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

MLK's Statue

If you expect to read some feel good words in this article, then you might as well stop reading right now. The fact that a non-African has been commissioned to do the sculpture of Martin Luther King is an insult to Black People throughout the United States. But it is not white power that is at fault here. The fault lies clearly in the hands of ignorant, cowardly and selfish African Americans who have demonstrated a very low level of self respect while “struggling” the past 40 or so years.

If Black People had struggled with an iota of courage and self respect during the last 40 or so years, white people and uncle toms wouldn't dare disrespect Us to the extent they do. But they do what they do because they know all We're gonna do is whine. That is what the civil rights movement that We got involved in has converted Us into-- a bunch of inept, do nothing whiners.

But maybe there is another angle to this. Maybe African Americans are stuck smoking that cigar Malcolm X referred to, the one that had “fire on one end and fool on the other.” How long does it take a halfway smart person to realize that life is not worth squat if you are not willing to put it on the line against those who systematically abuse you? How long does it take to realize that?

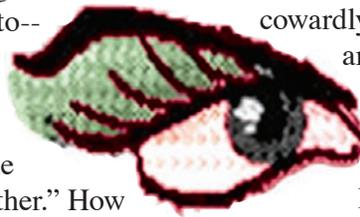
But do We put it on the line against those who abuse Us? No, because Our enemy is the Almighty white man, and We act like We are scared of the Almighty white man. Scared that he might fire Us, scared that he might shoot Us, scared that he might impoverish Us, scared that he might put Us in jail. It's as if We are too ignorant to realize he is already doing those things to Us. So We do stupid stuff, stuff like bury the word nigger, stuff like try to take it out on Hispanics, stuff like attack rappers who are ghetto heavy because We allowed white power to educate them, stuff like complain about Katrina and wait for white power to correct the situation, stuff like complain about police assassinations and wait for white power to correct the situation, stuff like complain about judicial injustice and wait for white power to correct the situation, etc. Whining, whining; like cowards, like sissies, like floor mats that talk.

Why should anybody respect Us?

In my opinion, MLK's statue should belong to white America because King did a lot that benefitted white power and very little that benefitted Black People. Sure, he was changing at the time he was assassinated, but even then he would have been a far cry from someone like Malcolm X, Marcus Garvey or Imari Obadele. One of the worst mistakes African Americans made was to follow Martin Luther King. But We did that because We were cowards and ignorant; We thought Martin's way was the easiest way, the least confrontational way, the least risky way. Now We should know better; We should know that suffering over an extended period of time is much worse than fighting like mad over a relatively short number of years.

We would have been better off if We had gone to war to deal with this situation once and for all. But We took the cowardly road, and are continuing along that road. We are on the road where the only ones likely to suffer are Us. When only one side suffers, the other side isn't going to want to change.

Day in and day out We let others know how little We think of Ourselves, how little We respect Ourselves, how scared We are to draw the line; yet We have the nerve to get upset when others disrespect Us, when others act toward Us in the same manner We act toward Ourselves. African Americans must be smoking something.

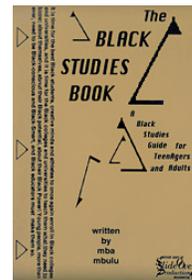


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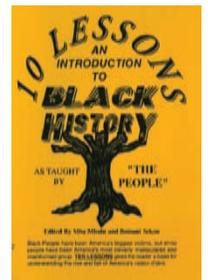
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