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

JAMAICAN VACATION?

A documentary about Jamaica was published in 2001. Entitled “Life + Debt,” it assumes the viewer knows a little about Jamaica’s history. For those who might need a refresher, here’s the nutshell.

Jamaica was a slave colony of England. After several centuries, whites in England realized it was more profitable to pay laborers minimum wages than maintain slaves, so slavery was abolished (1833). Then, another century later, white people realized they did not have to maintain a colony while they sucked it dry of its resources. It was cheaper for whites to “free” the colony and suck it dry. As a result, Jamaica was awarded its “independence” (1961).

“Life + Debt” is the story of Jamaica since “independence.” It is a case study of how economic globalization handicaps poor people. It is the story of how white countries continue to impoverish their former colonies. It is the story of how the World Bank operates, of how an international crime syndicate operates, of how willing everyday white people are to ignore the crimes their governments commit against others. It is the story of what colonized people should NOT do, and it raises questions about how capable colonized people are of doing what they SHOULD do.

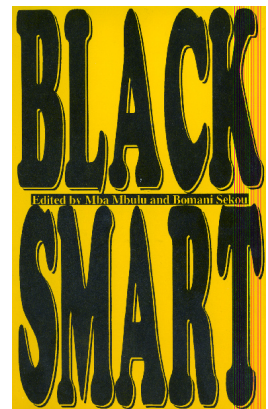
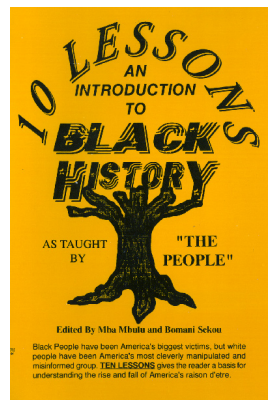
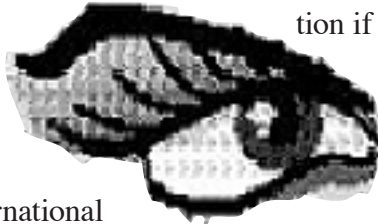
“Life + Debt” is the story of Jamaica’s undoing and Jamaica’s shortcomings, but its essential message revolves around the shortcomings of all colonized people, including so-called African Americans.

It was only a few years after the revolution in Cuba that Jamaica received its “independence.” Jamaica should have followed in Cuba’s footsteps, but didn’t. Cuba chose to be independent, at whatever price it took. Jamaicans opted to maintain ties with the white power economic order, to scramble for the crumbs white governments threw them. Those crumbs fleeced them economically, castrated them psychologically and handcuffed them politically. Unlike the Cubans, some

Jamaicans did have a handful of American dollars to spend, but unlike the Cubans, the Jamaicans were not developing the audacity to determine their own destiny. As a result, they left themselves at the mercy of organized white criminals posing as bankers, economists and government officials.

Like the Jamaicans, other former colonies chose to scramble for white crumbs rather than follow in Cuba’s footsteps. Like Jamaica, they too are on a road that only leads to a deeper and deeper hole. This includes so-called African Americans. Like Jamaicans, so-called African Americans scramble for a few white dollars. But unlike Jamaicans, so called African Americans couldn’t pass a law that seeks to remedy a situation if they wanted to.

So-called African Americans don’t seem to want to take on the responsibilities that come with self government. So-called African Americans seem to prefer being dominated, disrespected and trivialized by white power America.



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