my response.

You ask me how I continue to be a Black nationalist under the circumstances that you so clearly described in your email. The reasons are many and they are all simple. I hope you don't mind but I'll use this to delve into your question and a matter related to it.

The number one reason I continue to be a Black nationalist is because of you and brothers and sisters like you. There are some brothers and sisters out there who none of us have heard of who know how to take Black nationalism to the next level better than I do. At this precise time they are probably standing on a street corner wasting time or caught up in some other activity, but sooner or later one or two of them are going to come across some of my information or the information of someone like me, and it is going to cause them to re-channel their energies. There are some Mba Mbulus out there who will bring some critical ingredients to the table that this Mba Mbulu does not possess.

Additionally, I continue to be a Black nationalist because I can't accept the alternative. It is one thing to not be able to create the system We need, but it is an entirely different thing to accommodate myself to a system that is destructive and anti-human. I would rather try the first and not see success rather than accommodate to the second and become a tool of those who abuse Us.

My understanding of the historical process also keeps me going. We cannot use our eyes, ears and minds to make an accurate assessment of where We are in the course of a political process. Factors could be on the verge of coming into play that will drastically change present dynamics, so we have to be ready. We can't be any worse off than the Blacks of San Domingo (Haiti) were, but instead of slumping into complete submission, they broke loose almost overnight and didn't stop until

a new nation had been created. We only know what the situation looks like to us. But the whole picture is so large that no single individual or group of individuals can accurately assess the possibilities. We have to be true to our cause and be ready to deliver a strong Black nationalist punch if opportunity knocks unexpectedly. No matter how hard we try or how much we might want to, we can't make processes and social movement as grand as Black nationalism occur on an individual's or small group's time schedule. That is one of the reasons why, at certain points in the process, it is more important to fight and resist than win. By fighting and resisting we keep the process alive. That gives time the opportunity to create more of the type of soldiers, fighters and resisters we need, and that in term gives Us a pretty good chance of winning when the opportunity presents itself.

It is Our weakness that is frustrating Us, not the strength of our enemies. Therefore, Our ability to free our land and establish our own government is not in doubt. As soon as We decide to do so, success is all but guaranteed. That realization keeps me going. I know that the answer for Us is internal, not external, and the future of Black nationalism is in Our hands, not somebody else's.

If we have not been successful yet, it is because Black nationalists in the United States have not paid a high enough price yet. We have settled into "make do" mode just like many of the non-Black nationalists we criticize, and in the same way they keep on doing the same old things that are harmful to Us, Black nationalists keep on doing the same old things that have failed to produce results in the past. Today's Black nationalists are spending too much time prioritizing non-Black nationalist work. We are wasting time trying to convert Black capitalists when we should just let them be capitalists. We don't need non-Black nationalists in our camp right now. We are wasting time arguing with Muslims when we should just let them enjoy their religious cop-out. We don't need individuals whose allegiance is non-Black nationalist right now. We are wasting time tracing steps that have failed us in the past, like trying to function within the established system, complaining about police brutality



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and racism, and calling for marches and national meetings of progressive Black power advocates, etc. None of that has worked in the past, none of it will work now. But because Black nationalists have lost most of their creative and audacious energy, many Black nationalists are stuck trying to do the same old things that have never worked, and they seem incapable of breaking out of that stuck mode. We have to prepare to move forward with them in support roles, not leadership roles.

The best thing a sincere Black nationalist can do right now is recognize that we already have the ideological part of the question answered. We have that in the Republic of New Africa and the Washitaw nations. Therefore, We don't need to form any new organizations. We need to make the most of the ones We have, but we fail in that regard because we spend so much time addressing issues and individuals that don't need to be addressed now. In short We waste one of Our most valuable resources- TIME. As long as we do that, we will not be able to put in a good punch for Black nationalism if the opportunity unexpectedly presents itself.

It would only take 5 or 10 sincere Black nationalists to get us moving in a positive direction. The first thing they have to do is agree to a plan of action. The second thing they have to do is not waste time with individuals and issues that have doubts about the plan of action. And the third thing they have to do is treat Black nationalism like a full time job. It will not be an easy endeavor, and quite a number of enemies and detractors within the Black movement will attack the Black nationalists more fervently than they attack white power, but effective Black nationalists will not spend much time worrying about that. They will move Black nationalism forward, and that is the most powerful statement of all.

Tshaka Zulu wasn't popular, but he was effective.

Yes, I continue with the web site because it is important, but I learned years ago that education can be overrated. Knowledge is not power, but some of Us have been convinced that it is. The fact of the matter is this: If you are unable to or fail to act according to what you know, then your knowledge is either a waste or worse, a crutch.

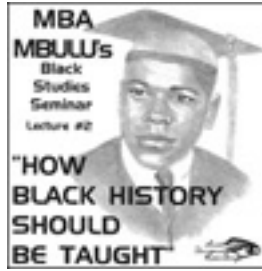
I understand your frustration because I live it, have experienced it over and over over the years. However, I have learned that it is not strong enough to defeat me; it might take me some minutes, hours or days to recover but I always come back strong. You'll do the same because there is only one viable solution for Us, and that is Black nationalism.

You'll be okay. You're ahead of the curve and its frustrating. But the first thing you need to do is continue being a Black nationalist in word and deed. Do everything you can that is within your control to make it real and do as much as you can with that which is outside of your control. Then let the chips fall where they may.

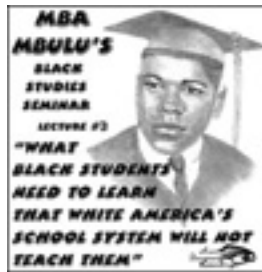
It will not be long before I go in search of the five or ten I need. We'll see what happens.



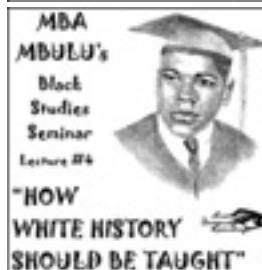
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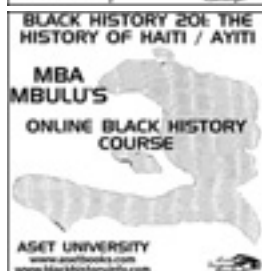
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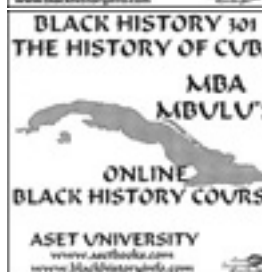
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