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# **That's BLACK MALE!**

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## INTRODUCTION

As the title implies, this book is proffered to help all readers better understand black males, or more specifically, African American males. As with anything I self-publish, this book is not intended to become a best seller or an authoritative scholarly work. To the contrary, I am just one black male sharing my observations over six decades regarding a paradigm shift in education, economics, ethnicity, and ethics within the African American community. As both the author and publisher, I took the liberty once again to print only on one side of each page in order for you to analyze, journal, reflect, and express your feelings as you proceed. As a warning, WE the People of the United States typically respond emotionally rather than rationally whenever something “steps on our toes”. Yet, WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it, inconsequential to whatever “it” is. Therefore, I am challenging black readers, brown readers, white readers, and even readers who are the “color of water” to have *intellectual* discussions with your peers, children, other relatives, and your neighbors regarding how to effectuate positive changes in the attitudes and actions of black males. Obviously, we are not a monolith and many black males are excellent examples of irreproachable morals, virility, erudition, and success. Yet, this book focuses upon assisting and advising those of us who have failed to become an asset to our family and our Village. While most people feel uncomfortable being criticized, bear in mind that **NFL** and **NBA** coaches never win championships without criticizing their athletes. Similarly, is it possible that parents who fail to criticize their children’s socially unacceptable behavior often create juvenile delinquents? None of us can legislate **rectitude** because it must come from within without duress. Ergo, my mission is to plant a small seed of *intelligent* information in order for my brothers to recognize the countless vices within us, which we need to extirpate like weeds.

Often, it is said that it takes an entire village to *properly* raise a child. Of course, I believe that the **nuclear family** [and to a lesser degree, the extended family] is the substrate most responsible for maintaining the *continuity* and the *core values* of any specific identity group or village. In a global society, one quickly realizes that not all communities or villages are alike. Therefore, this book clearly challenges and even criticizes several folkways that have become popular among **African Americans** within my lifetime. Whether or not we admit it, the work ethic and **core values** of our kindred from AFRICA and the CARIBBEAN are antithetical to those inveterately associated with “African Americans”. As an educator, I see the consequences of this paradigm shift in a deliberate “dumbing down” of those students who just want to get by. Among black males, can we afford to “just get by” in order to play sports in high school at the expense of becoming well-educated teenagers? Gentlemen, should we advise black boys to assiduously develop their cognition in order to *provide* and to *protect* a young family from internal and external vices a decade from now? Explain. IF we are our own worst enemy, then we must not cower from making positive changes in our mores and folkways while encouraging other black males to do likewise. Both **Malcolm X** and **Martin Luther King, Jr.** lamented the extent to which many African Americans rejected critical thinking, erudition, and self-discipline. Similarly, many of today’s black males also are insouciant regarding taking responsibility for amelioration of our moral standards, formal education, marketable job skills, careers, general knowledge, and spiritual wisdom. Is this why countless **African American Feminists** embrace being bread winners who do not need to rely upon any irresponsible or unreliable man? Explain. IF the score at half-time during the **Super Bowl** is 42 to 6, then should the losing head coach

complain to the officials or admonish his defense to stop their opponent's quarterback and running back? Does complaining to the officials ever change the score or the outcome of the game? The **Civil Rights Era** proffered our Village many important lessons about "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness", which seldomly are discussed at home, at the barber shop, on the football field, or on the basketball court. For example, more than fifty years have passed since the **Moynihan Report**. Yet, we have moved forward in some areas and backwards in others. Brothers, the salient question in my mind is IF black lives matter, then are we truly committed to facing and fixing the F's on our report card? Does the responsibility for rearing well-educated and well-mannered **black males** lie with the federal government, the school, the coach, the church, the criminal justice system, or the nuclear family? WE can't fix it IF we can't face it, inconsequential to whatever "it" is. Quoting my maternal grandmother, "*Every tub has to sit on its own bottom.*" Gentlemen, history has shown us that neither bricks, bottles, bullets, nor our biceps are as efficacious as *intelligent* strategies that only arise from using our brilliant **brains** to score another touchdown. Therefore, I hope that you will examine how "That's BLACK MALE!" *attempts* to address some spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical **F's** on our report card that we collectively should fix in order to close the 36 point deficit. For the sake of our entire Village, I also challenge you to teach other **black males** how to score another touchdown and eventually win the game.

#### PSALM 1

*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season. His leaf also shall not wither and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

## OUR VILLAGE IS DYSFUNCTIONAL

Thank you for choosing to read this book. However, IF you have not read "**The Negro Family**", the 1965 Labor Department Report by *Daniel Moynihan*, as well as "**A Hope In The Unseen**" by *Ron Suskind*, then please hold in abeyance reading this book until you have done so. Why? I have used the works of both authors as a quintessential point of reference for some observations, hypotheses, and opinions stated in "**That's BLACK MALE!**". In a nation wherein "In God We Trust" has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, WE need to at least consider whether God exists and other Biblical questions. As a Christian, I see **Satan** impacting our attitudes about politics, religion, and sexuality – both as individuals and as a nation. IF you are a devout Christian, then you would be well-advised to read the entire Bible at least **seven** times. Why? In a nation wherein "In God We Trust" has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, doing so will change your **spiritual DNA** and empower you to discern *Biblical truth* from **apostasy**. Also, let me be very clear via this disclaimer: I am neither a scholar nor an academe who has done extensive research on "the black male". To the contrary, I am just a black male and an autodidact who enjoys reading books and challenging others to *criticize* and to *correct* some of the social problems in our nation. In this context, I believe that many African American males fail to see the extent to which we live in **3-D**: namely delusion, duplicity, and dishonesty. Thus, feel free to impeach or disregard this work – in part or in toto. Obviously, I can not change the world. Yet, hopefully, you and I can change the world in which we live for the better via putting some of these ideas into practice.

Also, bear in mind that I am writing this book in 2023 at age 67, which circumscribes my world view as well as my personal point of reference. Therefore, those of you in your fifties or younger lack any experiential knowledge of the assassination of **Pres. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X, or Robert Kennedy** during the Civil Rights Era. Concomitantly, many Americans under the age of 65+ also can not recall a time when only four or five channels were functional on our black and white televisions, replete with rabbit ears. Unlike today, television networks shut down after 11:00 p.m. and did not resume broadcasting until 6:00 the next morning. Many of the television shows children are watching today would not have met the **moral standards** of the 1960's during my childhood. Historical context gives greater meaning to what we read and what we can learn from our parents, grandparents and other elders. For example, many senior citizens who lived in small towns or in rural communities can recall how the **Bible** and the **belt** once were "standard classroom supplies" in our nation's public schools. Neither parents, teachers nor administrators spared the rod to spoil a disrespectful or disobedient child. Ergo, during my childhood, virtually all children respected adult authority and the majority of people attended church to hear their pastor preach or teach about family values, morality, and God. Even if they were not fully committed to being a Christian, even sinners believed that **Christian values** were important to the quality of life within their community. For example, in many small Southern towns, many families seldomly locked the front door to their homes at night. Why? The quality of life in the 1960's was such that virtually everyone understood their community's standards for what was **morally** right and wrong. Unlike a big city such as New York or Chicago, people in small towns knew their neighbors and easily could identify a suspected thief or burglar to the police. Additionally, IF we had a home telephone, then we could join what today would be a "conference call" just by picking up the receiver on a rotary telephone's party line. Relative to a

nation wherein “**In God We Trust**” now has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, those were the good old days. Without living in the past, how can we make the world a better place? Explain.

Indeed, any nation that vacates God’s Commandments, by default, will become more ungodly and more evil. We hold these truths to be self-evident throughout Americana. Today, most teenagers have their own cell phones and laptop computers. Ergo, many people believe that technology has changed forever our lives for the better...but has it? Let’s explore how technology, television, video games, social media, ungodliness, cancel culture, atheism, Wicca, unwed mothers, feminism, fatherlessness, bisexuality, sexual immorality, and even **Satanic Clubs** in today’s public schools adversely have impacted the intellectual and **moral fabric** of American society as a whole. Those among us 65+ and older have an experiential advantage of having lived through the “before” versus “after” in Americana. Thus, to understand the historical context, it is important for younger Americans to research, read, comprehend, analyze, and synthesize a realistic picture of what constitutes “**before**” and “**after**” mores and folkways. Only upon their discernment of an accurate historical context will America’s Youths be able to shift their **moral paradigm** in a positive direction. A cursory examination of social media accentuates the chasm between *well-informed* statements versus *emotional* posts lacking any factual basis. Even what we consider to be “the news” often may be tainted with *lies* and *propaganda*. Ergo, **Edward Bernays’** impact upon **psychological manipulation** of the masses continues unabated in the twenty-first century. While Sigmund Freud’s nephew is famous for having made it socially acceptable for females to smoke cigarettes in public, Bernays’ strategies also were efficacious in empowering the **Feminist Movement** and **GLBT Movement**. In this context, neither teenagers nor young adults have experienced the “before” milieu in our nation. Thus, I entreat America’s heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, and transgender youths to research, read, comprehend, and analyze **American History** over the past century. Doing so will provide you with a factual basis to measure the efficacy of **political correctness** and *social engineering’s* psychological impact upon our national psyche. George Orwell’s **1984** and Ray Bradbury’s **Fahrenheit 451** obviate how totalitarian regimes create proles or “*mental slaves*” via banning books and otherwise controlling access to information. Americans associate this type of despotism with the USSR, China, and other communist countries during the Cold War. Yet, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that WE the People of the United States are controlled by Orwellian “*Thought Police*” as well? Explain. “**After the Ball: How America Will Conquer Its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the 90s**” by Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen is tantamount to a psychological template for shifting the paradigm from “*an abomination*” to an innocuous “*alternate lifestyle*” regarding homosexuality. Ergo, Bernays’ mind control still works.

To measure the efficacy of the aforementioned *political* movements, it is extremely important to research, read, and understand the “before” and “after” in the *religious* community as well. With today’s proliferation of bisexual, gay, female, and lesbian pastors, elders, and bishops, is it possible that **Satan** is rolling on the floor laughing at the fools we have become? Can anyone embrace that lifestyle and agenda while still remaining in the **Body of Christ**? Are they as mutually exclusive as are darkness and light? Is a “married bachelor” an oxymoron as well? Generally speaking, our nation now promotes “freedom” or “individualism” rather than any measurable standards for moral conduct. Akin to **Aleister Crowley’s** mantra, “*Do as thou wilt,*” the current laws of the land block, tackle, clip, and run God’s instructions out of bounds. When I was a child, we read the Bible aloud, prayed aloud,

and recited the Pledge of Allegiance each morning at school. Today, it is illegal to do those things as if inculcating moral decency is a thing of the past. Either “One nation under God” is omitted or reciting the Pledge of Allegiance no longer is a morning ritual in public schools. **Madalyn Murray O’Hair** founded American Atheists in 1963 and served as the organization’s president for 25 years. Once described as “*America’s Most Hated Woman*”, did Madalyn score a touchdown for **Heaven’s Head Coach** or for **Hell’s Head Coach**? Explain. For anyone too young to recall this passionate feminist and her legal *victory* before the Supreme Court, please read “**UnGodly: The Passions, Torments, and Murder of Atheist Madalyn Murray O’Hair**” by Ted Dracos. This book provides *historical context* for Madalyn’s accomplishments as well as the accomplishments of the Feminist Movement and the Gay Movement of her time.

Prior to the **Obama Administration**, homosexuality was both *immoral* and *illegal* throughout the United States. Today, local and federal institutions now can classify public criticism of so-called “gay marriage” and anal sex as “**hate speech**”. Those of us 65+ and older can recall when the **American Psychiatric Association** considered schizophrenia, pederasty, bestiality, and homosexuality to be *mental illnesses*. However, without any public fanfare and under duress from the **Gay Movement**, the DSM declassified homosexuality as a mental illness in 1973, which was shortly before the advent of **AIDS**. Is there any correlation between the two events? Can you see Satan rolling on the floor laughing at the way his team flipped the script on *sexual immorality* in the United States? Not until I learned that Senator Barack Obama was a life-time member of Chicago’s infamous **gay bath house** [Man’s Country] was I able to fathom this black male’s obsession with **anal sex**. Likewise, I also am a black male who has engaged in sexual immorality with both male and female partners. However, **Jesus Christ** has saved me and many other former *prodigal sons* [and daughters] from that *perverted* lifestyle of **bisexuality**. Ergo, I am not a **homophobic** zealot condemning anyone, other than **Hell’s Head Coach**. Rather than to cast the first stone at someone for making “*sexual mistakes*”, I prefer to expose the sinfulness of **Lucifer’s** perennial, evil game of “Trick or Treat”. **Heaven’s Head Coach** exposes our sins in order for us to *repent*, turn from our wicked ways, and commit our lives to obeying Him. How else can any of us avoid spending Eternity in Hell? Yet, WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it. Therefore, let’s face and fix what we have the power to change, no matter what “it” is.

IF your son’s first grade teacher proclaimed, “The kat klimbed the tree while karefully karrying her kitten,” then would you nominate him or her for Teacher of the Year or would you teach Junior how to ferret for the *truth* via using a dictionary? Typically, a first grade student blindly trusts his teacher and will be *deceived* unless his parents show him the correct spelling of “cat” in the dictionary. Similarly, Satan deceived Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and God expelled both of them. Today, Lucifer’s *treats* [physical pleasure, pecuniary assets, purchased pulchritude, and political power, etc.] remain pleasant to our eyes. Yet, the Old Testament and the New Testament well-illustrate how these *treats* or “*forbidden fruits*” will separate us from God and lead to unrighteous living and subsequent punishment. In direct contradiction to God’s instructions, today’s 501(c)(3) churches and Christian clergy have acquiesced to *political correctness*, especially after Pres. Obama successfully legalized so-called “*gay marriage*”. If you are a Christian, then what was your pastor’s response to that Supreme Court ruling? Moreover, when was the last time your pastor unabashedly preached against bisexuality, homosexuality, illegitimate children, lesbianism, fornication, adultery, and blasphemous sexual reassignment surgery? Anyone who has not studied “**God’s Dictionary**” might think of *political*

*correctness* as a positive, liberating, and progressive world view. **Hell's Head Coach** has deceived millions of teenagers and adults alike via their **Biblical illiteracy** and their ignorance of the truth.

As I already mentioned, during my childhood there was *nothing* on television between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Today, however, millions of Americans watch television around the clock. With so much visual entertainment at our disposal, there has been a precipitous decline in **reading books**, the most important of which would be the Holy Bible. IF you are Jewish, then studying the Torah would be sacrosanct. IF you are Muslim, then studying your Quran is the moral compass you should study. For all of us, is it possible that technology, television, video games, and social media can be *toxic*? Is Satan feeding our minds *ungodliness* and *evil* without our realizing that to be the case when we watch certain movies and television shows? Akin to sponges, the human mind absorbs whatever touches our psyche. A sponge can absorb water, bleach, and other liquids when it makes contact with them. Similarly, the human mind can absorb *spiritual water* or *spiritual bleach* when we make mental contact with them. Ingesting the former sustains life while the latter causes death. Today, both children and teenagers are inundated with profanity, pornography, and violence on television as well as their cell phones. During their formative years, their subsequent behavior is an affirmation of, "You are what you eat." IF African American males "*eat*" or consume toxic music, movies, video games, etc., then ungodliness and evil behavior will ensue. Of course, this axiom applies equally as well to other identity groups. Yet, I am sounding the alarm especially for black males to show how we are complicit in the poisoning of our minds. For example, in "A Hope in the Unseen", Cedric Jennings had the support of his mother and his church while he pursued academic excellence at school. Yet, do you recall how other **black male** students resented and bullied Cedric for his intellectual accomplishments to such an extent that he did not want to attend the assemblies where his principal recognized honor roll students? What's wrong with this picture of "Black Lives Matter"? Explain.

Unlike their great-grandparents, African American youths can not recall the time when "colored" and "white" signs were everywhere during **Apartheid** in the United States. Therefore, unless they read "good" books, they never will know what progress has been made since the Civil Rights Era. Typically, black children grew up with both their mother's and their father's love at home. Today, only 20% of African American children experience that kind of nurture. What disconcerts me most is that many of us have become insouciant rather than *criticizing* and *correcting* this paradigm. To the contrary, **political correctness** has taught the African American village to accommodate illiteracy, illegitimacy, and a plethora of mores and folkways that bring shame rather than honor to our race. In so doing, our village is dysfunctional. African America's Youths don't have an experiential point of reference to compare how traditional families and communities lived fifty years ago. Moreover, IF they never have read the entire Bible, then they may lack discernment between what is morally right and morally wrong. Prior to the **U.S. Supreme Court's** ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, both Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s widow and his daughter embraced gay rights as "human rights". Similarly, **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** said that he would rather go to Hell than to worship a *homophobic* God. Even the **Pope** recently stated that being gay is *not* a sin, which is why I encourage Catholics and other Christians to read the entire Bible for themselves. Clearly, our **religious** paradigm has shifted toward apostasy, atheism, heresy, and nihilism here in the United States. Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that **Hell's Head Coach** is winning the game for our souls? Brothers, is salvation from our sins through the blood of **Jesus Christ** more valuable than any **Super Bowl** trophy or ring? Explain. As I already have stated, *any* nation that vacates God's Commandments, by default, will become more



ungodly and more evil, bar none. Thus, have WE the People of the United States told **Almighty God** that we would rather go to Hell than to worship a *homophobic* God? On Judgment Day, is Mother Nature going to veto God's condemnation of Feminism and **GLBT** sexual perversion? Brothers, will the **Great Architect of the Universe** rescue "good men" from Hell's flames in his **Celestial Lodge** above? Explain.

As a substitute teacher who enjoys my dual roles as a teacher and a student, routinely I encounter students who are several grade levels behind in reading and math. Obviously, there is no need for **Big Brother** to ban or burn books IF an entire citizenry is functionally illiterate. Many parents try very hard to provide an intellectually and spiritually rich environment at home for their children. However, many parents do not. Ergo, let us focus upon the correlation between the lack of formal education and a plethora of socially unacceptable behaviors among African American males. Not surprisingly, countless African American males and females will become defensive rather than fixing our vices to ameliorate the quality of life for everyone. *C'est la vie, n'est ce pas?* At the risk of being redundant, gentlemen, feel free to disavow or reject anything herein with which you disagree. When I was a student in one of the South's "colored schools" mastery of reading, writing, and arithmetic were sacrosanct. A century before I was born, it was against the law for Negro slaves to pursue a formal education in order to learn to read and write. For obvious reasons, the efficacy of slavery depended upon *docile* and *malleable* minds being molded to believe whatever the plantation owners wanted "3/5 of a man" to believe. Paradoxically, the same **Founding Fathers** who said all men are created equal also penned this less than equal exception [Article I, section II] at the **US Constitutional Convention** in 1787. Similarly, **Native American** children in the United States and Canada were forcibly removed from their families, their communities, and their native tongues in order to be maligned, indoctrinated, molested, and "*miseducated*" in Eurocentric boarding schools. Upon examination of Pres. Andrew Jackson, the **Trail of Tears**, and this period in our history, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think Native Americans accurately stated, "*Pale face speak with forked tongue*"? Explain.

In any country, the level of education impacts the **gross national product** and the standard of living. Yet, a man who can not read also can not discern the opportunity cost of his illiteracy. Hypothetically, IF 25% of potential learning is via experience, 50% of potential learning is via reading, and 25% of potential learning is via **Divine wisdom** and *understanding*, then what does illiteracy portend for black males, both individually and collectively? IF technology in the classroom is improving education, then why are more than 75% of our students in many schools performing below grade level in Math and Reading? Explain. If that individual or identity group is African American, then the **Moynihan Report** hit the nail on the head during the Civil Rights Era. IF racism is blocking our efforts to draw water from the well of success, then why are we punching holes in the bottoms of our own buckets? Explain. WE can't fix it IF we can't face it. Rather than to require failing students to repeat a grade in order to gain mastery of the material, both teachers and administrators now pass these *incompetent* students to the next grade wherein they fall even further behind. When I was in the fifth grade, one fifteen-year-old boy still was in 5th grade because he could not pass the **standardized assessment** for promotion. In his case, he was not *retarded* or a candidate for Special Education. Instead, his parents were migrant farmers who frequently moved along the East Coast to harvest fresh fruits and vegetables. Therefore, his inability to keep up with his classmates was more of a logistical issue rather than an intellectual one. Nevertheless, is a student better off repeating a grade [hopefully only once] to

master the academic material or is automatic **social promotion** a more equitable and effective practice in the long-term? Explain. IF countless black male students graduate from high school each year without demonstrating competence in reading or math, then will they flourish or flounder a generation from now in the adult world? I rest my case.

During my formative years, “colored parents” understood how important a high school diploma was for upward mobility and future success in life. On both sides of my family, my grandparents and many of their peers had to stop attending school after **6th or 7th grade** in order to work in the fields and help support the family. Thus, serving God was the only thing considered more important than “schooling” for their children. For the first half of the twentieth century, some churches were used Monday through Friday as “colored schools”. Extra-curricular activities were virtually non-existent. However, intramural sports, such as basketball and football, became popular extra-curricular activities among high school students during the second half of the twentieth century. Some elementary schools now have basketball team rivalries against the 5th and 6th grade teams from other elementary schools. Not surprisingly, these students are excused early from class in order to practice, change into their uniforms, or ride the bus to their opponent’s school later that afternoon. Less than 25% of students in many California elementary schools pass the **CAASPP** in reading and math. Ergo, IF 75% of students in a primary school fail to reach their state's benchmarks for competence in math and reading, then should the principal discontinue the basketball team? IF our Village is dysfunctional, then how can concerned parents ensure their child is not left behind academically? In failing schools, should after school programs be tantamount to an extension of P. E. or should intensive **tutoring** and help with **homework** be the plat du jour? Explain. Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that **African American males** are being groomed for *mental slavery* via the distraction of competitive sports? For example, **Kevin Ross** is one among literally thousands of “*dumb jocks*” who excelled at his sport at the expense of academic excellence in the classroom. In adulthood, very few of these men ever will become computer engineers, doctors, lawyers, judges, college professors, etc. Ergo, is the hidden agenda a *deliberate* pipeline from public schools to privatized prisons? Explain. Meanwhile, the media and their mothers have taught many African American females not to depend upon any man. Ergo, they are more focused upon their **academic performance** than sports. As a result, as many as seven females to one male are planning for a professional career after college. Clearly, **social promotion** undermines the level of competence failing black male students will achieve a decade later in life as adults. Brothers, we must encourage our sons to step up their **academic game** in the classroom IF we expect them later to enjoy a **Huxtable** lifestyle in adulthood. Otherwise, Wall Street’s profitable **Prison Industrial Complex** hardly can wait for the next crop of “cotton” to mature on the plantation.

As a proud constituent of the last generation of “**colored**” students who matriculated in the South’s segregated “**colored**” schools, the Civil Rights Era remains the only time in American History wherein many colored students scored higher on standardized tests than their white counterparts in the “better schools”. Never forget that under **Jim Crow Laws**, many *colored schools* in the Deep South had a shorter academic year and *colored teachers* earned less income than their white counterparts. Thus, how could these *colored students* beat the odds stacked against them? Erudite colored teachers, who typically had earned their bachelor’s degree at a segregated agricultural and mechanical [A & M] college, were denied entry into law school, medical school, and other graduate programs at the University of Georgia, the University of Florida, the University of Alabama, and the University of

Mississippi, etc. Instead of integration “with deliberate speed” as mandated by the **SCOTUS**, several Southern states paid for Negroes to attend Columbia University, Howard University, Penn State and other prestigious Northern universities. As a result, racial segregation was a “blessing in disguise” as these well-educated “colored” teachers returned to the South committed to ensuring that Negro students were not intellectually inferior to white students. Thus, why do the great-great-grandchildren of slaves score in the bottom quintile in math and reading? Our village is dysfunctional and WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it.

“**A Hope In The Unseen**” quintessentially demonstrates how other African American students block, tackle, clip, and run **Cedric Jennings** and other bright black males out of bounds for making the honor roll. Hypothetically, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think the “**Black KKK**” was paid and programmed to disseminate this self-effacing attitude? During the Civil Rights Era, no one in the African American community dared to accuse bright students, who excelled in the classroom and on standardized tests, of “*acting white*”. Why? Our Village Elders never would have tolerated such an absurd and stupid notion. While it was understood that college is not for every child, guidance counselors typically recommended two years of a foreign language for smarter students who planned to attend college instead of joining the work force, getting married, or joining the military upon graduation. While most Negroes lacked the formal education and wisdom that teachers and other professionals possessed, most parents and their children trusted their sage advice. Throughout the first half of the twentieth century, these well-educated Negro children often were the first members of their families ever to complete 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Thus, the accomplishment of graduating from high school was to be celebrated within our Village. Concomitantly, some of our best and brightest students gained admission to Columbia, Harvard, Cornell and other prestigious Northern universities without the crutch of **Affirmative Action**, which became popular only after the *deconstruction* and *extinction* of quintessential colored schools.

Prior to **Brown v. Board of Education**, black male students such as **W.E. B. DuBois** and **Paul Robeson** not only gained admission to Ivy League universities, they excelled in the classroom shoulder to shoulder with white students. Born the son of a slave, Paul Robeson also demonstrated that a black male can carry a book in one hand and a ball in the other hand. Despite having been brutally hazed by his football teammates, Paul graduated **valedictorian** from Rutgers University and then matriculated at Columbia University Law School. Bear in mind that both men successfully graduated at a time in US History wherein black males were not allowed to live among white males in the college dorm or to eat in the college’s dining room with white students. During this era, black physicians were not allowed to practice medicine in most public hospitals. Thus, **Dr. Daniel Hale Williams** founded **Provident Hospital** in Chicago, which still operates today. Hypothetically, do *ignorant* and *stupid* black teenagers understand the resplendent *intellectual* history of African American males? Do they not realize that by selling their bodies, sagging their pants, getting suspended or expelled, dropping out of school, selling drugs, and going to prison that they are spitting on the graves of our ancestors who made *tremendous sacrifices* to tear down racial barriers in education? Explain. Both **Frederick Douglas** and **Steve Biko** relentlessly admonished members of our race to covet a formal education. On both continents, other *well-educated* black men also realized that erudition is the key that unlocks the chains of **mental slavery**. Yet, why are there currently more black males in prison or on probation than there were on Southern plantations two hundred years ago? Explain. My brothers, WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it.

Are **Feminism** and **Fatherlessness** two wings on the same bird? Ergo, are they a blessing or a curse to African American family structure and households? In retrospect, the intellectual standards and the behavioral expectations of the **Civil Rights Era** were much higher than those of today's public schools. For example, a score of 90% on a test was a B+ rather than an A; and 70% was a *failing* grade. Concomitantly, students who were caught smoking a cigarette or fighting on campus risked being **suspended** from school for 3 – 5 days. Therefore, during the Civil Rights Era, fathers held their children accountable for irreproachable conduct and good report cards in the classroom. Most parents and students were much more assiduous in pursuit of their education than many African American students today. **Charlotte Ray, Marva Collins, Angela Davis, Martin Luther King, Jr, and Thurgood Marshall** are among the quintessential African American icons who were educated in erstwhile "colored schools". Therefore, IF "**Black Lives Matter**", then should the African American community praise black boys who play football and basketball more than we praise black boys with the aptitude for AP Calculus, Chemistry, Biology, and Physics? Explain. Ironically, educational research indicates a diminution of the academic rigor among today's AP students vis-a-vis students from forty years ago. Professor Allan Bloom's "**The Closing of the American Mind**" [1987] critiqued this phenomenon in academia and its impact upon Americana. Unlike the 1980's, bright students from India now consider Harvard and MIT as "back up schools" just in case they are denied admission to the more competitive **India Institutes of Technology**. Other Asian countries recognize this trend as well and eschew intellectual mediocrity in the United States.

George Orwell's "**Nineteen Eighty-Four**" described a closed society wherein **Big Brother's** totalitarian regime relied upon the **Thought Police** to ensure that a citizenry of proles could neither *think* critically nor *analyze* history. In the real world, *well-educated* scholars often comprise a secret coterie of "chess masters" who faithfully block, tackle, clip, and run out of bounds any individual, idea, or movement that contradicts the **Jewish Mafia's** and the **Gentile Mafia's hidden agenda**. Can any intelligent **democratic society** exist without evolution within both cognitive disciplines of thinking and analyzing data? Hypothetically, can our village compete in a global society if black males play checkers while the rest of the world plays chess? Ergo, is it "*the white man's fault*" IF less than 30% of African American male students are competent in Math and Reading? By contrast, why are more than 90% of students from the **Bahamas, Jamaica, Antigua, Trinidad and Tobago, Nigeria, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Liberia, et al.**, functioning *well above* grade level after moving to the US.? Hypothetically, do you believe for a nanosecond that Caribbean and African parents allow their progeny to hang out in the streets after school or at night? Explain. How many Caribbean or African parents allow their sons to spend four hours per day playing basketball at the expense of studying and completing their assigned homework? WE can't fix it IF we can't face it. Is there any correlation between the success of Caribbean and African students and growing up with *both* parents being engaged in their education at home? By extrapolation, are the majority of today's erudite **black male** college professors from the United States or from elsewhere within the Diaspora? I rest my case.

In "**A Hope in the Unseen**", why do you think some African American males bullied **Cedric** in high school simply because of his excellent academic performance in his AP classes? In "**Finding Forrester**" or in real life all across the United States, why should erudite black students be marginalized or forced to find camaraderie only among gifted white or Asian students who share their **core values** and

**intellectual curiosity?** How often have you witnessed black fathers, coaches, administrators, principals, pastors, and youth ministers *requiring* rather than *requesting* black males to step up their game in the classroom or you won't be allowed to remain on the team? In this **Age of Feminism**, there is an undeniable dearth of well-educated black males in school and in the labor force. Ergo, is it possible that the **Black KKK** was paid to *program* our young boys to just get by and to embrace mediocrity instead of excellence in the classroom? In today's public schools, countless articulate black males are accused of "*acting white*", "*talking white*", and "*wishing you were white*". Is it I alone who sees an **Inferiority Complex** at work in such a toxic milieu? In today's **Age of Feminism**, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that the ratio of black females to males *graduating* from college is approaching 3:1? Hypothetically, will female doctors and other professionals start a family with a black male who reads only at a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade level? Brothers, WE can't fix it IF we can't face it...so step up and become "**The Huxtables**"!

Often, it is said that it takes an entire village to rear children properly. Bear in mind that today's single African American mothers provide life-long intimacy with their daughters via teaching them how to cook, dress, and take care of themselves during menstruation, pregnancy, and child birth, etc. Yet, is it possible that black boys who have no caring father or grandfather at home lack real emotional intimacy with any males other than their siblings and naive peers? Statistics show that our boys are more likely to become a criminal statistic IF virtuous fathers and other masculine mentors are not available to them throughout their *formative* years. Of course, the consequences of a dysfunctional father son dyad apply to other identity groups as well. Yet, we are more at risk of being **functionally illiterate** and poorly educated than any other ethnicity in the United States. Gentlemen, IF we don't start taking our sons to church, the Smithsonian, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, New York's Schomburg Center, and Alabama's Legacy Museum, then will they successfully develop into confident men with the maturity, wisdom, and knowledge to lead the black family in righteous living that is pleasing to God? Something as simple as studying the Bible together, praying at the dinner table, learning how to shave, chop down a tree, stack fire wood, change a flat tire, cut the lawn, rake the leaves, or change the oil in the family car will provide an invaluable sense of accomplishment and **male bonding** in the father-son dyad. Antithetically, **fatherlessness** robs boys of their "Moses" and his paternal love leading them through puberty's "Red Sea". Stated differently, is unwed parenting a weapon of mass destruction that predisposes African American males to a plethora of vices awaiting them in the "*ghetto*" and other neighborhoods? I rest my case.

Unlike our kindred from West Africa or the Caribbean, many **African American** families invest in the pipe dream of **NBA** and **NFL** fortune and fame during their sons' formative years. Thus, the return on investment from playing football and basketball during his formative years pales in comparison to black male students who wisely invest in academic achievement and later are rewarded with *academic* scholarships for college. Why is the **attrition rate** among college students on *athletic* scholarships typically much higher than among those on *academic* scholarships? Explain. To fortify our village, it is important for a strong family support system, including the church, to closely monitor and lend intellectual, emotional, and spiritual support to struggling students. Among African Americans, our "weak links" in need of that kind of support could include victims of poverty, fatherlessness, homelessness, domestic violence, teen pregnancy, incest, child molestation, drunkenness, drug addiction, felony convictions, and life inside prison. Therefore, to what extent should our village invest in its weakest links? Should Christian parents and pastors advocate for

teenagers never to have premarital sex, never to drop out of high school, never to drink alcohol, never to smoke, never to get a tattoo, never to get any part of your body pierced [other than *one* in each ear lobe], never to sell or use illegal drugs, and never to use a firearm to commit murder or any other crime? Understandably, millions of America's Youths will disagree with my "*conservative*" moral advice. Yet, these spiritually blind youths lament their depression, anger, *unwanted* babies, drug addiction, venereal or sexually transmitted diseases [STDs], and other consequences of choosing to engage in **unrighteousness**. Meanwhile, **Satan** is rolling on the floor laughing at them for falling for his game of "Trick or Treat". From the Garden of Eden until now, human nature is relatively constant over time. Therefore, not **having** or not **heeding** sagacious advice from godly parents is the main weapon **Satan** uses to convince teenagers to partake of *forbidden fruit* that will destroy youthful innocence. Multiply this vignette by ten million adults who did likewise when they were young. Ergo, to what extent is the **dysfunction** within our village attributable to preachers and parents refusing to CRITICIZE and CORRECT this plethora of *sinful vices* hidden in plain sight? Explain.

Of course, nobody's perfect, including myself. Yet, many African American teenagers will not even consider such a **morally virtuous lifestyle** via their greater need for the acceptance and the approbation of their peers. However, akin to a toddler touching a hot stove, children never understand Satan's surreptitious chess game nearly as well as wise adults. Thus, there is an urgent need for black pastors to create **Youth Ministries** and **After School Programs** wherein students study the Sacred Scripture, read "good" books, play chess, solve crossword puzzles, complete their homework, solve challenging math problems, debate both sides of contemporary ethical issues, design robots, master typing and MS Office, and study tough vocabulary words as assiduously as did Akeela in the movie. With *thousands* of church members and *millions* of dollars, why not invest in the **intellectual development** of the congregation rather than a private jet for the pastor? Have you ever challenged a **Youth Pastor** or a self-aggrandizing **Senior Pastor** to arrange for the church bus or van to pick up kids at school for an after school program that teaches them, among other things, that GOD created only two genders? **After School Satan Clubs** already are in some elementary schools while **Bible Clubs** are considered to be a violation of separation of Church and State. Children in 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade are being indoctrinated in the **GLBT** ideology and *heresy*. Therefore, IF your pastor is not interested in a holistic youth ministry, then never forget that many African America preachers, politicians, entertainers, athletes, coaches, and teachers are members of collegiate **fraternities**, Masonic **lodges** and other **secret societies** that worship **Lucifer** or pagan gods. Thus, their obligation to occult **Satanic** oaths forbids members from ever doing the right thing by serving the Lord, Jesus Christ, in spirit and in truth. Inconsequential to whether they graduated from the state university, a **HBCU**, or an **Ivy League** university, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that these black pastors routinely will reject this type of paradigm shift in Youth Ministry while the church's "**Basketball Ministry**" makes the local news and the Sunday morning announcements? I rest my case.

We know that the African American Village is dysfunctional by design. Yet, why have we not mastered the chess game described in the Moynihan Report? Many historically black colleges [**HBC**] that sprang up during **Reconstruction** were founded and funded by wealthy Northerners or a coterie of philanthropic Christian organizations. As such, the academic template could be described as Eurocentric education, Eurocentric manners, and Eurocentric music. As a result, doors of opportunity abounded especially for educated black men and women who learned to "stay in their place". Is it

possible that today's *class system* among African Americans actually began with the **Willie Lynch Manifesto** long before the **Boule** was organized? Hypothetically, were members of the **Divine Nine** instrumental in advising ambitious Negro college students to cross the burning sand, return to the **Nile Plantation**, resume building Pharaoh's pyramids, and faithfully worship Egyptian gods? Explain. While our **Talented Tenth** may enjoy life, liberty, and a hedonistic pursuit of happiness, many lower class and working-class fathers and mothers are denied the opportunity to make similar choices that would ensure their children's future success. IF we want to reach the land flowing with milk and honey, en masse, then first and foremost, should we *study* and *obey* the Bible? In so doing, our daughters would understand that **virginity** is a precious and **sacred gift** to bestow upon her husband on her wedding night, which no other man deserves. Similarly, wise fathers should train their sons, nephews, and other horny teenagers to use the safety on the "**pistol in their pocket**" rather than to engage in sodomy, fellatio, coitus, cunnilingus, pegging, or *pubescent* bisexuality. At a critical time in our history wherein millions of African American fathers are incarcerated, our Village needs *irreproachable* elders to teach black males how to become virtuous young men, good students, strong warriors, caring nurturers, hard workers, successful providers and protectors of their families. Concomitantly, virtuous fathers should criticize, correct, and punish **disrespect** and **disobedience** from their sons, nephews, and grandsons before they ever attend kindergarten. In so doing, a *manchild* develops a sense of **ethical boundaries** for acceptable and *unacceptable* behaviors that he will retain throughout his formative years and adulthood. Failing schools in the United States often will fail via testosterone driven **discipline problems** and the gross lack of respect more than from any lack of financial resources or computers. In such a milieu, many students prefer playing video games and watching YouTube videos in class instead of completing their assigned lessons on their laptops. Classroom teachers can not teach efficaciously IF students are disrupting the learning environment. Thus, the seed for respecting authority must be planted within the home during infancy, lest the child becomes a menace to society who is defiant to civil authority and may end up in prison or dead less than a score years later. The Bible admonishes all good parents: IF you spare the rod, then you will spoil the child. Yet, rather than to demand respect and obedience, replete with swift punishment such as a spanking or suspension from school, now parents, teachers, and school administrators cater more to students' *emotional* desires than to the enforcement of strict rules. In retrospect, student conduct was much better during the 1960's than it is today via the Bible and the belt [a/k/a "the rod of correction"] having been in those K - 12 classrooms. Today, our Village Elders need to stay abreast of what **Hell's Head Coach** wants curious youngsters to see on their laptops and cell phones. Antithetically, **Heaven's Head Coach** wants fathers and Village Elders to teach boys how to become virtuous young men, affectionate nurturers, strong warriors, hard workers, reliable providers, and godly protectors of their families and their neighborhoods. Throughout the Bible, our **Heavenly Father** first warned then punished His disobedient children. Countless times, disobedient and *stiff-necked* Israelites suffered and died as a direct result of the wrath of God. Thus, is it possible that the ubiquity of African American children defying their parents and teachers merely illustrates the gross lack of swift punishment needed to break the **Satanic** spirit of disobedience? Explain. WE can't fix it IF we can't face it; and Satan is counting upon us to do neither.

IF you visit any African American barber shop, then you will observe that the discussions invariably center around television shows, football, basketball, sexual fantasies, hip-hop artists, and other superficial pursuits. I seriously doubt that you ever will find a barber shop that promotes **academic**

**competitions** in spelling, math, science, reading, chess, debate, computer coding, etc., for black **boys** in that neighborhood. After leaving the barber shop, stop by the local **YMCA** or the Boys Club and ask to see their program of summer activities. How many basketball questions are on the **SAT**? How many football questions are on the **ACT**? Is the African American Village committed to closing the gap in READING and MATH? I rest my case. Brothers, what is our offensive or defensive strategy to overcome illiteracy and the 36 point deficit in order to win the **Super Bowl**? Many other non-profit youth organizations also promote basketball, rap music, video games, dancing, and other shallow activities to ensure the curse of *intellectual* slavery. Never forget, "You are what you eat." Also never forget that think tanks in the US, Britain, Germany, Israel, and Australia relentlessly feed us toxic distractions from erudition and righteousness. Hypothetically, IF African Americans are accursed, then is that curse attributable to **Ham** in the Bible or to **bacon** in the supermarket? *Au contraire, mon frere!* Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that today's African American Village is cursed via the desuetude of *collective intellectualism* among those of us born with "a banana and two grapes"? Thousands of ants work collectively to accomplish important goals such as building a home, gathering food, and fighting enemies, etc. Depending upon the geographical terrain, these ants are capable of building their nests underground, in a tree, under a rock, or in a fallen tree stump. Is not this a quintessential illustration of *collective intellectualism* among tiny insects? Unlike when we were on the other side of the **Middle Passage**, today's African American males rarely work together to establish businesses, buy real estate, protect their homes, gather food, or to fight enemies rather than killing one another. Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think insects are more intelligent than human beings? Ergo, why are ants more successful at *self-preservation* than African American males? Explain. Of course, we are not a monolith. Yet, do black lives truly matter to black people or is our dysfunction "the white man's fault"? Prior to his orchestrated assassination by the **CIA**, The Democratic Republic of the Congo's first Prime Minister, **Patrice Lumumba**, asked, "Are we co-authors of our own misfortunes?" Similarly, is it possible that African Americans are guilty of self-hatred and self-destruction throughout our own villages? Explain. We can't fix it if we can't face it, inconsequential to whatever "it" is.

*"O God and Heavenly Father, grant to us the serenity of mind to accept that which cannot be changed, courage to change that which can be changed, and wisdom to know the one from the other through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen."*

**Serenity Prayer** by Reinhold Niebuhr



## IT'S NOT THE WHITE MAN'S FAULT

As I already stated, please do not read my book until you have read **"A Hope In The Unseen"** and the **Moynihan Report: The Negro Family**. Very little of "That's BLACK MALE!" will make sense to anyone who rarely reads "good" books. As a marginalized identity group, why are African American males less likely than other identity groups to form **think tanks** or **book clubs** and regularly discuss "good" books among their peers? Beyond any one genre, do African American males need to read and to discuss *"guy stuff"* such as dating, marriage, ameliorating our credit history, criminal history, educational history, ethical history, and medical history? Challenging you to add a new book for each chapter, now, please read **"The Color of Water"** by James McBride. His book is a riveting account of a Jewish mother's personal struggle to survive the egregiousness of incest, racism, and social ostracism by African Americans, by White Americans, and by Jewish Americans alike. Undaunted, she not only survived, this tenacious heroine also succeeded in providing the best education available for her mixed-race offspring. If it has been more than a decade since you have read any of these enlightening works, then please revisit the trio as a point of reference that refreshes their historical context. Many of you may disagree; yet, I believe that a passion for *sports*, at the expense of **reading** "good" books, is more deleterious to the strength and success of the African American Village than **alcoholism** or **racism**. These truths become self-evident when one objectively examines the **Caribbean** males' and **African** males' intellectual and professional accomplishments here in the United States. Are we intellectually inferior to our **West Indian** counterparts? Do well-educated African males have a gene in their **DNA** that we African Americans lack? What do Frederick Douglas, Martin Luther King, Jr., Patrice Lumumba, Malcolm X, and Steve Biko all have in common? Did any of them win a Super Bowl ring? Were any of them outstanding Olympic athletes? *Au contraire, mon frere!* All of them were well-read and *well-educated* **black males** who understood life's chess game. Stated differently, had any of them been *dumb jocks*, they never could have accomplished what they did in the fight against racial discrimination. In that same context, **"Black Lives Matter"** actually is a divisive mantra that may have been deliberately selected by some white people to infuriate other white people. Alternatively, **"Hold Cops Accountable"**, which focuses upon ethical accountability rather than race, might have appealed to a broader audience. Capish? Mandating **Critical Race Theory** in public education is another "hot button" of resentment from many white people. Are Jews or Asians lobbying for public schools to teach their history of oppression in America? IF the score is 42 to 6 at half time during the **Super Bowl**, then should the losing head coach complain to the officials or admonish his defense to stop their opponent's quarterback and running back? Therefore, should African American parents complain to their school board officials or teach Black History and **CRT** at home while formulating pragmatic ways to score a touchdown and close the 36 point deficit? In fourth grade, IF Johnny can't read on his grade level, then might the score be 49 to 6 by the time he reaches 5<sup>th</sup> grade? Is it the white man's fault IF we fail to make erudition a priority in our homes? How can we ever expect to win the **Super Bowl** of LIFE when too many African American students lack **competence** in reading, analyzing, and synthesizing knowledge? Again, are we playing checkers or chess in the game called "Life"? Explain.

I speculate that many African American males who are older than I already have been offended or even turned off by the initial chapter in this unorthodox book, **“Our Village Is Dysfunctional”**. Similarly, they also may have resented the **Moynihan Report** back in 1965. Perhaps, other black males younger than I may have been unwilling to read beyond any more than just a couple of pages in this book. Why would I say that? As an educator, I have met countless African American males who eschew studying a foreign language, reading “good” books, joining a book club, joining a chess club, learning to read Classical music, and other cognitive challenges beyond sports that ameliorate our **critical thinking**. Theoretically, were just 50% of black males to do so, then we might close the 36 point deficit in four short years! While margarine may be a substitute for butter in baking, there are no substitutes more efficacious than reading for developing one’s critical thinking skills. Stated differently, while the United States is run by *educated* men and women who play “intellectual chess” to control the world, too many black boys only learn to play “checkers” because to do otherwise is considered to be *“acting white”*. If reading Classical music, learning a second language, mastering chess, or participating in higher level mental activities is tantamount to *“acting white”*, then I unabashedly encourage **African American males** to “act so white” that many white people may become jealous of your *“whiteness”*. Otherwise, your world view and interpretation of your *“blackness”* may lead to your being marginalized, left behind, and resentful of others for the rest of your life.

Hypothetically, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that such obtuse men would be more interested in watching the Super Bowl or the NBA Championship than in facing and fixing the F’s on our Village’s report card? *C’est la vie, n’est ce pas?* Human nature is such that most men and women prototypically prefer praise and flattery over **constructive criticism**. Married men know much better than I how their wives would appreciate, “Honey, you look beautiful in that dress,” rather than, “I hope you don’t plan to wear *that* dress tonight.” Ergo, to avoid the **Wounded Wife Syndrome**, many husbands bend the truth a little to appease her emotional frailty. In more extreme scenarios, some people tend to bend the truth to such a degree that they live in 3-D: namely delusion, duplicity, and dishonesty regarding politics, religion, and sexual morality, etc. Yet, one could argue that embracing the truth is a sine qua non for spiritual enlightenment, self-actualization, and even self-love. Antithetically, is it possible that denial of the truth begets aggression, depression, schizophrenia, attempted suicide, and even murder? Much better than I ever could, John Bradshaw’s books and lectures about **Transactional Analysis** explain how the *inner child*, the *parent*, and the *adult* within our psyche will influence or motivate many of our actions in the conscious realm. In the spiritual realm, **Lucifer** is “The Prince of Darkness” and “The Father of Lies”. Thus, the devil’s sons and daughters are fully committed to protecting and propagating **spiritual darkness** that will block, tackle, clip, and run the light of **God’s truth** out of bounds. Therefore, countless politicians, parents, and preachers alike obfuscate their true identity and nefarious intentions to score touchdowns for **Hell’s Head Coach**. For example, innocent children in *kindergarten* are being taught that God made a chromosomal mistake in the delivery room. Ergo, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that **Satan** is rolling on the floor laughing at the efficacy of his perennial game of “trick or treat” [not the least of which is **GLBT indoctrination**] that *eventually* results in our being both *miseducated* and *“programmed”* not to have the capacity for **critical thinking** about Biblical morality and other **ethical issues**? Explain.

Of course, the **nuclear family** is considered to be the substrate that is most responsible for maintaining the continuity and the core values of any village. In a global society, we should not expect all nuclear families or villages to be alike. Therefore, sagacious Village Elders will determine the extent to which its sons and daughters are taught to bring respect, obedience, productivity, virtue, honor, and dignity to that particular community. However, whenever such elders are *immoral, weak, absent, inconsistent, or abusive*, then the detriment to children and families is incalculable as things begin to fall apart throughout the entire village. Stated differently, a house built upon shifting sand instead of a solid rock will not withstand the vicissitudes of nature's weather. In addition to nature's weather, African American children and families have been attacked by the unnatural hurricane forces of **racial discrimination** and **Apartheid**. However, to mitigate storm damage, we must consider the extent to which we African Americans make poor choices. Often, we fail to rectify the problems those bad choices have created. It's quite easy to play the **race card** or say, "It's the white man's fault." Yet, is that a fact? For example, we protest in large numbers against corrupt **police officers** beating, kicking, terrorizing, choking, and killing countless young black males. Yet, when was the last time you saw a black community protest black-on-black violence and homicide in such a milieu? Despite countless chess moves to keep the majority of us in modern day *slavery*, it still is up to us to keep our eyes on the prize and avoid checkmate.

In order to earn more income in America's **Welfare System**, countless women have given birth to multiple *unloved* children and may even have abandoned the idea of getting **married** and securing her post-secondary education and career. Yet, with a college degree, even the sons and daughters of a parent behind bars *could* break the cycle of poverty and achieve their American Dream. Movies such as Hidden Figures, Akeelah and the Bee, Stand and Deliver, Finding Forrester, and Lean on Me well-illustrate how important it is for at-risk youths to avoid gangs, teen pregnancy, and the temptation to engage in criminal activities. Implicitly, these movies affirm that after caring fathers in the home, **higher education** has been the most important determinant of one's career success and income. Thus, it's not the white man's fault IF we choose not to further our education beyond high school. Fortunately, some **black males** from economically disadvantaged families have studied hard in school and have succeeded in breaking the cycle of poverty. Yet, the resilient "Cedric Jennings" of America who are reared in a home and a church that embrace **Biblical principles** tend to be the exception to the rule. Therefore, we could argue that Welfare programs were deliberately designed to guarantee the perpetuity of poverty and crime, both of which make the **private prison industry** even more profitable. Without adequate income as adults, there are few safety nets other than **public assistance** for those families that can not afford to pay for child care, rent, food, utilities, and transportation, etc. Under these circumstances, some African American females will get a part-time job after school to augment their mother's income. However, far too many black males in high school tend to foolishly begin a career in dealing drugs, gambling, prostitution, robbery, or other illegal activities that eventually destroy their lives and their neighborhoods. Lamentably, some teenagers who end up in **prostitution** or other self-destructive behaviors were unfortunate victims of having been molested, kidnapped, or sold via **human trafficking**. Thus, there is a dire need for *married* mothers and fathers to provide for their children and to avoid these tragic statistics from happening in our communities.

Many after school programs in elementary schools emphasize P.E. or recreational games over academic excellence. Despite less than 30% of the students in these public schools being competent in Math and Reading, rarely is *tutoring* or *academic achievement* the cornerstone or primary focus of

their after school programs. **Geoffery Canada** has stated countless times that public education is failing black and brown children by design. Why? Think tanks in the United State, Great Britain, Germany, Israel, and Australia know that **adult illiteracy** is a weapon of mass destruction of the human potential and the *critical thinking* needed for countermoves on the chess board. When adults are incapable of reading, they also are incapable of understanding the complex chess game that maintains their marginalization and poverty. Thus, even IF you are a parent who has dropped out of high school or college, as I also have done, I urge you to complete what you started. Otherwise, your offspring may not value a post-secondary education as much as they should as the cycle of mediocrity perpetuates itself. Hypothetically, is it the white man's fault that millions of **black male** teenagers spend far more time just ballin', chillin' and hanging out than they do studying and completing their homework assignments? WE can't fix it IF we can't face it. Thus, is erudition more important than basketball to the success of African American families and communities? The handful of black athletes who are fortunate enough to play professional ball may regale in having succeeded. Yet, IF you compare the population of black males in high school to the small sample of athletes that play in the NBA or NFL, then the return on investment is not nearly as impressive in terms of benefiting their communities.

Despite the fact that our Village is dysfunctional by design, countless fathers and mothers fail to make wise choices that are necessary for their family's long-term success. Not doing well in school or simply not reading "good" books after graduation will contribute to poor choices in adulthood. Not having a father, coach, or mentor to push teenagers in the right direction impedes personal growth and success as well. First and foremost, I encourage my Christian brothers to study and obey the Holy Scripture. Why? IF we are not obeying **Heaven's Head Coach**, then by default, we are scoring touchdowns for **Hell's Head Coach**. For example, virtuous fathers should impress upon adolescent sons that **premature fatherhood** does not improve the quality of life for your family. Nor does it prove your son's manhood, as his sophomoric peers may have suggested. Ergo, is it a wise decision for fathers and uncles to instruct adolescent males to either **masturbate** or sublimate? Should or shouldn't horny black males use the safety on that *pistol in their pocket* until after their **wedding day**? Explain.

Of course, today's manchild is not always blessed to live with his **biological father**. Even in cases wherein that is true, their fathers, grandfathers, and even great-grandfathers may have been **magicians, wizards** or **sorcerers** covertly practicing blood and semen **magic rituals** associated with **Satanism**. Consequently, countless African American males may have been advised to sell drugs or to procreate without the honorable commitment of first *marrying* the mother before having any children. Again, it's not the white man's fault when we do so. During slavery, one could argue that black men lacked the capacity to engage with their children unless they lived together on a plantation as a family. Perhaps, millions of functionally illiterate black males still procreate out of wedlock with more than one "*baby's momma*". More often than not, they fail to regularly engage, nurture, and provide for their offspring living with a single mother. In such cases, do the *sins of the father* predispose their sons to alcoholism, promiscuity, drug addition, incest, pederasty, pubescent bisexuality, and other vices? Explain. Despite the presence of countless preachers and churches in our communities, the perennial cycle of "**Fatherlessness**" is not adequately addressed or dealt with by most African American pastors. Instead, prominent and popular mega-pastors prefer to invest in a **gymnasium** and sponsor basketball leagues, all at the expense of **Bible literacy** classes, sex education

classes, book clubs, parenting classes, chess clubs, homework help, and **SAT** prep classes in the **Education Department** and **Youth Ministry**. For the weaker vessel, many churches sponsor Women's Conferences, Women's Empowerment Workshops, Sisterhood Support Groups, and other programs designed specifically to encourage and fortify the future success of **Feminism**. Yet, "boys in the hood" usually lack virtuous Christian role models in church who serve as a Moses or a surrogate father leading them through the Red Sea of *adolescence*. Even in cases where a husband and wife co-pastor the church, how does one explain any church becoming a "*sorority*" with the blatant paucity of men among its members? Hypothetically, do African American churches invest more in the empowerment of men or the empowerment of women? Does it matter since more black women are graduating from college than black men? Does the Bible instruct women to be silent in the church? Does the Bible condone Feminism, female pastors, or any agenda that *supplants* men as the head of the flock? IF you read the entire Bible at least *seven* times, then you will be amazed by the extent to which your own **denomination** walks in *disobedience* to God and Scripture. For example, countless black churches have been committed to social justice, civil rights, and fighting for equality. Yet, IF we do so at the expense of obeying the Scripture, then have we reduced God to a genie in a lamp granting our carnal wishes for material things and worldly success? Explain.

Perhaps, many popular African American preachers and pastors will deliberately vacate **God's Commandments** and lean unto their own understanding in order to gain more *members*, which leads to their gaining more *money* as well. Jesus certainly never owned a Lexus, a Lamborghini, or even a two-humped camel. Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that pecuniary assets, political power, physical pleasure, and purchased pulchritude are more important to many pastors than obeying God? The Scripture affirms that no man can serve two masters for he will love one and loathe the other. Therefore, pastors and parishioners alike must choose which master or "god" they will serve, not only once a week but for a lifetime. Is it the white man's fault that we often tolerate adulterers, pedophiles, pederasts, and other miscreants to stand in the pulpit and to mislead the flock? Clearly, this is not the will of God for any church. However, is it possible that such miscreants are members of "**The Brotherhood**" merely masquerading as men of God? Stated differently, is it possible that many pastors in the African American community have taken secret *oaths* and *obligations* to serve **Lucifer**? IF that is true, then it explains why our churches proffer very few sermons, ministries, conferences, seminars, or workshops that address improving the *moral* quality of **male leadership** in the church, in the home, and in the community according to **God's** moral standards and instructions.

Quite honestly, a typical fifth grader knows more than I about **computer literacy**. Often, among my peers, I tell the joke: "I can't spell **I.T.** without a dictionary." Nevertheless, I firmly believe that our brains are like computers that Big Brother is "*programming*" sub rosa with software downloaded to our operating systems. Akin to the allegory of Plato's cave, is this the principal reason why millions of black males lack the cognitive wherewithal to discern dark shadows from reality? Without even recognizing what is happening, will many of us eventually become **Orwellian proles** who acquiesce to a **totalitarian** existence vis-a-vis "bending the spoon" like Morpheus, Trinity, and Neo? Assuming that you have read Orwell's dystopian masterpiece, "**Nineteen Eighty-Four**", is it possible that our nation's *Thought Police* keep us plugged into the *matrix* of a shadow government? For example, if Big Brother wanted proles to accept the idea that Iraq was a threat to US national security, then he easily could fabricate lies about weapons of mass destruction and other **propaganda** to induce fear and support

for Pres. Bush's invasion of that country. Similarly, if Big Brother wanted our citizenry to embrace the fallacious ideology of "**gender equality**", then he could *program* us via television *programs* that glorify drag queens reading to young children in the library, females on the boys' high school football team, gender reassignment surgery, co-ed locker rooms, and unisex collegiate showers, etc. IF **Feminism** is a powerful weapon of mass destruction of **morality** and **masculinity**, then why are more and more spiritually blind teenagers and grown men "*trading places*" with females rather than protesting such a **perverted** sexual act? Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that the **Psychological Penis Complex** is *emasculating* males and even *castrating* them unawares? Please read the entire **Holy Bible** before answering this question. Why? Generally speaking, Feminists would agree that women tend to be more emotive than their male counterparts, who tend to be more goal oriented and rational in their world view. Therefore, in this **Age of Feminism** I entreat readers to continue *analyzing* this very unorthodox book until you have reached its final page. Take notes on the reverse side of each page as you study the Bible and journal your own understanding and experiences in the New World Order. Perhaps, then and only then will you connect the dots and fully appreciate the *profundity* of my candidly transparent exposé regarding **Lucifer's** attack on the **Alpha male**, and the **African American Alpha male** in particular.

In a nation wherein "In God We Trust" has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, what is *real* Christianity and what constitutes *counterfeit* Christianity? Anyone who deliberately advocates **disobedience** to God is scoring a touchdown for **Hell's Head Coach**. Conversely, only those who strive to **obey** God's instructions are *real* Christians. Can we obey God's Commandments IF we never have studied them? Never forget that the **SCOTUS** made it illegal to pray [Engel v. Vitale] or to study the Bible in school back in the 1960's. Can you see **Satan** rolling on the floor laughing when that decision was handed down? In the **Age of a Great Falling Away**, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that the **Holy Spirit** dwelleth in any unsaved, unholy and unrighteous vessel – male or female -- that God did not choose or call to lead His people? Explain. Today, such Biblical questions rarely are addressed by pastors or parishioners in local church congregations. Ergo, **Satan** and the anti-Christ's already have seized control of the training of future ministers and pastors in the United States and elsewhere. Marvel not that wolves in sheep's clothing are both popular and pleasant to the eye of naive "Christians". New Testament Scripture teaches us that wheat and tares are growing up together until the day of the harvest. As a direct result of their **Biblical illiteracy**, many parishioners do not recognize **heresy** and **apostasy** in their churches' pulpits. Yet, *tares* do recognize such **anathema** and covertly are complicit members of the same **Satanic societies** to which their pastors may belong. Like sentinels and enemy agents in "The Matrix", their mission is to destroy Neo, Morpheus, Trinity, and anyone else who is Biblically literate and thereby perspicacious enough to discern the truth. Be not dismayed when **Hell's Head Coach** scores another touchdown. The **Holy Spirit** manumits the remnant of *real* Christians from *spiritual blindness* in order to lead and guide us into all truth in the Last Days. Antithetically, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that any preacher in a church can serve Lucifer, Satan, Minerva, Zeus, Pan, Ra, Osiris, or another *pagan* deity without being a hypocrite, heathen, Hellion, or heretic? I rest my case.

I can not overstate how Americans 65+ and over possess the **experiential** understanding of a time when Biblical morals were inculcated at home, at school, on television, and at church. Yet, Americans younger than 65+ lack the acuity to discern and measure the obvious differences between our "before" and "after" **moral standards** unless he or she has examined our nation's history. Throughout

the United States, rather than to inculcate **Biblical literacy**, church members now are expected to obey the pastor as standard protocol. **Lucifer** relentlessly utilizes this implicit relationship between the clergy and the congregation to lead spiritually blind or gullible Christians into disobedience, heresy, and hypocrisy. While many **nihilists** call it “*political correctness*”, **Lucifer** is rolling on the floor laughing while **Jesus** is saying, “Father, forgive them.” Nevertheless, it is not the white man’s fault IF we have chosen to covet political power, pecuniary assets, and physical pleasure over piety or obeying God. While many people may say, “*I’m not religious*”, rest assured that they score countless touchdowns for **Hell’s Head Coach** simply by not having a personal relationship with God. Jesus saith, “*He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.*”

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A perfect illustration of this Biblical caveat would be the **Obama Era’s GLBT Movement**. Rather than being steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding in the WORD, the WORK, and the WILL of God, transgender, lesbian, gay, and bisexual pastors and parishioners alike *scattereth the sheep abroad*. Is such a ministry tantamount to “The Church of Satan” or would “The Church of the anti-Christ” be better diction? Meanwhile, **Satan** is rolling on the floor laughing at the fools they have become by unabashedly disobeying God’s Commandments. Even if you are not a Christian, anyone who tells you he or she is gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender, etc., also is telling you that he or she serves and worships **Hell’s Head Coach**. In a nation wherein “In God We Trust” has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, the gay community is proud so-called “*gay marriage*” finally is legal in all fifty states. Written over thirty years ago, “**After the Ball**” details the **GLBT** strategy for psychologically manipulating or *brainwashing* the public into thinking **homosexuality** is just as normal and natural as **heterosexuality**. *Au contraire, mon frere!* Any man in entertainment, sports, the military, or even the church who has engaged in sex with *both* male and female partners knows there is a tremendous difference between **coitus** and **sodomy**. The **GLBT** community’s ubiquitous pushback against the moral stance of *devout* Christians is attributable to what the **Bible** describes as “*a reprobate mind*.” Long before “After the Ball”, Troy Perry founded **Metropolitan Community Church** as the first openly “*gay church*” in the United States. Perry and his **MCC** network also “scattereth abroad” rather than admonishing gay and lesbian congregations to study and obey the Bible. It is extremely important for *devout* Christians to read the entire Bible several times afresh IF you want to discern **New Age immorality** from **Biblical morality**. For example, long before **Barack Obama** became President or Tyler Perry became **Madea**, Flip Wilson wore a dress and we all laughed at the idea. Some churches now invite comedians as their special guests to perform on Sundays. Yet, what does the Bible say about **drag queens** or men cross-dressing and wearing things that pertain to a woman? Today, countless **black male** actors have done likewise as if it’s innocuous Hollywood entertainment rather than an abomination. In the **Last Days**, all of us would be well-advised to remain vigilant regarding whether the atmosphere in a church is one of *entertainment* or *edifying* the saints in **holiness**. A perspicacious adult could argue that the **Feminist Movement** and the **GLBT Movement** are two wings on the same bird. Morally speaking, neither one of these powerful political movements is blessing black males or black families. WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it and **Satan** is counting upon *you* to do neither.

In the context of “**Fatherlessness**” among African American children, our village clearly is dysfunctional and it’s not the white man’s fault. No other identity group in America is *curse*d to a greater extent than we are via our sons’ and daughters’ **moral immaturity** and lack of accountability for a plethora of socially unacceptable mores and folkways. Mothers, aunts, grandmothers, female pastors, principals, and professors [no matter how well-educated] seldomly will criticize or confront miscreants when they misbehave. Thus, black women are incapable of efficaciously shielding our village from black-on-black physical danger. Moreover, **God** never intended it to be so for what the Sacred Scripture describes as the *weaker vessel*. Yet, **Satan** is rolling on the floor laughing at those who embrace a *politically correct* paradigm shift in family structure and child rearing. As a result, our progeny will continue to exhibit the **generational curse** of illiteracy, poverty, fatherlessness, self-hatred, and self-destructive behavior. Implicit in the **Moynihan Report**, teenagers would be well advised *not* to engage in premarital sex. Period. At the very least, do not become parents until you are able to well-protect and *well-provide* for your offspring. Otherwise, gentlemen, millions among us never will experience *self-love* or *self-actualization*.

Having grown up in a small town adjacent to a large agricultural community during the 1960’s, I witnessed *retardation* in the development of tobacco, peanuts, cotton, corn, and fruit trees, etc., on nearby farms. Certain specimens grew tall and bore much fruit while others were stunted and paled in comparison to others next to them. Gentlemen, in the context of stunted physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual development of African American males, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that some of us also are *retarded*? Yet, how does one explain intelligent African American males like **Cedric Jennings** growing tall, despite untoward circumstances in the “*ghetto*”, and bearing much fruit? Let’s be honest with ourselves. Nobody wants to be called *retarded* any more than to be called *a moron*. Similarly, many of us are emotionally *triggered* by pejorative terms such as “dumb, ugly, Uncle Tom, fat, faggot, sissy, stupid, sell out, bastard, etc.” Yet, in the context of these **ad hominem** attacks, a fist fight or an emotional response neither analyzes nor rationally solves the problem at hand. For example, most ad hominem attacks are indicative of the *credibility* and *credulity* of what you have stated. Therefore, since your attacker can not impeach the veracity of your position, he hopes that his verbal or written attack will convince others to disagree and reject your position. Rarely will you find an editorial page or a political debate without ad hominem attacks from one, if not both sides. Far too often, we fail to analyze or test the veracity of what so-called experts tell us. Preachers can get away with controlling or manipulating the sheep anytime the congregation fails to question what is being said or done in the church. Typically, we don’t question ministers because of our blind loyalty, Biblical illiteracy, or apathy regarding the issue being discussed. Never forget that think tanks in Great Britain, Israel, Germany, Australia, and the United States utilize **Edward Bernays’** model for social engineering to manufacture negative images of our race via using athletes, rappers, advertisements, video games, and televised news. In so doing, they guarantee the perpetuity of Birth of a Nation’s *perception* of the black male as being a menace to society or a **bête noire**. Once again, IF the score at half-time during the Super Bowl is 42 to 6, then should the losing head coach complain to the officials or admonish his team to stop their opponent’s quarterback and running back? Stated differently, is blaming the white man ever a legitimate excuse for *not* requiring our sons to step up and handle a book far more skillfully than they handle a ball? Moreover, how often do after school programs, YMCA’s, summer youth programs, or even African American parents promote computer coding clubs, chess clubs, book clubs, math clubs, or similar *intellectual* activities to shift the paradigm



in education, thereby changing the outcome of the game? For example, standard English the lingua franca throughout the Diaspora. Yet, many African Americans speak substandard **Ebonics** and still expect academia and mainstream America to accept them on equal terms. WE can't fix it IF we can't face it.

Having lived in Florida all of my life until 2018, I've seen the dichotomy between the comportment of a typical African American male student in the United States vis-a-vis his black male counterpart from **West Africa** or the **Caribbean**. In contrast to our kindred from the Bahamas, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and other Caribbean countries, many African American males curse and either do not or can not read, write, and speak *standard* English. As a defensive mechanism, many of them categorize doing so as "*acting white*"? Ergo, should we be surprised that many of our black boys tend to score in the bottom half, if not the bottom quintile, on standardized exams in math and reading? How many bright students like **Cedric Jennings** have we discouraged to the extent that they "dumbed down" to fit in with their peers? More than a century after slavery ended in the United States, how does one explain our illiteracy, our ignorance, our insecurity, and our ineptitude in the classroom and throughout our communities? Rather than being advisors to the king, should our **Talented Tenth** criticize, correct, analyze, and discuss ways we can end self-effacing behaviors that are deleterious to the other 90% in our communities? Explain.

Historically, most Americans will agree that racism has been a major impediment to life, liberty, and the pursuit of success for the Negro in America. That *is* the white man's fault! Yet, nearly three centuries after the **Willie Lynch Manifesto**, in what ways are we now responsible for the making of a twenty-first century slave? Explain. We have no whelps on our backs from the cat of nine tails. We have not labored all day in the hot sun picking cotton. Moreover, we have no federal or state laws mandating that we can not learn to read and write. What kind of village are we promoting and proffering **posterity** IF we fail to confront, criticize, and correct our vices and socially unacceptable behaviors? Interestingly, **Willie Lynch's Manifesto** has been studied in academia for at least a century, especially at the college level in courses in African American Studies. However, "the powers that be" now claim it was all a *hoax* that never happened. Perhaps, more black parents, preachers, and teachers alike should make it our responsibility to require that our children watch *Roots*, *Eyes on the Prize*, and to teach **Critical Race Theory** at home.

During my childhood, countless "colored children" had only a couple of nice outfits we called "our school clothes". Similarly, we had a couple of Sunday suits or dresses we called our "church clothes". Therefore, the **Eleventh Commandment** in many "colored families" was, "*You'd better take off your church clothes [or school clothes] and put on your play clothes before you go outside to play in the yard!*" Therefore, we learned to appreciate and to take care of the "good" clothes and other things God blessed us to have. Half a century later, material prosperity has changed that erstwhile humble manner of thinking and behaving during the Civil Rights Era. Today, countless African American teenagers own more than a dozen pairs of sneakers, copious Sunday clothes for church, and even more nice outfits for school. Now, many "*Negroes*" even own formal attire for banquets, conventions, weddings and other special affairs. Yet, despite such **material prosperity**, are we better off in terms of our village's **moral values** and concern for one another's well-being? If we examine our rate of drug abuse, lesbianism, teen pregnancy, homosexuality, and domestic violence, etc., then we will find that our village has more **F's** on our moral report card than ever before. In the words of **James Weldon**

**Johnson**, have we become “*drunk with the wine of the world*” and no longer fear or revere the God of our weary years and silent tears? Despite our routinely attending church services, do “church folks” pontificate and practice the **righteousness** of God in our daily lives? Explain. Unlike in a typical village in Ghana, Liberia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Jamaica, Haiti, or Brazil, et al., most African American families are fatherless. In the context of physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual well-being, does such a **dysfunctional family** strengthen or weaken our communities and villages? Explain. WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it. Yet, millions of us seem to be *unwilling* to face or to fix these problems. Stated differently, countless parents, preachers, professors, and politicians are deafeningly silent regarding these religious and **moral issues** that portend the wrath of God and ultimately our **self-destruction**.

By now, I speculate that members of the **Black KKK** may resent brothers like me who *criticize* a plethora of **F’s** on our report card staring us in the face. However, in the **Age of Information Technology**, gentlemen, such a discussion is imperative. Why? Is it not true that academia is moving away from professors lecturing toward requiring students to log in and **read** the information on computers? Similarly, is it not true that social service agencies, the **IRS** and the **Social Security Administration** expect their clients to log in and **read** important information they should know? As artificial intelligence supplants traditional customer service, is it not true that many **black males** in fifth grade can not **read** or solve math problems at even a third grade level? For more than half a century, standardized test scores in **reading** and **math** among African American students have been plummeting. Do permissive parents of “*at risk*” children in elementary school realize the untoward long-term consequences of competitive basketball teams, video games, and talent shows during their son’s formative years? Without any assistance, will “*dumb jocks*” be capable of logging in, reading, comprehending, analyzing, and synthesizing data intelligently to resolve the many issues inveterately associated with being head of household? IF not, then how will their ineptitude impact their ability to protect or provide for a family? Very few African American females with a PhD, JD, or MD are willing to settle for a mate who is packing more between his legs than between his ears! For example, how many college athletes “*earned*” a degree without having earned a college education? Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that many former NBA and NFL players squandered their enormous wealth, primarily via their insatiable appetite for conspicuous consumption and a “*dumb jock*” mentality? How many female students in high school are dreaming of careers in the **NFL** or **NBA**? Have their mothers and the media taught daughters not to rely upon their “baby’s daddy” or any other man to bring home the bacon? Therefore, black women have supplanted black males in many positions they formerly held in the public and private sectors. Philosophically, is **Feminism** a subtle, yet, effective paradigm shift *away* from marriage, the nuclear family, and collaboration between both parents managing their household? Is **Lucifer** or the **Lord** pleased to see this paradigm shift throughout our Village? Hypothetically, ladies, is there a problem with submission when the man of the house reads only at a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade level while his wife has her PhD or two master’s degrees? How should we analyze the **Psychological Penis Complex** in terms of truncating or ameliorating our sons’ confidence and competence during the rites of passage? Are some black mothers *psychologically castrating* and *feminizing* their sons to get back at their “baby’s daddy”? Again, is **Lucifer** or the **Lord** pleased to see this paradigm shift throughout our Village? **Feminist Studies** programs, which were created and still are supported by think tanks, have been very effective in promoting independence and empowerment of women. Yet, is there a point of no return in family dynamics IF the manchild is *mentally enslaved* and left behind in grammar school? Explain. Is **Lucifer**

or the **Lord** pleased to see this paradigm shift throughout our Village? What role does **fatherlessness** play when young black males acclimate to being the *tail* rather than the *head* when he starts his career and his family? Is **Lucifer** or the **Lord** pleased to see this paradigm shift throughout our Village? Explain. Moreover, under the pretext of *equality*, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that the **Feminist Movement** has persuaded young males and females to “trade places” not only in court, the classroom, the boardroom but even in the bedroom as well? Is **Lucifer** or the **Lord** pleased to see this paradigm shift throughout our Village? Explain. IF God is omniscient, then can any of us hide anything we do from Him? IF only one out of 200 football jocks has a successful career in the **NFL**, then what happens to the other 199? However, IF 200 medical school students graduate, then is it possible that our village now has 200 more African American physicians, which is a much better return on investment? In other words, the desuetude of black male intellectualism is a *generational curse* that was prescribed for us before we ever crossed the **Middle Passage** and we have yet to recover.

Compare and contrast our abysmal **academic failure** to the quintessential academic success of black students from Nigeria, Liberia, Kenya, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, the Bahamas, et al. Paradoxically, the standardized test scores under Jamaica’s British system were so impressive that the **United Kingdom** recruited their “*Talented Tenth*” to leave the island to become teachers in prestigious schools where members of **Parliament** enrolled their children. Similarly, many California school districts actively recruit **STEM** teachers from Taiwan, Japan, India, the Philippines and other Asian countries because they routinely outperform American students on standardized tests. Dr. Allan Bloom described this *devolution* in public education in “**The Closing of the American Mind: How Higher Education Has Failed Democracy and Impoverished the Souls of Today’s Students**”. Dr. Bloom’s magnum opus is as relevant today as it was in 1987. Conscientious African Americans, who are parents of children in poor schools, would be well-advised to read it. Similarly, James McBride’s “**The Color of Water**” describes how imperative it is for ordinary working-class parents to make the *extraordinary sacrifices* that are necessary to ensure their children get the education requisite to achieving the American Dream. Brothers, is that more important than basketball? I rest my case.

Toward encouraging readers to examine this unorthodox book via the lens of your **intelligence** rather than your **emotions**, consider a hypothetical appointment with your dentist. If you have a couple of painful cavities that need a **root canal** to save both teeth, then it’s your choice whether to accept or to reject the recommendations your dentist proffers for treatment. Incredulously, IF you decide to get a second opinion at another dental office where you are advised only to brush and floss three times daily and apply clove oil as needed for pain, then you may prefer the second dentist’s less invasive advice. However, over time the pain and swelling intensify to such a degree that the decay now requires extracting both teeth to circumvent **sepsis**. What’s wrong with this picture? Hypothetically, would you have been better off facing and fixing the tooth decay in the early stages? Similarly, why do some heavy smokers never quit smoking until they have developed stage III **lung cancer**? In some cases, how is it possible that these cancer patients have sued the tobacco company for damages and prevailed in court? With a clear warning on each package of cigarettes, does culpability for lung cancer lie with those who purchased them or those who produced them? Explain. However, no amount of money can negate the correlation between the *choice* a person made to smoke and the consequential damage to their physical health. Be it smoking, drinking, using drugs, selling drugs, or

any other vices, is it the white man's fault that we made such poor choices and have to live with their consequences?

In the context of our *spiritual* health, is it possible that *obeying* God can protect us from **Satan's** temptations and circumvent a myriad of untoward consequences of sinfulness? Despite a clear warning from God, Adam and Eve had no idea that the consequences of their *choice* of disobedience would result in expulsion from the Garden of Eden. In the context of *emotional* health, can we ameliorate our relationships with our parents, siblings, significant others, and children, etc., IF we rationally *confront* and *correct* problems that arise, despite how we may feel about whose position is right or wrong? Has obeying Scripture ever been the wrong thing to do? Ergo, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that one of the major problems within our African American Village is that of *blaming the white man* for the things we do unto ourselves? Alternatively, we often blame our parents, past experiences, or just bad luck for things that we could have avoided IF we had obeyed God's Commandments. IF all of Homo sapiens were the "color of water", still many of us would blame someone else rather than to accept culpability for the *choices* we made that were not in our best interest. In a globalized society, never forget that *think tanks* in Great Britain, Germany, the United States, Israel, and Australia work in tandem to orchestrate domestic and international political events. Akin to a good attorney, their job is to create chess moves that most benefit their clients. Typically, what we see in televised news is neither organic nor the total picture of the chess game of *divide and conquer*. Instead, international trade, wars, political coups, protests, and even the State's response to demands of the **proletariat** always are going to protect the best interests of **plutocrats** and the **power elite**. Edward Bernays' social engineering and Hegel's dialectic have taught the ruling class how to manipulate and control its citizenry. Quite often, a syndicate or international cabal can control the internal affairs of other countries inconspicuously through figureheads under their thumb.

In a nation wherein racism is inextricable from the fabric of American politics, life will remain difficult for people of color to achieve their American Dream. Yet, is it **racism** or a **rational response** IF white people resent our sagging pants, Ebonics, rioting, shooting, stealing, cursing, loud rap music on a public bus without earphones, very loud music in our vehicles while driving in residential neighborhoods, and other *socially unacceptable* behaviors? Is it the white man's fault that millions of us behave in this manner? Explain. IF we African Americans were honest, then we could acknowledge that many **black people** resent these *socially unacceptable* behaviors as well – and rightfully so. Throughout my collegiate experiences in southern Florida, black students from the Bahamas, Haiti, Jamaica, Trinidad, Antigua, Dominica, et al., never joined the **African American Student Union**. Instead, they created their own **Caribbean American Student Union** to accentuate their culture and their comportment, which were nothing like ours. Thus, when other people resent us, hate us, fear us, and reject us, *we* must take a close look at the man in the mirror to discern when it is **racism** and when it is a **rational response** to our *socially unacceptable* behaviors.

During the **Civil Rights Era**, many Negro parents explained to their children how important it was not to behave inappropriately or otherwise give *the white man* any reason to marginalize us, beat us, arrest us, or shoot us. For this reason alone, the majority of adults and children alike exhibited *irreproachable* grooming, good manners, intelligence, standard English, and personal **integrity** anytime we were in public and always under the microscope. Despite black churches being bombed, black homes being burned, black businesses being destroyed, and black people being attacked by

police dogs and water hoses, our dignity and self-composure were virtually *impenetrable*. When I revisit photographs in history books from that era, I am impressed not only by our comportment, but also by how well-dressed Negroes were while marching throughout Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, et al. It is virtually impossible to decide solely from these historical photos which men and women were maids, housewives, clerks, teachers, farmers, factory workers, doctors, unskilled laborers, or skilled craftsmen who otherwise wore “Sunday clothes” only on Sunday. Obviously, “**In God We Trust**” was more than a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed as Negro ministers often rendered fiery sermons about deliverance from oppression in **Egypt** and making it to the **Promised Land**. That kind of faith in God no longer holds true for our village as many African Americans have become more violent, defiant, and insolent than ever before. Is it possible that, like mainstream America, we also love pecuniary assets, political power, physical pleasure, and purchased pulchritude more than we love God? Eureka! In 2023, nearly 80% of African American newborns are **bastards**. While we seem to eschew that word more than the “N word”, the **Bible** even describes bastards having no inheritance in their father’s estate, which is applicable to both our *spiritual* Father and our *biological* father. Despite a racist culture, health issues, economic challenges, unemployment, failing schools, children assaulting teachers, and their visceral *resentment* of any **criticism**, we must ask ourselves, “Why do only 20% of **African Americans** get married prior to procreating?” Many of these babies are born to teenage mothers and fathers who can not put a roof over their own heads, much less provide for their baby’s needs. It’s not the white man’s fault that we make these decisions and depend upon public assistance. IF we want to end poverty, do we have a choice to embrace irreproachable integrity and intelligence? Explain.

Many defiant black children will refuse to obey their parents, their grandparents, their teachers, the police, and other authority figures. Apparently, their **impudence** and **anger** are not directed solely at *the white man*. For example, many black teenagers are angry that *their parents* failed to adequately provide the basic physical and emotional needs that are common to all human beings. Thus, children of poverty may become insecure and internalize a sense of shame and **inferiority** relative to others around them. In “**A Hope In the Unseen**”, Cedric struggled to reconcile this chasm in his own psyche and lashed out at upper-middle class white students at Brown University. To his credit, however, Cedric did not forget his **Pentecostal Christian values** that shielded him from sexual mistakes and other vices that tempt countless teenagers once they leave the watchful eyes of their parents. One of the important things that kept Cedric grounded throughout his formative years was his **faith in God**. Despite his living in a milieu wherein the tares incessantly choke the life out of the wheat, Cedric was undaunted in his pursuit of excellence. Of course, nobody’s perfect and not all African Americans are Christians. Unlike Cedric’s mother, his father was a worldly man who was more concerned with selling drugs than he was with his **paternal responsibilities** or his **salvation**. *C’est la vie, n’est ce pas?* Gentlemen, we hold these truths to be self-evident that millions of us African Americans similarly are inclined to think and to behave like Cedric’s dad. Once again I must ask, to what extent is the dysfunction within our Village, replete with a myriad of spiritually and physically flat tires, the white man’s fault? Explain. Can we legitimately blame “the white man” for the poor *choices* we make that contaminate our spiritual *temple* and our physical *temple*? Explain.

Again, life’s chess game is all about the *choices* we make in response to the world around us. While many of us are engrossed in sports and entertainment, well-paid think tanks relentlessly create chess moves to truncate our success in life. Almost like bait on an angler’s hook, getting us to break the law

and go to prison is a classic chess move that has worked successfully for nearly a century as a lure. Checkmate! Needless to say, the harsh reality of **racial discrimination** truncates our opportunities for gainful employment. That fact alone should motivate more **black males** to avoid a criminal record, excel in the classroom even beyond high school, and explore your options as future **entrepreneurs**. I strongly urge **convicted felons** to explore opportunities to run a janitorial service, a lawn service, a painting business, a direct sales business, a public speaking platform, a male mentoring business that admonishes boys in the hood to study hard and make better choices, or even an internet business that generates passive income. On the football field and in life, brothers, we have no control over our opposing team's strategy to win. Therefore, the salient question is what is our **offensive** strategy to score a touchdown? What is our **defensive** strategy to stop our opponent's quarterback and running back from scoring? In **Exodus**, what defense or offense did Moses and the children of Israel use to defeat **Pharaoh's Army** and escape slavery in Egypt? Many of our battles in life are more intellectual and spiritual than physical. As implausible as it may sound to any spiritually blind black male that Moses crossed the Red Sea on dry ground, is it possible that the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and **Jesus Christ**, indeed, is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent? Explain. I would be remiss were I not to acknowledge that some of us practice **Islam, Judaism, Buddhism**, or other religions. Nevertheless, these other religions are replete with parables about their "Divine Being's" **supernatural** intervention in human events. Yet, millions of African American males fail to put faith and trust in any "god" to intervene on their behalf in earthly affairs. Therefore, they tend to be more inclined to put more faith in *themselves* or in *political engagement* to mitigate marginalization, inequity, disenfranchisement, and racial injustice. For those of us who are **atheists**, why do we still engage in a plethora of vices that make it virtually impossible for members of our Village to achieve the American Dream? Is it the white man's fault? IF Moses had made a U-turn in the wilderness, then would he have reached the Promised Land? In my lifetime, the paradigm has shifted from a godly nation to a nation that now promotes freedom *from* religion instead *of* freedom of religion. I contend that everyone has a physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual body in which *angels* or *demons* dwell. Compare your "body" to your car, truck, or SUV and envision one of your tires going flat. For example, if you get sick, then your physical tire is flat. If you drop out of school, then your intellectual tire is flat. If you are depressed or have anger management issues, then your emotional tire is flat. IF you never learn to study the Scripture, pray, and practice your religion among others of the same faith, then your spiritual tire could remain flat *ad infinitum*. Of course, nobody's perfect. All of us will disobey Sacred Scripture from time to time. Yet, God's Word is the **moral compass** teaching us how to rectify our sinful nature and to restore a right relationship with Him and with our fellowman. In so doing, we will score a touchdown for **Heaven's Head Coach** and close the 36 point deficit.

When a boy is promoted repeatedly from one grade to the next without having *mastered* the curriculum, will he lack the science, math, reading, and other cognitive skills necessary to provide and protect his family a decade from now? In other words, are we psychologically castrating black males, perhaps, for their mischief before they ever reach puberty? Are "baby's mommas and daddies" a part of **God's Divine Plan** for the family? In the context of a family's spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being, is it possible that **Feminism** and **Fatherlessness** are destroying the humanity of an entire household? For example, why do the most disruptive, disrespectful, disobedient, and incorrigible students in the classroom look like me? Why do parents of incorrigible students often take up for their offspring and vilify their teacher's attempts to rectify unacceptable classroom

behavior? Published more than a half century ago, the **Moynihan Report** on the Negro Family sounded the alarm. Yet, in the context of public education, one could argue that the typical African American student is worse off today than he was during the **Civil Rights Era**. Ergo, how can we inspire more African American parents to set high *intellectual* and *ethical* standards for their children? To what extent do our convicted felons *warn* their sons versus *encouraging* their sons to walk in their shoes and become the next generation of inmates? IF black lives matter, then we never should encourage our children to become a crime statistic. To what extent are **secret societies** within our Village being paid and programmed to perpetuate poverty and criminal activity on our side of the tracks? Explain. Will White Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, or even West Africans living in the United States ever respect or admire our identity group IF we become a menace to society? Stated differently, are profitable and privatized prisons demonstrative of **racism** or a **rational response** to what many [not all] of us do publicly? Explain.

As a former **Guardian ad Litem**, literacy volunteer, and **GED** teacher, I have witnessed the poverty, ineptitude, illiteracy, insecurity, anger, frustration, and self-hatred so many of us have. Thus, I admonish African American youths about *choices* and *consequences* by using this parable: "Even IF the **FBI**, **DEA**, **KKK**, or someone else puts a kilogram of **cocaine** or **heroin** on your dining room table, you can not become a drug dealer IF you *choose* never to touch it." Because *institutionalized racism* is an inextricable fact of life within the United States' **judicial** system and **correctional** system, shouldn't staying out of trouble and acquiring a post-secondary education be among any **black male's** top priorities? Explain. Juxtaposed with the criminal justice statistics, how long will many of our poorest and fatherless brothers continue to touch the hot stove and expect not to get burned? Unjust **felony convictions** are one thing; but shoplifting, burglary, armed robbery, hustling stolen merchandise, selling drugs, murder, or any form of criminal conduct is tantamount to self-destruction. Even a blind atheist can see that these **vices** routinely leave behind a myriad of insecure, fatherless children and their frustrated "*baby's mommas*". Almost thirty years ago, I was an assistant manager of a corporate Burger King restaurant in Ft. Lauderdale. Many of my most loyal and hard-working employees were **Haitian Americans**. One very responsible crew leader got a girl pregnant and shared with me his father's response. Not only did his father beat his *teenage* son for bringing shame to their family and their church, he *compelled* his son to marry the expectant mother. In so doing, his father established a **moral standard** for his **Haitian American** family and future generations *not* to become just a "*baby's momma*" or "*baby's daddy*". Additionally, Haitian-Americans and other **Caribbean-Americans** do not call the police or otherwise disrespect their strict parents who discipline them. Why aren't more **African Americans** similarly committed to **moral accountability** via erstwhile "*shotgun weddings*" that were common during my childhood? Once again, is it the white man's fault that only two out of every ten African American babies are born into a paternal nuclear family? Explain.

Needless to say, **criticism** without **correction** can be **counterproductive**. Any great boxer or tennis player is well-aware that his coach's constructive criticism and correction worked in tandem to make him a successful champion. Thus, gentlemen, let us examine several strategies that may help us to close the 36 point deficit and win the Super Bowl of LIFE. However, as any successful coach will advise his athletes, self-discipline, obedience, and perseverance are required in order for any fitness plan to achieve the desired results. Otherwise, the coach is wasting his time that could be better spent working with a committed athlete. Similarly, a mediocre or lazy coach is incapable of pushing any committed athlete to reaching his full potential in that sport. Many **professional athletes** are

regarded as role models for countless fatherless youths. Paradoxically, it is quite common for many professional athletes and entertainers to have several illegitimate children with several “baby’s mommas” in several different cities. IF **Fatherlessness** is the most powerful weapon of mass destruction of black family structure, then we must *criticize* and *correct* teen pregnancy and premature fatherhood. With nearly 80% of African Americans having been born out of wedlock, what can we do to reduce that statistic? Brothers, with the exception of **nocturnal emissions**, the *pistol in your pocket* shoots only after you have pointed it and subsequently pulled the trigger. Therefore, try aiming your **pistol** at the floor or the ceiling instead of at that pretty young virgin in your third period English class. Remember that marriage prior to parenthood is a sine qua non for emotionally and economically strong black families to exist.

Within our community, single mothers seem to have abandoned the idea of tough love and strong discipline to break the **spirit of rebellion** in their children. Millions of males lack the godly father figure they desperately need to serve as a role model, mentor, and life coach throughout both childhood and adolescence. Adolescent boys, in particular, need boundaries just as much as a wild mustang to reel them into compliance. Even IF his single mother makes more money than Oprah, a father’s strict discipline still is one of the most valuable **moral characteristics** a caring and confident Dad contributes to rearing any son. It’s never a good idea for black parents to be permissive or accommodating to their disrespectful son or daughter. For example, a teenage boy may disregard his single mother’s policy of requiring him to be at home by 5:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. because he does not fear her *softness*. However, when a *stern* husband spansks, headlocks, or otherwise punishes a disobedient son, that son immediately knows who’s the **boss** and the consequences of disobeying his Dad. Single mothers, is there a direct correlation between your *softness* and your sons *subsequently* going to prison? Explain. There are other means of holding rebellious teenagers accountable; yet, is it possible that giving them the upper hand via *criminalizing* spanking was a brilliant chess move to destroy a father’s absolute authority over his household? As a result, many of our teenagers roam the streets at night. Invariably, many will experiment with stealing, sex, and drugs via their not being accountable to a caring father waiting at home. Is it possible that countless African American boys shoplift and otherwise steal to impress their *delinquent* peers with whom they hang out in the streets? Eventually, incorrigible juveniles may scoff at the idea of completing vocational school or college in order to become a successful breadwinner. Many of the decisions teenagers make can bless or curse their future for the rest of their lives. Despite the trend of functional illiteracy in many neighborhoods, an exiguous number of African American males will swim against the current like Cedric Jennings and salmon. “**A Hope in the Unseen**” clearly illustrates this type of commitment, despite a future menace to society vilifying Cedric and other erudite black males who make the honor roll, speak standard English, and take Advanced Placement classes for college credit. IF fathers place more emphasis on basketball and other sports than on report cards, then this may guarantee the perpetuity of generational curses in many African American families. Unlike our kindred in **Nigeria**, why don’t African American fathers brag about Junior being a smart student vis-a-vis being a good athlete? Explain. At the risk of being redundant, the **Moynihan Report** sounded the alarm more than fifty years ago. Yet, few pastors, parents, teachers, coaches, or civic leaders in the African American community have taken decisive action to shift the paradigm toward **intellectual excellence**. Although the media incessantly portrays professional athletes as heroes, Marcus Garvey, Steve Biko, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Patrice Lumumba never played in the NBA or NFL. Therefore, in the



context of manumission from poverty, is erudition is far more important than playing basketball? Yet, why should any high school athlete handle a book more skillfully than he handles a piece of leather filled with air IF his parents, his teachers, his coach, his principal, and many of his peers consider “balling” to be far more important than his **GPA**? WE can fix it IF we can face it...but will we? I rest my case.

In the context of an athlete’s conduct in the classroom, *illiteracy* is a potent **weapon of mass destruction** of his grade point average [GPA] and future success after high school. Why should any “at risk” elementary school have a basketball team IF the vast majority of the students are incompetent in **math** and **reading**. Though not impossible, will a “dumb jock” be able to protect or provide for his family a decade from now? Explain. Naturally, whenever I attempt to show the correlation between the two, members of the **Black KKK** don’t hesitate to say they are offended. Yet, Ron Suskind’s “A Hope in the Unseen” and the 1967 Moynihan Report, “**The Negro Family**”, prove my point. WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it. In a global society, well-educated and well-comported **black** immigrants are aghast by the self-deprecation they observe among African Americans. Obviously, we are not a monolithic identity group. Thus, my experiences in the classroom may be incongruous with those of other educators. Nonetheless, the majority of black people I have met from Jamaica, the United Kingdom, the Bahamas, Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua, Nigeria, Liberia, Ghana, and Kenya, et al., comport themselves in a manner that brings honor to the “Black Race”. Therefore, I entreat more African Americans to **criticize** and **correct** sagging pants and any self-deprecating or socially unacceptable behaviors that bring shame, dishonor, and disgrace to our race. **Racism** still will exist, no matter what we do. Yet, IF the score at half-time during the Super Bowl is 42 to 6, then should the losing head coach complain to the officials or admonish his team to stop their opponent’s quarterback and running back? I rest my case.

As I already have stated, *criticism* without *correction* can be **counterproductive**. Thus, let me end this chapter with a caveat that may help us to close the 36 point deficit. Drs. **Kenneth** and **Mamie Clark**, as well as other scholars, have devoted their careers to African Studies and African American Studies. Yet, I believe that the desuetude of intellectualism now has reached the level of a national **pandemic** among **black males** in the United States. Gentlemen, we will not ever win the **Super Bowl** or the chess game until we *criticize* **ignorance** and *correct* socially **unacceptable** behaviors in our Village. Many African Americans think I am too hard, too critical, and that my expectations are unrealistic. Yet, how else will we abate the violence, fatherlessness, poverty, crime, and family dysfunction within many of our communities? WE can fix it IF we can face it. So, how can we fix it? What would our Village look like IF African American super-wealthy athletes and actors in every city with a NBA or NFL team decided to create a \$500,000,000 endowment [that’s less than Tiger Wood’s divorce settlement] and foundation to sponsor **ACADEMIC** competitions [chess, reading Classical music, spelling, typing, MS Office, computer coding, debate, arithmetic, algebra, geometry, logic, history, science, etc.] beginning in 3rd grade exclusively for “**boys** in the hood”? Hopefully, mothers are perspicacious enough to realize today’s canard of *gender equality* is castrating **black boys** and teenagers who already are fatherless. Ergo, our village needs to create **sacred spaces** where women or other females simply are not allowed. Throughout the Diaspora, reverence for gender *separation* remains inextricable from the rites of passage into self-confident **manhood**. Thus, imagine how Village Elders holding these *male* winners accountable to irreproachable **moral standards** [no cursing, no tattoos, no smoking, no drinking, no illegal drugs, no bastards, no STDs, etc.] until age 18 to collect their money with interest

might improve the quality of life in many African American neighborhoods. Imagine proud black principals, parents, teachers, coaches, and other males at the barber shop bragging about the academic success of their sons and nephews. Are we African Americans going to do this? Of course, not! Yet, IF we fail to do so, then is our underachievement “the white man’s fault”? Even if 65% - 75% of us made this commitment, then the educational and moral paradigm could shift toward respecting the next generation of “**Cedric Jennings**” that our village needs to nurture. Akin to an Olympic athlete, our self-discipline, obedience, and perseverance are necessary for such a plan ever to achieve the desired results. Yet, WE can fix it IF we can face it...but will we?



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*“A young person cannot judge what is allegorical and what is literal; anything that he receives into his mind at that age is likely to become indelible and unalterable; and therefore, it is most important that the tales which the young first hear should be models of virtuous thoughts.”*

**Plato’s Republic**

## MORE IMPORTANT THAN BASKETBALL

In the previous chapter, I asked that you read **“The Color of Water”** by James McBride. Herein, my request is for conscientious parents and especially their sons, who play middle school or high school basketball, to read **“Marva Collins’ Way: Returning to Excellence in Education”** by Mrs. Collins and Civia Tamarkin. Why? The Marva Collins story gives today’s African American youths a walk down memory lane in contrast to today’s self-effacing paradigm shift in our Village’s **core values**. For example, once upon a time, the vast majority of Negro parents yearned for their sons and daughters to become librarians, engineers, scientists, nurses, doctors, dentists, lawyers, teachers, and college professors, etc. This dream was shared by poor and middle-class Negroes alike, hoping to achieve the American Dream that was denied their grandparents because of the color of their skin. Today, millions of African American parents do not take their children to church or to the public library to do research, to check out books, or to do their homework. Yet, IF two hundred black males graduate from medical school, then our Village has two hundred more physicians to ameliorate the quality of health care within our Village. Moreover, these physicians have the intellectual wherewithal to assist their children with their homework in algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus, chemistry, physics, and biology, etc. Yet, if two hundred collegiate basketball players hope to get drafted by the **NBA**, then how many of them actually will play professional basketball? How many of those who didn’t still will earn at least \$100,000 annually via a solid **“Plan B”**? Explain. Despite this abysmally poor return on investment, almost on a weekly basis I am amazed to see black boys as young as eight-years-old practicing football in their uniforms at a nearby high school. Even their little sisters and other girls are dressed up as cheerleaders. Why aren’t there any **Nigerian** boys on the field? Why aren’t there any **Asian** boys on the field? Why aren’t there any **Jewish** boys on the field? Unlike the **University of the West Indies, HBCUs** in the US are more famous for homecoming and football rivalries instead of academic rivalries. Should **African American** professors, college presidents, administrators, principals, teachers, preachers, and public intellectuals **CRITICIZE** and **CORRECT** this paradigm? Hypothetically, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that the **“Black KKK”** has been paid and programmed to promote *mediocrity* and a ubiquitous *pipe dream* of **NFL** fame and fortune, all at the expense of Junior’s academic success in the classroom? IF this construct is tantamount to a hand grenade with its pin already pulled, then it’s only a matter of time before it explodes and blows everyone into oblivion. *“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do,”* and rest in peace.

Toward closing this perennial academic gap among our boys, I contacted two **black males** last June who were directors of the **After School Programs** in a *cluster* of “at risk” schools. In my communiqué, I indicated that I wanted to be an unpaid *volunteer* during the summer months to help close the achievement gap in Math for boys who were not performing at grade level. Neither of these men ever responded to my e-mails asking whether such an opportunity was available at a school, library, lodge, church, mosque, or community center during the summer hiatus. Therefore, is it possible that these African American educators never responded to my query via their **Satanic oaths** and *obligations* within “The Brotherhood”? Obviously, I am not a journalist. Therefore, as a fictional writer, I use terms such as **“Black KKK”**, **“Psychological Penis Complex”**, and **“a banana and two grapes”** to provide lucid mental pictures and context for readers. Thus, the **“Black KKK”** refers to an amorphous, covert syndicate of professionals and other successful members of our Village who are vigilantly

committed to convincing undergraduates to cross the burning sand, protect the **Nile Plantation**, and promote **Pharaoh's** agenda *without dissent* while worshipping his Kemetic gods. In return, they are afforded prestigious careers in entertainment, sports, education, the military, the media, law enforcement, corrections, local government, banking, finance, and countless industries in corporate America. Concomitantly, would their American Dream and their success suddenly come crashing down IF they dared to go off script and advocate for the educational prototype I proffered and other things that would ameliorate the quality of life for a vast majority of **black males**? Explain.

Never shall I understand why millions of Americans, both black and white, invest more time, money, enthusiasm, and energy watching or playing basketball, football and other sports than they invest in their children's education. As a Christian, I believe teaching young children **Sacred Scripture** and how to live respectable lifestyles that please God would be a virtuous undertaking as well as a blessing to that family. When the **Chosen People** were enslaved in Egypt, did Moses lead any political protest in the streets of **Cairo** for social justice or did he listen to God's instructions and simply obeyed them? Whereas "*social justice*" is a political movement, is the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jesus Christ operating on behalf of our Village? Moreover, is it possible that the **Jewish Mafia** and the **Gentile Mafia** are fully vested in creating a dystopian society comprised primarily of disenfranchised "colored people" who are incapable of **critical thinking**? In a nation wherein "In God We Trust" has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, I challenge students and adults to read the entire **Bible** because doing so will change your *world view* in a profound way. Similarly, revisit the **Moynihan Report** to determine its relevance today. When you connect the dots, you will see that many of us are complaining about **racism** blocking our efforts to draw water from the well of the success while punching holes in the bottom of our own buckets. In George Orwell's **1984**, apart from Winston and a handful of others, *proles* were incapable of critical thinking. In the real world, a *totalitarian* regime relies upon **Thought Police** to promote **Big Brother's** propaganda and to "dumb down" an entire citizenry. Does the same truism apply to "dumb jocks" within the African American community? How frequently do we obey the **Thought Police's** subliminal messages without realizing the extent to which we are being manipulated psychologically? For example, during our children's formative years, dancing, singing, smoking, drinking, playing video games, playing football, playing basketball and other sports often are *distractions* from erudition and **academic excellence**. Thanks to low academic standards and social promotion in public schools, many high school jocks become functionally illiterate adults. Like Boxer in Orwell's **Animal Farm**, totalitarian societies need workers who can not think beyond accomplishing the tasks assigned to them on the "plantation" or animal farm. When **elementary schools** have competitive basketball teams, many black and brown boys will invest more time in developing their *athletic* skills rather than their *academic* skills. By third grade, the *retardation* of their mental acuity is such that they rarely, if ever, become competent in math or reading at grade level. Therefore, is it possible that young black boys are encouraged to embrace the pipe dream of **NBA** and **NFL** fortune and fame in order to circumvent their being **academically competent** students who are well-prepared to compete later in the real world? Explain.

The movie, "**Waiting for Superman**" clearly shows how public education was designed deliberately to be the antithesis of Marva Collins' pedagogy. How can poor or working-class students ever escape the **generational curse** of poverty IF they never go beyond earning a high school diploma? Moreover, how can poor and working-class students ever escape the *curse* of fatherlessness IF they continue to have illegitimate children? As I already said, we tend to respond emotionally rather than intellectually

whenever constructive criticism “*steps on our toes*”. As an example, rarely does the **Feminist Movement** vilify single teenage mothers. Instead, fathers are portrayed as *villains* who abandoned their responsibility. Yet, are not both the “baby’s mamma” and the “baby’s daddy” culpable for having a child out of wedlock? Yes, the child is *innocent*. Yet, the child also is *curled* according to God’s **Biblical** standards. All of us will be judged by that book, inconsequential to whether we choose to read it or ignore it. Stated differently, God does not bless children or their parents who vacate His “textbook in sex education”. Revisiting the **Moynihan Report**, what kind of careers can poor or poorly educated teenagers expect to have once they leave high school? Generally speaking, black girls have a strong support system from birth that includes their single mothers, grandmothers, extended families, churches, civic organizations, social service agencies, and roughly 90% of their K - 12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers also being empathetic females. The support system for black boys pales in comparison, unless they are blessed with virtuous fathers and successful father figures during their formative years. By age eighteen, it is too late for most *dumb jocks* to learn reading, writing, arithmetic, and the other cognitive skills needed to succeed in the work force and in college. About a year ago, I tutored [for free] a black male in his mid-twenties who was struggling to pass the **ASVAB**. I showed him how to get a library card and to request a copy of the same study guide I had checked out to help him. I walked him through the process and monitored when he picked up his book. He didn’t and he never met with me at the library that following Saturday or ever again. WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it. Thus, do your own research regarding the extent to which some **black males** are *allergic* to highly structured academic support. There is a gender gap in both college admissions and especially college graduation rates among African Americans. **Educational psychologists** fully understand how girls have a natural proclivity for sitting passively [to talk, sew, knit, study, watch television, etc.] for extended periods of time. Boys, on the other hand, naturally prefer aggressive and strenuous activities [football, weight training, wrestling, basketball, etc.] and often become restless in their classrooms. This may explain, in part, why many black males are unfamiliar with **basic** study habits and the enjoyment of erudition as a **team**. Is social promotion in public schools culpable for this “*allergy*” in academia? Never forget that think tanks in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Israel, and Australia are rolling on the floor laughing at our collective *ineptitude* and *ignorance*. Thanks to the insouciance of many preachers, parents, coaches, and teachers in our Village, this pathos continues unabated throughout the United States. Yet, we must honestly ask to what extent is the **Black KKK** complicit or engaged in *maintaining* rather than *rectifying* the mental enslavement of young **black males**? Explain. Never forget that our teenagers and our young men are the *raw material* for the next generation’s success or failure in winning the Super Bowl. Often, I say that “*ghetto*” is not a zip code. Instead, it is a self-loathing manner of speaking, dressing, and otherwise behaving that is socially unacceptable to mainstream America. Of course, that description also applies to other races. Yet, WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it.

**Functional illiteracy** is a national problem that African American parents can ill-afford to wait for any governors, legislators, school boards, or public schools to fix. Akin to **Marva Collins**, we too must take matters into our own hands. **Waiting for Superman** well-illustrates how low intellectual expectations, poor discipline, and poor quality public education are no accident in the United States. *Au contraire, mon frere!* Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to believe that the **Jewish Mafia** and the **Gentile Mafia** paid those think tanks I mentioned earlier to create “failing schools” in order to maintain **Apartheid** here in the United States? Explain. While a college education is *not* a sine qua non

to earn \$100,000 per year or to have a successful career, it *can* open doors of opportunity for many attorneys, doctors, researchers, engineers, college professors, CEO's, etc., that they otherwise would not have. Wealthy teenagers who already have a \$10,000,000 trust account often attend college primarily to make connections with the "*right people*". Ergo, toward achieving the American Dream, one of the most important **Life Lessons** any of us can learn is how to think with our *intelligence* rather than with our *emotions* and to befriend like-minded compeers. **Ghetto** is not a zip code; so, never be afraid to dream beyond the reality of the milieu into which you were born. **Matthew 7:6** reads, "*Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.*" Let the church say, AMEN!

Whenever **African Americans** become defensive regarding the A's and F's on our report card, little or nothing changes for the better. Without **critical thinking**, both white Americans and black Americans will succumb to what **Edward Bernays** called *group psychology*. At that point, they no longer are analyzing or engaging society's ethical, economic, and political issues *intellectually*. Instead, they may become malleable **Manchurian candidates** who will block, tackle, clip, hate, and even kill a "*fictional enemy*" at the behest of Stalin, Hitler, Big Brother, or another totalitarian **dictator**. Hypothetically, IF someone thinks that virtually all people in any identity group, i.e., Asians, Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Christians, etc., are good or evil, then Big Brother's Orwellian *social engineers* have accomplished their mission. Antithetically, IF one would read non-fiction books and conduct research to discover the *facts* on any issue, then the results of such critical thinking will show how television, movies, social media, magazines, books, sermons, lectures, blogs, and even Uncle Sam's **propaganda** work in tandem to control one's mind and to elicit a myriad of *programmed* behaviors. These **Pavlovian responses** can be either self-affirming or self-destructive. For example, some educators forbid their children to watch television or to play video games on school nights in order to ameliorate their academic performance. Beyond selling drugs or other crimes inveterately associated with minority communities, three legal, yet, *self-destructive* illustrations of this principle constantly at work are: (1) teen pregnancy, (2) sagging pants showing posterior cleavage, and (3) coveting the pipe dream of **NFL** or **NBA** fortune and fame at the expense of excellence in the classroom. In the much broader political arena, these "programmed" behaviors may include our citizenry's insouciant response to (1) **CIA** sponsored terrorism, (2) torture, (3) racism, (4) US military global hegemony, and (5) US domestic policies adversely impacting the poor.

Today, despite the unprecedented number of erudite African Americans matriculating and graduating from **Harvard Law School** and other Ivy League institutions, has anything changed substantially regarding the empowerment or well-being of the poor? Explain. Never forget that the **Jewish Mafia** and the **Gentile Mafia** work in tandem via sponsoring think tanks in Great Britain, the United States, Germany, Israel, and Australia that collaborate to control both public opinion and group behavior on a global scale. Hypothetically, whenever the "Talented Tenth" graduates from a HBCU, a State University, or an Ivy League university, does that coterie of professionals lead our Village across the Sahara's burning sand to the **Promised Land** or back to the **Nile Plantation** for the next generation to resume building Pharaoh's pyramids and worshiping his pagan gods? In the sagacious words of Florida's own **James Weldon Johnson**, "*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou, who hast brought us thus far on our way. Thou, who hast by Thy might led us into the light. Keep us forever in the path we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee...*" Eureka! No man can serve two masters, for he will

love one and loathe the other. Therefore, whenever **Pavlov** rings the bell, to which master do we gleefully come running with our tails wagging? In the context of an individual's or an entire identity group's critical analysis of America's domestic and foreign policy, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think WE the People have become an **Orwellian society** of *proles* without even realizing it? Thus, as we faithfully watch and cheer for our favorite high school, collegiate, and professional basketball teams, our ignorance is bliss...or is it?

After you read her book and watch several documentaries, you will discover how **Marva Collins** took the stones that public schools rejected and polished them into *cornerstones* for life-long academic and professional success. With iconic celebrities such as **Oprah Winfrey** and **Michael Jordan** living in Chicago at the time, I am perplexed that her school went out of business due to a lack of *financial* support. After all, is it possible that both Michael Jordan and Oprah Winfrey each *could* have written a check for \$1,000,000 to endow Marva Collins' quintessentially efficacious pedagogy for posterity? Theoretically, in the context of "For Us/By Us", why haven't we replicated **Harlem Children's Zone**, **Urban Prep Academy** and other predominately black schools to rival the quintessential success of Marva Collins' **Westside Preparatory School**? Is the **Talented Tenth** partly responsible for ensuring that no more than a "*tenth*" of African Americans ever will escape the **Poverty Plantation** in order to achieve both academic and economic parity with mainstream America? IF black lives truly matter, then when will wealthy black pastors, politicians, athletes, entrepreneurs, and entertainers create another **Urban Prep Academy** in every major city's most "at risk" neighborhood? Black parents and students in the "*ghetto*" need to see what success looks like in order to keep their eyes on the prize and achieve the American Dream. Moreover, has any coterie of prominent black *millionaires* and *billionaires* chartered credit unions and **regional banks** to ameliorate home ownership opportunities among qualified black couples that have been marginalized by *redlining*? Is it possible that the **Brotherhood's Invisible Empire** and the **Black KKK** surreptitiously protect the status quo and would have it no other way? Once again, what would the African American Village look like IF wealthy actors, NBA superstars, NFL players, and entrepreneurs created a **\$500,000,000** endowment [that's less than Tiger Woods' divorce settlement] and foundation that sponsored annual ACADEMIC competitions [chess, playing Classical music, spelling, typing, computer coding, math, physics, chemistry, biology, history, debate, etc.] exclusively for boys in the hood? Explain. Imagine the paradigm shifting in the right direction within our Village IF **black males** were held accountable to irreproachable intellectual and religious or **moral standards** until graduation from high school in order to receive their cash prizes with interest.

Psychologists, Drs. **Kenneth Clark** and his wife **Mamie**, proved that television, textbooks, and the vicissitudes of living under **Apartheid** have *systematically brainwashed* Negro children into believing they are inferior to their white counterparts. More than half a century later, we hold these truths still to be self-evident to perspicacious Americans who comprehend **psychological chess**. Thus, how does racism continue to block, tackle, clip, and run black male intellectualism out of bounds and out of many classrooms? What is our offensive team or our defensive team doing to mitigate that strategy and to close our 36 point deficit? Explain. With more black males languishing in Wall Street's privatized prisons than ever were on cotton plantations two centuries ago, why have we granted legitimacy to *dumb jocks* in leadership roles within many important institutions in our Village? Do we not see that **Hell's Head Coach** is fully vested in the illusion of **White Supremacy** over African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, Muslim Americans, Native Americans, and anyone

else who is not “white”? In such a construct, one would expect more African American students to study as assiduously as did Cedric in “**A Hope In the Unseen**” and lead the Underground Railroad to intellectual freedom. Indeed, most black students from Jamaica, Haiti, Nigeria, Ghana, and Kenya take higher education much more seriously and perform better in the classroom than we do. Kudos to our kindred from throughout the **Diaspora**! Yet, shouldn’t African Americans resurrect those erstwhile high expectations of “*colored schools*” during the **Civil Rights Era** and do likewise? I rest my case.

The ubiquitous **propaganda** in the United States regarding *racial inferiority* has been dispelled time and time again. I realize that I am repeating this anecdote. Yet, it clearly demonstrates that WE can fix it IF we can face it. As an educator, the “*it*” to which I am referring is the abysmally poor performance of our African American students in today’s classrooms. Whenever you see black and brown students in the **bottom quintile** of performance on standardized tests, is it possible to think that this conundrum is *not* by accident but by design? Ergo, are we winning or losing the Super Bowl? IF the losing coach refuses to admonish his defensive team to stop their opponent’s quarterback and running back, then does he genuinely care about his team winning or has he been paid under the table for *match fixing*? Are we African Americans intellectually inferior to students from **Africa** and the **Caribbean** or do we have misplaced priorities that took root during our formative years? Do gifted **African students** possess a gene in their **DNA** that produces higher intelligence and impressive scores on standardized tests? Compared to females, why is there a conspicuous deficit of erudite African American *male* teachers and administrators in public education? Perhaps, many parents still are **Waiting for Superman** or will they finally decide to become the first “*college professor*” their children ever meet?

Were we to be honest, then we would acknowledge that many African American **fathers** now place more emphasis on their son’s *athletic* performance than they do on his *academic* performance or his report card. During the **Civil Rights Era**, the antithesis was the case because “*serving de Lawd*” was the only thing that **Negro families** considered to be more important than “*schooling*”. Today, IF a black male is functionally illiterate, then can he successfully complete a vocational or a college education in order to start a successful career? How can he be the head of household IF his wife has a **graduate degree** and earns three times as much income as he? Hypothetically, what *poor choices* did he make as a student in middle school or high school? WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it. Obviously, we can’t change the past; but we can warn the next generation by *requiring* rather than *requesting* good conduct and good grades in school. Imagine how difficult it will be for a functionally illiterate or “*dumb jock*” to put a roof over his head after his parents say, “*You’re a grown man now. So, it’s time for you to move out on your own.*” Brothers, is there a correlation between *inadequate* education and *inadequate* job skills? Hypothetically, IF black parents fail to **criticize** and to **correct** disrespect and disobedience from *any* of their children during the **formative years**, then their sons will have a more difficult time acclimating to the outside world in adulthood than their daughters. Why? Health care, housing programs, food stamps, Welfare, social service agencies, free meals, and Women’s Centers, etc., collectively are tantamount to a “safety net” that will take care of an unwed mother and her children until they reach the age of 18. Contrary to what your elder, pastor, or bishop may have said in **Youth Ministry** or a **Men’s Retreat**, it is *not* a sin for horny teenagers and grown men to use the *safety* on the pistol in their pockets. This is but one reason why I am adamant about encouraging “church folks” to read and *study* the **Holy Bible** at least seven times in order to *rightly* divide the Scripture! You may discover that the well-educated ministerial staff in your church has been teaching



“kat” out of ignorance or out of a desire they learned in the seminary to *manipulate* and control the sheep. Similarly, many men my age who attended **Catholic** high schools were told that **masturbation** would cause hair to grow in the palm of your hand. Why would any priest manipulate their male students’ thinking on **sexual matters** that contradict both the Bible and biological facts? I have my theories, which I will hold in abeyance until the Q & A component of **VICE’s** workshops. Never forget that for over three score and ten years, **Hell’s Head Coach** has been *adamant* about ensuring that black females are the principal breadwinner and the head of Negro households. Therefore, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that **Black Feminism** is scoring a touchdown for his team? Is Wall Street’s **Prison Industrial Complex** waiting for the next crop of cotton to mature on the plantation and end up behind bars? Explain.

Never forget that fruit never falls far from the tree and the orchard that bore it. Thus, many of our boys in the hood are following in the footsteps of their uncles, fathers, brothers, and even grandfathers, who are **convicted felons**. In a nation wherein “In God We Trust” has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, these *generational curses* must be broken IF we intend to live more godly and virtuous lives that will bless all of us collectively. Of course, millions of African Americans attend church. Yet, millions of us do not attend any church. More poignantly, how many “church folks” actually fast, pray, and study the Holy Bible from **Genesis** through **Revelation**? Stated differently, how many “church folks” *pontificate* and *practice* obeying God’s list of “thou shalt” and “thou shalt not” commandments? IF the **anti-Christ**s already control both the Church and the State, then can you see how Hell’s Head Coach already has his foot in the door of public schools in order to *psychologically* program naive students in elementary school? Sponsored by the Church of Satan, **After School Satan Clubs** are infiltrating public education over the objections of many parents. IF you are among the small “remnant” of *real* Christians who relentlessly study Scripture, then you know that virtually everything that is *politically correct* is fulfilling **Bible prophecy** regarding the **Last Days**. Thus, it becomes your responsibility to inculcate Bible literacy at home. By not watching the news, reading books, or researching information on-line, many Christians are being blindsided by the extent to which our courts are accommodating **Satan** at the expense of religious freedom. **Kelvin Cochran’s** case in Atlanta was just the tip of the iceberg in terms of the *persecution* of Christians yet to come. Legislation is being considered that would force a popular fast food chain to remain open on Sundays. **Chick-fil-A** was founded in 1946 by **S. Truitt Cathy**, who taught Sunday School in his church for close to a half-century. His company always has been closed on Sundays for religious reasons; but that soon may change. **Agnostics** and spiritually blind Christians may think that it’s no big deal. As it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah...no big deal? As it was in the days of Noah...no big deal? God’s imminent destruction of the Earth by fire the next time...no big deal? Judgment Day and Eternity in Hell’s lake of fire...no big deal? America, is the Bible warning *all* of us to get right with God or get ready for His Eternal punishment? Are we listening? Explain.

Popular television programs constitute one of the primary reasons why so many Americans are **spiritually blind**. Albeit I have not owned a television for nearly twenty-five years, presumably, millions of Americans watch 4-5 hours of televised sports and inane *entertainment* every day on their cell phones or flat screens at home. I prefer to read and research as much as I can regarding politics, religion, and sexuality. Hypothetically, IF someone watches television for 4 hours, sleeps for 8 hours and works for 8 hours, then that leaves little time for anything else. Whereas the United States is a *melting pot* rather than a monolithic Christian nation, some readers may be incredulous of *my*

“conspiracy theory” regarding the relationship between the “Church” and the “State”. Yet, it is quite clear to me that what the Bible calls “*spiritual wickedness in high places*” dictates many of our nation’s domestic and foreign policy decisions. The **Washington Monument** and the **all-seeing eye** on the back of a dollar bill symbolize this truth, literally, hidden in plain sight. IF the United States is, de facto, a *puppet state* run by the **Jewish Mafia** and the **Gentile Mafia** hiding in the shadows, then our unprovoked invasion of **IRAQ** and other Muslim countries [Afghanistan, Sudan, Somalia, Yemen, Uganda, Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, Cameroon, Chad, Pakistan, Eritrea, Kenya, and even Ethiopia] would make perfect sense. The **Godfather**, whoever he may be, always covets pecuniary assets, political power, physical pleasure, and purchased pulchritude. Ergo, oil, gold, diamonds, elephant tusks, animal skins, rubber, sugar, rice, opium, silver, uranium, and other resources have served as the catalysts for warfare throughout Human History. IF **Heaven’s Head Coach** teaches mankind, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you,” then today’s avaricious **New World Order** definitely is *not* in God’s playbook. On the other hand, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that **Hell’s Head Coach** celebrates capitalism’s ethnic cleansing, genocide, torture, child molestation, rape, and murder throughout the four corners of the world? Explain. Again, I am a fictional writer, not a journalist. Therefore, I am presenting my simplified world view as a *template* anyone can use to analyze and examine the interface between the physical and the metaphysical or *spiritual* universe. IF there are two “**Spiritual Superpowers**” competing for our *worship* and *loyal obedience*, then, perhaps, Hell’s Head Coach versus Heaven’s Head Coach is a befitting description of such a rivalry in the astral realm. Using this over-simplified model of good v. evil, we know that the **Mafia** has an insatiable capacity for evil and thinks nothing of murdering anyone who gets in their way. We also know that both the **Jewish Mafia** and the **Gentile Mafia** will assassinate any of their members who dare to break their oath of secrecy and expose their hidden agendas to the public. From behind the curtain, the Godfather’s control of prostitution, gambling, a global drug cartel, pornography, human trafficking, alcohol, the tobacco industry, the pharmaceutical industry, education, manufacturing, transportation of goods, the stock market, the commodities exchange, the bond market, the supply chain of available goods, the military industrial complex, and Wall Street’s privatized prison industry, etc., have made him extremely wealthy and extremely powerful. IF his filthy lucre is used to bribe US Presidents, Parliament, Congress, the Pentagon, and all of the major players in a geo-political chess game referred to as the “New World Order”, then is **Heaven’s Head Coach** or **Hell’s Head Coach** ultimately going to prevail over his opponent? Explain.

For a plethora of reasons, we **African Americans** are not nearly as diligent as White Americans, Asian Americans, Jewish Americans, and other well-educated identity groups in understanding the “**chess game**” in this country. When I was a child, a common saying was, “If you want to hide something from black people, then just put it in a book.” Realistically, that pejorative still holds true for millions of black and white Americans alike. However, ignorance is far more deleterious to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness of the former rather than the latter identity group. In the 1950’s and 1960’s, many “colored students” recited poetry, read the Bible, studied foreign languages, and were exposed to Shakespeare’s plays and Classic books in their English Literature classes. Today, with few exceptions, that is not the case. Thanks to *dysfunctional* families and poor public education [especially in inner city schools], millions of African Americans are functionally **illiterate** and do not understand capitalism’s invisible chess game. However, to what extent are we culpable for our ignorance when we choose to disrespect our teachers, disrupt the learning environment and fail to take full advantage

of free public education? Is this kind of *self-loathing* behavior the white man's fault or have we simply taken the *bait* social engineers dangled in front of us on a *hook*? Now, are we in the frying pan? Explain.

IF the world is run by a coterie of *well-educated* people in high places, then ignorance and illiteracy guarantee that the **Godfather** can rule dumb jocks or even an entire citizenry via **Edward Bernays'** group psychology and mind control. For example, the institution of slavery was very successful in keeping the plantation Negro "in his place" via his inability to read, write, comprehend, or analyze the "chess game". IF all men are created equal, then why was it *illegal* for black slaves to learn how to read, write, and do arithmetic? Despite this pernicious institution, some slaves learned not only how to read, but also learned how to write their autobiographies and other **books** that few African American teenagers bother to **read** today. While we enjoy the emperor's endless buffet of bread, circus, and other forms of entertainment, those think tanks are skillfully playing chess to keep the Negro and other "inferior" identity groups in their place. Believe it or not, **basketball** is a *weapon of mass destruction* of African American students' intellectual capacity to read at grade level, to write grammatically correct essays and research papers, and to comprehend life's perennial chess game. One could argue that the entire sports industry functions like a **plantation system** wherein the owners' slaves fill arenas with fans rather than picking cotton to make them rich. Ergo, the pipe dream of **NBA** success is so "pleasant to the eye" that **Kevin Ross** and countless other black boys are being deceived in the same manner as were Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Akin to **Boxer** in George Orwell's **Animal Farm**, any *dystopian* society well-stocked with dumb jocks or similar beasts of burden also is a society well-stocked with proles and *mental slaves*. Despite the tremendous wealth and popularity among members of the **NBA**, many have proven themselves to be inept in terms of managing their fortunes to create and maximize *generational wealth* for posterity. Checkmate!

Having become "*addicted*" to sports as early as age six, seldom do African Americans see their iconic athletes as the "*pied piper*" for the **Prison Industrial Complex**. Ergo, millions of black boys and teenagers relentlessly play or watch televised basketball games while following the stats of their favorite collegiate or **NBA** players. It is unfortunate that many of them do so at the expense of even attempting *academic excellence* in the classroom. Were they to do so, then an entire nation would marvel at **2,500,000** black males having scored 1400 or higher on the **SAT**. Wow! WE can fix it IF we can face it...but will we? Hypothetically, IF 2,500,000 black males spend at least four hours each day playing basketball, then how many of them spend four hours each day studying homework as well? WE can't fix it IF we can't face it, inconsequential to whatever "it" is. IF you are what you eat, then it soon becomes apparent to educators which students in their classrooms have failed to develop a healthy *intellectual* diet. A decade from now, hopefully, many of these dumb jocks and other young men will have developed the marketable job skills requisite to putting a roof over their heads versus living with mom or another relative. As history tends to repeat itself, was the **Moynihan Report** prophetic? Compare where we are today relative to 1964, 1974, or 1984. In the context of life's **Super Bowl**, are we closing the 36 point deficit or falling further behind our opponent? Explain. Generally speaking, **Asians** stick together to empower their community. **Arabs** stick together to empower their community. **Jews** stick together to empower their community. **Hispanics** stick together to empower their community. **West Indians** stick together to empower their community. **African Americans**...you fill in the blank.

Many black athletes have carried a ball in one hand and a book in the other hand. As a result, they have done well in college and in their careers outside of sports. Yet, in “**A Hope In the Unseen**”, is it possible that the classmates who vilified Cedric for “acting white” were, de facto, *dumb jocks* projecting their **inferiority complex** upon him for excelling where they were failing? IF a student perceives himself as being *inferior* or even *incompetent*, compared to his classmates, then he may act out via bullying, disrupting the classroom, or simply shutting down in such a structured learning environment. Taking this fictional vignette a step further, IF joining “**The Brotherhood**” ensures that some dumb jocks later will enjoy successful careers as coaches, custodians, maintenance workers, heavy equipment operators, entrepreneurs, truck drivers, bus drivers, chiropractors, teachers, athletic directors, policemen, firemen, probation officers, pastors, principals, and even politicians, etc., then will the majority of them encourage young black males to develop their passion for basketball or advise them to become erudite doctors, lawyers, and computer engineers instead? Never forget that many **lawyers** eventually will hold public office and draft local, state, and federal legislation that govern our nation’s citizenry. This is precisely what has transpired over four decades of **Feminist Studies** in colleges and universities. These women did not use bricks, bottles, or their biceps to fight for **equality** on campus. *Au contraire, mon frere*. They used their **brains** and encouraged each other to apply to medical school and law school. Eureka! Not only did they graduate from law school, these women also have dismantled the “good old boy” system to such an extent that more women have become **Supreme Court** Justices, federal judges, college presidents, and CEO’s than ever before. A similar analysis could be made for the success of the **GLBT Movement**. Thus, someone’s *education* is far more efficacious than someone’s *ethnicity* in determining what any of us can and can not do. Having said that, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that the love of basketball ensures the **black male’s** inferiority in society? Keep in mind that, “You are what you eat.” Yet, dumb jocks don’t have a **lower IQ** than other students who routinely make the honor roll. However, IF a perspicacious teacher holds basketball jocks and other athletes accountable to the same *academic standards* as other students in the classroom, then is it possible that the head coach or athletic director may try to influence that teacher to give them a passing grade they did not earn? As members of “**The Brotherhood**”, is it possible that the principal, head coach, or school board members would pressure such an intractable teacher to *resign* or *retire* via the threat they posed to the school’s athletic program? Explain. Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think this is what happened to **Kevin Ross** and countless other *dumb jocks*, who fell through the cracks in our high schools and colleges? WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it.

Albeit I did not pursue education as my major in college, I love teaching *intellectually curious* students who want to learn. Approximately thirty-five years ago, an elementary school teacher and friend of mine told me that our **black males** seldomly score at [or above] grade level when tested in math or reading. In response, I wrote and presented a “summer curriculum” to the local directors of the **YMCA** and the **Boys and Girls Club** on “our side of the tracks” in Ft. Lauderdale. At a time when some educators advocated for the legitimacy of **Ebonics** in school, my two-month summer curriculum focused upon closing the academic gap via math drills, standard English grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension and playing chess. As a challenging cognitive exercise, conjugation of the verb “*to be*” in several tenses in Latin also was included. Perhaps, my Latin teacher at **Marianna High School**, Mrs. Stone, would have been proud...lol. More importantly, I have learned that successfully tackling difficult mental activities such as the Rubik’s cube, chess, or a foreign language can boost a black

child's confidence in his or her intellect. Yet, few black males have experienced a caring black teacher *challenging* and *coaching* them to reach "**intellectual euphoria**". Subsequently, public schools have taught black males to *internalize* their academic failures. Think tanks and **social engineers** are well-aware that IF you repeat this process in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, then by 4<sup>th</sup> grade the **black male** will gravitate from erudition to the **euphoria** of victory in a **sport** for the rest of his life because he has been *miseducated* to believe he is *academically* inferior. To my surprise, both "HNICs" told a very enthusiastic volunteer in so many words, "*Thanks; but no thanks because our children want to play sports, go on field trips, relax, and have fun during the summer.*" Check! Do bright middle school and high school students that will earn **academic scholarships** to Cornell, Columbia, MIT, Stanford and Harvard ever stop reading and studying during their summer hiatus? Checkmate! Why do countless black coaches, jocks, youth directors, teachers, principals and administrators regale in sports and entertainment at the expense of ameliorating the **intellectual** development of black males during their formative years? Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that successful men such as these are members of an amorphous **Black KKK** or **Talented Tenth** whose primary function is to be the **gatekeeper** that *divides and conquers* us via by keeping the larger 90% of Negroes "in their place"? Explain.

Fast forward forty years from **1984** to today's invisible pipeline from public schools to privatized prisons. IF black lives matter, then what's wrong with the ubiquitous pandemic of *functional illiteracy* among **black males** within our Village? While it is true that more black male role models are needed, these role models should not be illiterate, immoral, insecure, irresponsible, inept, or *ineducable* black men. All of us, including myself, are potential teachers and students. However, our Village would be blessed IF our "black leaders" were *well-educated* men who pontificate and practice obeying God. Instead of fatherless boys looking to professional athletes, rappers, drug dealers, or thugs in the streets for role models, well-educated men can and *should* live irreproachably virtuous lives as a precept and example of "**real manhood**". Otherwise, brothers, we never will overcome what the **Moynihan Report** described due to the efferent impact that drugs, illiteracy, insecurity, ineptitude, and other *vices* have upon black males and our entire Village. WE can fix it IF we can face it...but will we? Explain.

Hypothetically, is it possible for **black males** to master chess, reading Classical music, a foreign language, computer coding, algebra, geometry, and **MS Office Suites** prior to age ten? Jewish, Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Filipino and other ten-year-old boys can and do! A decade later, they often emerge from a university as entrepreneurs or future leaders in academic, corporate, military, or government positions. Therefore, why can't RayRay, Shorty, June Bug, Dirty Red and other "boys in the hood" do likewise during their formative years? Explain. Despite push back and opposition from other educators – both black and white – **Marva Collins** assiduously polished "black gems in the rough" until they became *diamonds*. How was this possible in one of Chicago's most notorious "at risk" communities? Ms. Collins, her students, and their parents were well-aware that a good education always has been the best *insurance policy* against a life of **poverty** and **crime**. Today, what difference does it make that many third graders can not **read** and why should we care? IF **racism** is blocking our efforts to draw water from the well of success, then why are millions of us punching holes in the bottom of our own buckets? Explain. Hypothetically, IF your son's first grade teacher proclaimed, "The kat klimbed the tree while karefully karrying her kitten," then would you nominate him or her for "**Teacher of the Year**" or teach Junior how to ferret for the *truth* via using the

dictionary? Illiterate parents would not know the difference via their inability to use the dictionary or the encyclopedia efficaciously. Ergo, we can't teach what we don't know in order for our children to succeed in the classroom. Perhaps, this is an over-simplified explanation of why millions of black males acquiesce to spelling cat with a "k" rather than a "c". However, this also may explain why erudite **black male** teachers who graduated "*cum laude*" [no, I'm not even close to being in that league...lol] are blocked, tackled, clipped, and run out of bounds in our Village IF they dare to imbue their *protégés* with knowledge that would disrupt the status quo of mediocrity among the masses. I can not emphasize enough that an invisible **Black KKK** plays a vital role in protecting the **Talented Tenth's** privileges in the Big House while keeping at least 90% of us sweating in the fields picking cotton. "Divide and Conquer" is a chess move that works against *solidarity* within any identity group, and especially among African Americans. For example, Cedric Jennings had to swim against the vicious current of detractors or "*haters*" in order to earn a letter of acceptance from **Brown University**. Antithetically, black parents from the **Caribbean** well understand how *competitive* education was under the former **British colonial system**. Therefore, the entire community encourages **West Indian** students to excel in school and make everyone proud of their *academic* achievements. Thus, a myriad of problems plaguing **African American** communities never will be rectified until we **criticize** them and **correct** them. IF we are waiting for Superman, Martin Luther King, Jr., Moses, or a political process to rectify them, then the *dysfunction* within our Village will continue long after I am dead and gone. **Victory In Christ Ensemble's [VICE]** pedagogy is unique in terms of my commitment to enlightening and empowering members of our book club through *intelligent* and *holistic male bonding* exercises. We remain conquered because we remain divided. Therefore, admiring the sages from antiquity, it never is my goal to force any man to do anything against his will. Instead, brothers from both sides of the **Middle Passage** can come together and reason together from the Scripture and other profoundly enlightening books. Such *information* challenges a man to examine his life and the world in which he lives *intellectually* rather than *emotionally*. Hopefully, other brothers much wiser than I will reciprocate via sharing their knowledge and world view with me. By studying and analyzing our ethical, political, educational, economic, and even our family problems, hopefully, we will emerge committed to living more virtuous lives than the majority of **black males** in our Village.

Wherever there is a "*weak link*", we must confront it and then fix it posthaste in order to mitigate -- if not eliminate -- our vulnerability to exploitation and manipulation. The allegory of **Plato's cave** clearly demonstrates how we are a people still shackled to the cave's wall. As a result, we perish for a lack of knowledge. Therefore, IF black lives matter, then when will we *require* rather than *request* that black and brown boys master life's chess game prior to the age of ten? Whenever a black male lacks the cognitive wherewithal to read, comprehend, and *analyze* great works of science, philosophy, history, and literature, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that he will develop an *inferiority complex* and resent the other *well-educated* brothers around him like Cedric Jennings? We can not ignore the fact that black males from Africa and the Caribbean appreciate erudition far more than African-American males. In many black families, a college education has been a **standard** and a tradition for generations. Yet, without self-aggrandizement or condescension, how can the **erudite** brothers *teach less-educated* brothers how to master life's chess game? Will the former, like Cedric Jennings, be vilified by the latter for their erudition and intellect? WE can't fix it IF we can't face it.

Gentlemen, what circumvents our creating and joining chess clubs, think tanks, book clubs, debate societies, and community workshops, *en masse*, to ameliorate our self-determination and mutual

success? Can we legitimately blame "*the white man*" or anyone else IF half of our children disrespect their teachers, disrupt their classrooms, sell drugs, use drugs, get pregnant, destroy school property, commit other crimes, drop out of high school, and eventually flounder in blissful *ignorance* as adults? Explain. How would it change the complexion of our communities IF every **black male** college graduate mentored just *one* convicted felon – mano a mano – until he earned his **GED** and bachelor's degree? Explain. Think about how much hope that would give to countless black males who already are frustrated by racism. Moreover, that would ameliorate our ability to respect rather than resent black males from different backgrounds and score a touchdown for **Heaven's Head Coach** at the same time. The eloquent **Patrice Lumumba** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo sagaciously admonished his brethren regarding the extent to which they were *complicit* "co-authors" of Africa's **neo-Colonial** exploitation and other misfortunes. Similarly, at the expense of not completing law school or medical school, **Steve Biko** assiduously pushed back against **Apartheid** in **South Africa** until he was stripped naked and brutally beaten to death while in police custody. Déjà vu! Yet, are young African Americans spitting on the graves of these *martyrs* on the African continent? Does our Village need more **NBA** stars, more **NFL** players, or more well-educated **intellectuals** who inveigh against political chess moves that marginalize, molest, malign, and murder black people? Who was the guy with hair like wool who said, "*For inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my children, ye did it unto me,*"? Moreover, how would it change the dynamics within the Diaspora IF even 75% of black and brown men held ourselves accountable to *irreproachable* high standards of mutual education, mutual altruism, mutual collaboration, mutual investment, and mutual collective success? Explain.

Here in the United States, "*If you want to hide something from a Negro, then just put it in a book,*" is a popular cliché that assumes African Americans do not read books. To what extent is that true? Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think the desuetude of black male *intellectualism* will render **African Americans** inept, docile, malleable, and complicit in the exploitation of our village *ad infinitum*? Explain. Rest assured, gentlemen, it is not necessary to earn a JD, a PhD or any college degree to be well-educated. Therefore, I hope that countless black males still in high school, their peers, and their fathers will *analyze* this book. Why? In the context of our collectively reading and analyzing information on a written page, erudition is a *sine qua non*. As **Chinua Achebe** described in his novel, things do fall apart whenever the man child fails to adhere to the knowledge, wisdom, and skill set his *father* proffers for him to successfully compete, provide, and to protect his household and his village. When my paternal and maternal grandfathers were boys, it was common for "colored schools" in the South to be closed six months of the year in order for children to help their parents plant and harvest agricultural crops. Consequently, *functional illiteracy* throughout the agricultural South was very common among Negroes prior to World War I. Yet, despite having been born a slave, **Frederick Douglass** became an abolitionist, an eloquent orator, a public intellectual, and an influential author a generation before either grandfather was born. Ergo, can any black male legitimately accuse Frederick Douglas, W.E.B. DuBois, James Baldwin, Paul Robeson, Martin Luther King, Jr., or any other articulate, well-educated black man of "*acting white*"? IF so, then should we teach **black males** to act so white that white people may become jealous of their so-called "*whiteness*" and their success? Explain. As an educator, I must applaud Westside Preparatory School, Urban Prep Academy, Harlem Children's Zone, Marva Collins, James Gordon, Geoffrey Canada, and other passionate educators who hold black boys accountable for **intellectual excellence** as well as exemplary **good behavior** in the classroom. Why? IF we intellectualize the top ten vices in African American communities, then is it

possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that the dearth of critical thinking and moral rectitude -- more so than **racism** – would be at the top of our list? I rest my case. WE can fix it IF we can face it, inconsequential to whatever "it" is...but will we?

*“Our culture divides people into two classes: civilized men, a title bestowed on the persons who do the classifying; and others, who have only the human form, who may perish or go to the dogs for all the 'civilized men' care.”*

**Albert Schweitzer**



## ILLITERATE, IGNORANT, INEPT, AND INSECURE

Recently, I met a stunningly beautiful black [dark] woman from **Kenya** at Sacramento's public library across the street from Cosumnes River College. I mention that only to remind us of how beautifully **God** created us with **melanin-rich**, dark brown and black skin. Ergo, will someone explain to me why we bleach our skin, we bleach our hair blonde, red, or even orange, we weave hair extensions to our waists, and we undergo rhinoplasty in an attempt to look more European? The first time I watched the movie, **Amistad**, the visage of **Djimon Hounsou** reminded me not only of the Middle Passage, but also of how **Michael Jackson** looked B.C. ["before cosmetic surgery"]. Nevertheless, she and I had a vivifying discussion about the desuetude of *academic excellence* among too many **African-Americans** in "The Land of Opportunity". I discovered that she is in **law school** hoping eventually to practice *criminal law*. I guess that it would surprise erudite scholars from **Africa** to witness the paucity of **African American males** in law school since we were born here, not to mention how many of us need a *criminal lawyer*. Briefly, she shared how her *father* holds her and her siblings accountable for bringing **honor** rather than **shame** to his family name and their community back home. As an educator, I shared several vignettes about how disrespectful and disruptive many of my **African American** students are in the classroom. Concomitantly, the extent to which many parents, teachers, principals, and other administrators *refuse* to suspend them from school or otherwise hold students accountable for their untoward behavior does not facilitate **academic excellence** here in the United States.

Hypothetically, even IF felons run their prisons, then should future felons run their schools? Don't laugh because this may be the subliminal chess move the think tanks have planted in the minds of **incorrigible** students. While well-comported black students from **Africa** excel in college and in their chosen professions, **African American** success pales in comparison. Imagine a motorist from Palm Beach en route to his nephew's graduation from **University of Miami Law School** having a flat tire on Interstate-95. IF instead of getting out of his vehicle to get the spare tire, he smokes a joint and listens to his favorite CD. Assuming that he does not have AAA, then is he seriously committed to attending his nephew's Commencement? Enough said. IF your son's first grade teacher proclaimed, "The kat climbed the tree while karefully karrying her kitten," then would you nominate him or her for **Teacher of the Year** or teach Junior how to ferret for the truth via using a dictionary? IF the score at half-time during the **Super Bowl** is 42 to 6, then should the losing Head Coach complain to the officials or admonish his defense to stop their opponent's quarterback and running back? In each of these three vignettes, there is a clear choice whether or not to face and fix a problem. Therefore, why are many African Americans still complaining to the officials rather than closing the 36 point deficit? Once again, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that *well-educated* members of the **Black KKK** are programmed and paid *not* to challenge the status quo? Prior to answering that query, please read "**Prison Profiteers: Who Makes Money From Mass Incarceration**" by Paul Wright and Tara Herival. To my chagrin, what you will discover is that some prominent and *very successful* **African American** leaders **have** made a "deal with the Devil" to maintain and support the status quo. Apparently, money will change you IF you lack irreproachable intelligence and integrity. *C'est la vie, n'est-ce pas?*

With an aggregate wealth of more than **\$8,000,000,000,000** when will a coterie of African American athletes, entertainers, and entrepreneurs create a private *educational system* embracing **Marva Collins'** pedagogy, replete with **competitive scholarships** to reward black boys beginning in third grade? Is it possible to change the dreams and expectations of impressionable boys in the hood IF their role models of success exclude scholars, engineers, doctors, lawyers, judges, and other well-educated black men? Many will disagree; yet, I am convinced that such a paradigm shift could and would be far more efficacious than **reparations** in closing the 36 point deficit. Why? You and I both know that some of us would squander that "stimulus check" on a BMW or a Benz. How many lottery winners are broke five years after the fact? How many NBA and NFL players are broke five years after retirement? I rest my case. **Delayed gratification** pays higher dividends not only on Wall Street, but also throughout life. As **Geoffrey Canada** realized, "Waiting for Superman" never will change the score or the outcome of the game of LIFE. Thus, the **Harlem Children's Zone** became his life-long passion. As is to be expected, **Geoffrey Canada** has faced both hurdles and opposition throughout his career as an educator. Yet, some of Mr. Canada's harshest critics were African Americans. Brothers, even IF we never attend college, still we must encourage our sons and other black males to become *academically* equipped to go to college and to *graduate*. Interestingly, I just discovered that **Geoffrey Canada** graduated from the prestigious **Bowdoin College** in Brunswick, Maine. As one of the "Little Ivies", less than 10% of applicants get accepted at Bowdoin. Kudos to you, Mr. Canada! **Major General Oliver O. Howard** also graduated from Bowdoin College. He fought against the Confederacy during the Civil War and later was in charge of the *Freedman's Bureau* during **Reconstruction**. Major General Howard also was the founder of what now is **Howard University** in the District of Columbia where he served as its first president.

Theoretically, what invisible hand circumvents black churches, lodges, schools, coaches, colleges, or even barber shops from sponsoring chess clubs, **think tanks**, brain bowls, and **book clubs** to manumit us from illiteracy, ignorance, ineptitude, and insecurity? By nature, young males like to compete. I have used that strategy successfully in the classroom via awarding small prizes for students' having completed an assignment. IF our Village Elders turned debate teams, brain bowls, book clubs and similar academic clubs into *competitive* events, then more boys would strive to win the prize -- be it a CD, a bicycle, a US savings bond, a cash prize, a gift card, or an electronic device. Antithetically, shows on television such as **America's Got Talent** illustrate how we have become **Orwellian proles** addicted to competing in *entertainment* at the expense of competing in *education*. I hate to admit it; but once I was among a panel of judges of a **Black History Brain Bowl** wherein many of the participants and the eventual winners of those *scholarships* were not African American. IF we don't study Black History, rest assured someone else will. Enough said. Never forget that in "**A Hope in the Unseen**", Cedric was vilified by other *black* students for being smart. Gentlemen, can we afford to allow such a *stupid* world view to circumvent black males from reaching their academic potential? Undoubtedly, there are black males in prison who *could* have scored 1400 or higher on the **SAT** and earned a *full scholarship* to Stanford, Yale, or Harvard, had they made better *choices* during their formative years. Never forget what **Marva Collins** accomplished and what **Urban Prep Academy** still is doing to close that 36 point deficit in the Super Bowl. Similarly, the **Moynihan Report** implicitly admonished Negroes to secure a good education in order to attain upward mobility and economic parity with mainstream America. Is following such sagacious advice tantamount to "*acting white*" or do we prefer perpetual **poverty** in the "*ghetto*" over **prosperity**? Explain.

Have you watched “Dangerous Minds”, “Lean on Me”, “Finding Forrester”, “Stand and Deliver”, “Hidden Figures”, or “Boyz n the Hood”? IF so, then what is their plots’ common denominator? Upon careful examination of our boys in the hood’s infatuation with instant gratification, entertainment, and sports at the expense of quintessential academic achievement, does it surprise anyone that many African American males become “*dumb jocks*” prior to adulthood? Yet, IF absentee and marginally literate fathers lack the cognitive wherewithal to help their sons with homework, with studying the Scripture, with nurturing a positive self-image, with obeying teachers, and with avoiding criminal activity, then seldomly will Dad inspire Junior to become a lawyer, a pharmacist, a physician, or simply to earn his college degree. Gentlemen, despite the appearance of hopelessness, WE can fix it IF we can face it. Ergo, I challenge everyone who reads this book to write down ten strategies that *you* can implement posthaste to ameliorate academic outcomes for your sons, nephews, and cousins, etc. Your list doesn’t need to mirror or match mine. Instead, take ownership of what *you* can do to help our beautiful, well-educated sisters to meet and to **marry** black males in their same intellectual and economic league. *C’est tout...*that’s all.

In “**The Land of Opportunity**”, most immigrants from the four corners of the world routinely appreciate the upward mobility and the career choices their post-secondary education afforded them. Yet, many unemployed African American males, some of whom dropped out of high school, complain about what the “**white man**” has done to us without looking at what the “**black man**” has done to himself. Unless we have whelps on our back from a recent flogging on a Southern plantation, can we legitimately blame “the legacy of slavery” or “the white man” for our actions and their untoward consequences? For example, brothers, did we choose to sell drugs, which can lead to an early grave or to a prison cell? Brothers, did we choose unprotected sex before marriage, which can lead to *premature fatherhood* and *baby’s momma* drama? Hypothetically, is it ever wise to have children out of wedlock rather than practicing *virginity*, *celibacy*, *masturbation*, and *sublimation* prior to getting married? Explain. IF you are a Christian, then despite what your pastor or bishop may have said about *masturbation*, the **Holy Bible** neither condemns nor condones pulling your “*joystick*” until you feel the “*joy*” all by yourself. IF a horny King David had done so, then would he have become a murderer and “the baby’s daddy”? IF horny **convicted felons** would grab and pull their joysticks until they feel the joy all by themselves, then would your nineteen-year-old cousin, son, or nephew have been **raped repeatedly** during his first week behind bars? Explain. Moreover, did you know that in some prisons it is a crime to **masturbate**? What the truck – F150! IF you study the entire **Holy Bible**, then you will see how your pastor or your denomination has used **dogma** and **denominationalism** for mind control rather than for righteousness. Moreover, God never authorized any of us to add to or subtract from His Commandments. Ergo, in the context of “sexual mistakes”, gentlemen, please keep in mind that my **criticism** is not condemning any *person*. Instead, it is condemning **immoral behaviors** that we would be well-advised to correct posthaste.

How many fathers sell their sons the *pipe dream* of **NFL** or **NBA** fortune and fame during their formative years, rather than the *dream* of attending college to become a professional after completing graduate school? Of course, doctors and lawyers impress upon their children how important reading and erudition are even before 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Yet, our less-educated dads may not be that enlightened. Ergo, to make their dad proud, many eager eight-year-old sons and nephews play little league sports but seldomly visit the library to study and check out books. The next time you visit any local library, just look over the shoulder of countless black boys and young men. Instead of

developing their intellectual potential for professions in education, criminal justice, law, medicine, engineering, Information Technology, and **STEM** careers, how many of them are engrossed in idolizing professional athletes, playing video games, listening to music videos, or even watching kings of comedy and other entertainers? Meanwhile, African American **females** are becoming lawyers, professors, physicians, and computer engineers, etc., at nearly seven times the rate of their male counterparts. Wow! Guys, consider how attending college potentially affords young **black males** an excellent opportunity to choose from at least a half-dozen “**virtuous women**” who want to build a successful family with a “**virtuous man**”. Obviously, we are not a monolith; and college is not for everyone. Thus, this advice is inconsequential to those who have made up their minds to follow other pursuits and to do otherwise. Yet, countless wise **Asian, African American, Caribbean, and African** fathers require their children to spend more time preparing for *college* than playing basketball or any other sports. Think tanks also realize that IF African American males handle a ball more skillfully than they handle a textbook, then they may become a **liability** rather than an **asset** to our village a decade from now. Can we afford to allow this to happen in front of our eyes? Explain.

In the **Age of Information Technology**, why am I so redundant regarding such an important issue as *primary* education? Educational research indicates that standardized test scores in **reading** and **math** among African American students have been plummeting for decades. In adulthood, are functionally illiterate men capable of reading, comprehending, analyzing, and synthesizing intelligent solutions to the plethora of problems cursing their families and our village? Do we lack the wisdom to understand that a solid *intellectual foundation* must be laid during the black male’s **formative** years IF he is to be successful in high school and beyond? For example, how many dumb jocks leave college without being able to read on a 12<sup>th</sup> grade level? Indirectly, does this explain how rich entertainers, members of both the NBA and NFL, boxers, and other professional athletes squandered their enormous wealth, primarily, via the *dumb jock* mentality and not having sound financial advice at their disposal? Are black females dreaming of careers in the NFL and NBA or investing their time in **graduate school** programs that lead to success in medicine, law, and other professions? Much more often than females, how often do **black males** taunt and tease their articulate peers for *acting white* whenever they take Advanced Placement classes and make the honor roll? If only one out of 200 football jocks has a successful career in the NFL, then what happens to the other 199? Nonetheless, under the **Feminist Movement’s** pretext of *equality*, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that the **Psychological Penis Complex** is responsible for men and women *trading places* not only in the classroom, but also in the courtroom, in the pulpit, in the boardroom, and even in the bedroom? Explain.

Facts are unassailable truths that can not be debated by educated or uneducated people. Yet, among the more controversial facts regarding the New World Order’s **Prison Industrial Complex** would be socially unacceptable behaviors inveterately associated with African American males. We could debate the theoretical **cause** versus **correlation** in the disproportionate number of black males who are incarcerated. **Just Mercy** by Bryan Stevenson is a tour de force regarding a real need for reform to overturn institutionalized injustices in our **criminal justice system**. Based in Montgomery, Alabama, Mr. Stevenson and his team of attorneys relentlessly have won appeals challenging the death penalty and wrongful convictions through his **Equal Justice Initiative** [EJI]. In many cases, **EJI’s** legal team successfully overturned convictions that were based upon spurious evidence at best. In some cases, the prosecution deliberately planted false evidence, secured false testimony, and even *destroyed*

exculpatory evidence in order to put **innocent** men behind bars. What impact could it have in our courts IF there were exponentially more **black male** criminal lawyers and judges sitting on the bench? Does the deliberate *dumbing down* of black males by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade truncate their acceptance into law school a decade later? WE can't fix it IF we can't face it. Do you see how the intellectual chess game is played? The general public seems to be unwilling to demand judicial reforms in both court proceedings and jurisprudence. In many cases, as Mr. Stevenson has stated, there is a presumption of **guilt** by the jury if the defendant is poor and black. This ubiquitous perception of black males is not just a coincidence. "You are what you eat." Once upon a time, it was *illegal* for black men to serve on "a jury of his peers", even when the defendant was black. Perhaps, beginning with **Birth of a Nation**, Hollywood, newspapers, and other media have proffered an endless buffet of negative images and stereotypes of black people *ad nauseam*. Ergo, one must ask how these visual images impact the *mentality* and subsequent *behavior* of both black Americans and white Americans on jury duty.

To illustrate my point, almost forty years ago, I was the only person of color serving on an otherwise all-white jury wherein the defendant was a **black male** accused of arson at a marina. To my surprise, I was voted foreman of the jury "*by my peers*". After the evidence was presented and we retired to consider the case, I was the *only* person on the jury who voted "**not guilty**". When queried about why they felt that the *defendant* was guilty, virtually all of the jurors said because he was a **convicted felon** involving a robbery, he had to be guilty. Upon further discussion with fellow jurors, I pointed out that the prosecution not only had failed to provide any tangible evidence that the defendant was *culpable*, the state had failed even to establish that the defendant ever was *present* at the crime scene -- no fingerprints, no article of clothing, no foot prints, no eye witnesses, no camera footage, *nothing*! Our deliberation ultimately acquitted him; but is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that this **black male** may have gone to prison for a crime he did not commit? Wow! Perhaps, this is why we have the **Innocence Project** in Florida as well as in other states. In recent decades, more positive media images of black people and other ethnic minorities have become mainstream. Yet, I feel compelled to challenge black males to monitor the extent to which **our behavior** contributes to negative *media* images and *mental* images. For example, IF a black man sexually assaults a white woman, then the certitude of his conviction in court is nearly 100%. Yet, IF a black man is *falsely* accused of sexually assaulting a white woman, then the certitude of his conviction in court still remains well above 90% without *compelling evidence* to the contrary. During the **Civil Rights Era**, many parents were adamant about instructing "Negro children" to behave as if they were *ambassadors* for the entire black race the minute we step outdoors. Having said that, what can we African Americans do to change **public perception**? How does mainstream America respond to gaudy gold chains, a grill of gold teeth, public profanity, sagging pants, sloppy attire, stealing, fighting, loud music on a train or bus, and other socially *unacceptable* behaviors? Explain. Keep in mind that IF there were ninety-nine positive things black men did today and only one negative thing a black man did, you probably would see the negative story about the latter one on the 6:00 news. Therefore, we would be well-advised to assume we always are "under the microscope" in public. Ergo, almost *anytime* we engage in illegal or inappropriate conduct, newspapers and television stations gladly will report, amplify, accentuate and reinforce negative racial stereotypes of us to justify our being maligned and murdered. I have made the politically incorrect *generalization* that the most disrespectful and disruptive students I encounter in a classroom also look like me. Is that a **racist** statement or a reflection of factual observations relative to other students? WE can't fix it IF we can't

face it. I also have made the *generalization* that students from Africa and the Caribbean will ask questions about the lesson and engage in learning activities without ever disrupting the classroom. Is that a **bigoted** statement or a reflection of factual observations in a classroom? How would your perception change IF the person making these same *generalizations* was a white female? Explain. We also could delve into how some African American *parents* behave at school. Yet, I will let another educator and author present that often untoward vignette. Nevertheless, I would be remiss were I not to acknowledge that there are *many* African American parents and students who possess high academic expectations and are quintessentially comported at school. Kudos to each of you!

Many of the socially unacceptable behaviors we manifest are a direct result of “You are what you eat.” Therefore, conscientious parents should attempt to expose their children to a better life outside of the “*ghetto*” IF that happens to be where they reside. Ghetto is not a zip code and determined parents and their children can successfully swim against the “criminal current” like Cedric and like salmon. How can more parents inoculate their children from the vices surrounding them? Regularly reading “good” books, turning off the tv and video games to study Scripture, praying, having candid discussions, watching documentaries, and viewing only “good” movies that demonstrate dignity, intelligence, and positive self-esteem would be a good place to start. Despite the countless negative images on television, in movies, in music, and in magazines that are marketed *specifically* to **African Americans**, we don’t have to “drink the bleach”. Unlike the well-educated Malcolm X, Patrice Lumumba, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Steve Biko, today’s desuetude of black male intellectualism results in too many of us *naively* “drinking bleach”. For example, why do countless African Americans get more excited about the athletic success of a “jock” or the latest single from a “gangster rapper” than we do about the academic success of erudite boys such as **Cedric Jennings**? During my childhood, countless African American fathers pulled their son off the basketball and the football team altogether whenever his grades plummeted. Why? Perhaps, their grandfathers may have had only a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade education. Consequently, these dads understood that Junior needed to develop his **intellect**, finish high school, and acquire the *job skills* necessary to provide and protect a family a decade from now. Generally speaking, are today’s *fatherless black males* putting down the basketball and football long enough to acquire the marketable skill set needed to provide and protect a family a decade from now? Explain.

Having lived in Florida all of my life until 2018, I have observed the dichotomy between the comportment of a typical African American male student vis-a-vis his black counterpart from **West Africa** or the **Caribbean**. In contrast to our kindred from the Bahamas, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and other Caribbean countries, the vast majority of **black male** students who curse, smoke marijuana, and can not read, write, or speak *standard* English are African American. Obviously, not all of us behave as such; but far too many **African Americans** have been brainwashed into believing that irreproachable public conduct is tantamount to *acting white*. Ergo, more than a century after slavery ended in the United States, how does one explain our illiteracy, our ignorance, our insecurity, and our ineptitude in today’s classrooms? To what extent do we encourage our brightest college graduates to utilize their knowledge to uplift and teach other African Americans how to score a touchdown and close the 36 point deficit? IF a black male only knows how to play checkers, then will he ever learn how to play chess IF he bullies and vilifies his brother who happens to be a **chess master**? Rather than being advisors to the king, should our **Talented Tenth** be advisors to our entire Village while

constructively criticizing, correcting, and candidly discussing those self-effacing behaviors that are deleterious to the empowerment of our entire community? Explain.

Prior to moving from Florida to California, I was concerned that I might need to take a few refresher courses in education or pedagogy to qualify for a substitute teacher's credential. Naively, I assumed that California was turning out geniuses at USC, Stanford, Berkeley, and UCLA, etc., almost faster than chickens can lay eggs. To my surprise, the **CBEST** as well as the **CSET** for Math and Science were amazingly easy to pass. No, I am not *that* smart. To the contrary, the tests I took clearly were "*dumbed down*" compared with the topics covered in the **CliffsNotes CSET Multiple Subjects Test Prep** workbook. Based upon my preparation, I was expecting a much more difficult exam for teacher certification. Despite a written request a couple of weeks after the exam, California's credential agency would not provide my **CSET** percentile scores. The perplexing letter I received indicated that the Department of Education did not want school districts to make hiring decisions based upon those rankings. Ergo, pass or fail was the only information forthcoming. Can you imagine getting a similar pass/fail letter regarding your **SAT**, **MCAT** or **LSAT** scores? How would universities differentiate between applicants who scored 1100 versus 1500 on the **SAT**? Was that debacle a red flag regarding what I could expect once I entered the classroom? Eureka! Fortunately, I worked at nearly a dozen different schools prior to the COVID-19 hiatus. As a point of reference, it became obvious to me that the intellectual expectations and academic standards in 2020 were much lower than those I experienced in the "colored school" I attended in the 1960's. Is it possible that think tanks in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Israel, and Australia have a vested interest in *dumbing down* the **majority** of America's Youths? Of course, one man's observations are not representative of any social scientist's case study. Yet, my observations confirmed much lower standards and expectations from students now compared to the 1960's classrooms and textbooks. What possible benefit could there be for any nation to "dumb down" its citizenry? Perhaps, Bradbury's **Fahrenheit 451** and Orwell's **1984** provide clues regarding how best to answer that question.

Compared to other identity groups, it seems as if **African Americans** are resentful and defensive regarding **tangible remedies** to the illiteracy, ignorance, insecurity, and ineptitude that are crippling our Village. Is our unwillingness to read "good" books indirectly responsible for many of the poor decisions we make? Is it "the white man's fault" IF we fail to take decisive action to rectify countless vices plaguing our community? As an example, **sagging pants** never would have become a fashion statement IF stern fathers had *required* that black boys pull up their trousers thirty years ago. While mainstream America still rejects such blatant indecorum and disrespect, we seem to have become inured to seeing posterior cleavage and those brown spots in public. While felons, rappers, ballers, thugs, and younger *thugs in training* have embraced this trend via the music, movies, and magazines that glamorize "sagging", the onus falls upon **Village Elders**, godly parents, and especially **fathers** to say, "*You can't dress like that! Not living in my house!*" Beyond sagging, what other toxic folkways have we normalized? Is it I alone who has noticed that many **New Age** pastors are dressing down, perhaps, in order to accommodate the younger generation's worldliness? Young, unseasoned pastors tend to have very little life experience listening to the Lord or walking closely with God. Thus, is it possible that **Hell's Head Coach** recruits young men such as these to lead the flock away from obeying God? Emphasis in some churches now is placed upon contemporary music, smoke machines, special media effects, empowering women, praise teams dressing like the world, a great falling away from *sacred music*, and virtually no messages from the pulpit about **repentance** and **righteousness**. The

same could be said of our public schools wherein principals and administrators have no problem with **After School Satan Clubs** infiltrating elementary schools. Yet, **Bible Clubs** are forbidden. Perhaps, now you see why the score is 42 to 6 in the **Spiritual Super Bowl**. Have we forgotten that parents, not children, should have the upper hand and final word regarding dressing, speaking, and otherwise conducting oneself in public? Naturally, teenagers will test limits and boundaries to see just how far they can get *disobeying* and *defying* parental authority. Parents, IF this spirit of defiance is not broken in **early childhood**, then your child may become a menace to society even before his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Bible warns: "Spare the rod and spoil the child." Yet, as a result of permissive and inept parenting, we see this kind of untoward behavior at school over and over again. Let us not try to blame poverty, the white man, or living in any so-called "*ghetto*". Why? Many poor immigrants from throughout the **Diaspora** already have proven that "*ghetto*" is not a zip code. Despite having fewer material things than the average American, these students from the **Caribbean** and **West Africa** have become quintessential examples of well-educated and successful professionals after moving to the United States. Why can't we do likewise? Explain.

Many African-Americans will respond emotionally rather than rationally when a discussion such as this "*steps on their toes*". Yet, can we fix it IF we can't face it? Never forget that the **Jewish Mafia** and the **Gentile Mafia** work in tandem via sponsoring think tanks that psychologically monitor, modify, manipulate, and control the "**Negro Problem**". Unlike Adolph Hitler's **Final Solution** via gas chambers and firing squads, now illiteracy, illegitimate offspring, profanity, promiscuity, sagging pants and other folkways ensure that mainstream America will vilify us as both *unacceptable* and *undesirable as* compeers. Remember, you are what you eat. Therefore, is our addiction to sports junk food? Is most rap music junk food? Are most video games junk food? Is consuming liquor junk food? Is consuming drugs junk food? Have you seen the myriad of dignified, positive images of black actors, politicians, musicians, journalists, and dancers on television in **Kenya** and **Nigeria**? With few exceptions such as the erstwhile Nat King Cole Show, Julia, the Hazel Scott Show, the Cosby Show, and Living Single, etc., perhaps, we should stop eating the junk food and the *poison* on American television. Otherwise, the **Prison Industrial Complex** can ensure that the next crop of cotton to mature on the plantation will exceed last year's output.

Hopefully, without "*preaching*", I can advise boys in the hood who have a **criminal record** that GOD still loves you more than you may realize. His standards *never* change; yet, He is more than willing to forgive you and heal the hole in your soul. All of us, including myself, need the ineffable **grace** and **goodness** of God in dealing with the **F's** on our report cards. Despite what happened in the past, *devout* Christians can become "a new creature" simply because the blood of Jesus Christ can and will wash us whiter than snow. Thus, I entreat everyone to be honest with yourself. Without confessing or saying anything to me, enter what the Bible calls your *secret closet* and talk to God about any hurt you have *suffered* or harm you have *caused* others. Convicted felons who now abuse drugs, who are promiscuous, or who beat women often have **unresolved issues** that therapy can address. I especially want African American men to know that a **psychiatrist** or **psychologist** can help you to explore whatever is hidden *under the rug*. Many *shame-based families* believe that silence is golden. Yet, silence also can rob us of the holistic spiritual and emotional **healing** we need. IF we fail to connect the dots from childhood to who we are today, eventually, that silence can propagate and perpetuate **pathological toxicity** in our relationships and in our homes. **Hell's Head Coach** wants nothing more than for us to enjoy his buffet of cheating, lying, robbing, stealing, shooting, killing, smoking, using



drug, selling drugs, promiscuity, domestic violence, and alcoholism, etc. On the other hand, **Heaven's Head Coach** simply wants us to have life more abundantly by worshiping and obeying Him. Albeit these **F's** impact all identity groups, consider how they impact **black males** living well beneath their human potential. IF you are a Muslim, "**Assalamu alaikum!**" IF you are a Christian brother, then read the Bible and trust God to save your soul in order to become an *asset* to your family, your community, and to *yourself*. May God bless more *prodigal sons* to repent for things they can't change and come home to your forgiving Heavenly Father. Unplug from "The Matrix" before the enemy agents and sentinels make their next **totalitarian** "chess move" in the New World Order. For the *non-religious*, please consider **Pavneet Singh's** perspective of how political correctness has supplanted **critical thinking** in today's schools and in society as a whole:

1. Teaching students to accept and support certain political ideologies without critical analysis or debate.
2. Requiring students to recite a pledge of allegiance to a particular political party or leader.
3. Excluding certain topics or perspectives from the curriculum that may challenge the political status quo.
4. Presenting biased or one-sided information about a political issue or leader.
5. Discouraging students from asking questions or engaging in critical thinking about political issues.
6. Rewarding students for demonstrating loyalty to a particular political party or leader.

<https://www.quora.com/What-are-some-examples-of-political-indoctrination-in-schools>

*"Neither the uneducated and uninformed of the truth, nor yet those who never make an end of their education, will be able ministers of State; not the former, because they have no single aim of duty which is the rule of all their actions, private as well as public; nor the latter, because they will not act at all except upon compulsion, fancying that they are already dwelling apart in the islands of the blest."*

### **Plato's Republic**

## GHETTO IS NOT A ZIP CODE

Ghetto is not a zip code. Instead, “*ghetto*” could be defined as a socially unacceptable manner of speaking, dressing, and otherwise behaving. Prototypically associated with economically disadvantaged minority communities, *ghetto behavior* can be found in middle-class and wealthy communities as well. Yet, among fatherless black males living in or out of the ghetto, a single mother can not insist that her *prodigal son* must obey her rules and instructions the way a firm father can discipline him. This is but one reason why **Feminism** is an existential threat to the survival of strong African American families and other patriarchal institutions. How can a bicycle lead a motorcycle on a hundred mile journey to the Promised Land? Would it be more efficacious to reach your destination in a couple of days or in a couple of hours? In other words, a house built upon *Feminism* instead of the solid rock of stern *Fatherhood* will not withstand the vicissitudes of inclement weather. Similar to nature’s stormy weather, “**Hurricane Discrimination**” is an artificial contrivance that incessantly blows, weakens, and demolishes African American **nuclear families** wherever it makes landfall. Is it possible that this chess game to weaken and even supplant **black males** as head of household is the main reason why countless African Americans are trapped either in the ghetto or in prison? IF their fathers can not adequately protect and provide for their families, then black children may become chum for the sharks and other predators awaiting them the minute their feet hit the streets outside their front door. Many households in the ghetto are matriarchal, thus, making her children even more vulnerable to being preyed upon by drug dealers, child molesters, drive by thugs, and gangsters. Theoretically, IF the ultimate goal of the Welfare System was to *increase* the number of dysfunctional black families in the United States, then proffering subsidized housing, day care, food stamps, and medical care to *unwed* mothers was a *brilliant* chess move. Checkmate!

When we picture a “*ghetto*” in our minds, typically, we associate crime and poverty with that community. In the 1970’s, Norman Lear introduced American television audiences to many sitcoms such as **Sanford And Son** featuring Redd Foxx and **Good Times** featuring John Amos, Esther Rolle, and Jimmy Walker. Both of these sitcoms featured African American families living in a ghetto surrounded by crime and poverty. In the real world, little has changed since then in terms of the poverty and crime associated with inner city communities. However, unlike his father, Cedric Jennings used his intellect to matriculate and graduate from college and escape the ubiquitous presence of crime and poverty in the ghetto. Obviously, poverty is a formidable barrier to anyone achieving the American Dream. When I was in high school, we were indoctrinated by the false idea that any man who gets a good education, picks himself up by his bootstraps, works hard, and perseveres can achieve the **American Dream**. However, that axiom is far from being true for marginalized minorities such as Native Americans, Latinos, and African Americans. It is quite commendable whenever that formula for success works. Yet, mainstream America fallaciously assumes that ethnic minorities are “lazy bums” who don’t want to get a job, work, and take care of their families. In reality, there are invisible barriers that keep many *underemployed* and *unemployed* black and brown families trapped in the ghetto. IF the score is 42 to 6 at half time during the Super Bowl, then should the losing head coach complain to the officials or admonish his team to stop their opponent’s offensive team? Ergo, why do millions of black males still refuse to “get a good education, pick themselves up by their bootstraps, work hard, and persevere”? There is no “P”, “H”, or “D” after my name. Nevertheless, I believe

**Pavlov's** classic experiment with dogs already has answered this question. Is it possible that "the powers that be" applied Pavlov's techniques in **classical conditioning** to ensure the perpetuity of black males never getting that good education, thus, never escaping poverty in the ghetto? Explain.

The United States has more people in prison than any other country on Earth. Many of these men were not conscientious students in elementary school, middle school, or even high school. Concomitantly, many of these men were innocent victims of **prosecutorial misconduct**. In either case, is it possible that the *pipe dream* of NBA fortune and fame is partly responsible for the poor choices they made during their formative years? Despite NBA fortune and fame for the few who make it, countless black men, both in and out of prison, read only at a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>h</sup> grade level of competence. Brothers, do we even care that more of us now are in the correctional system than were slaves on Southern plantations? Why do "black leaders" talk more about injustice and inequality in America than about how WE need to *criticize* and *correct* functional illiteracy and other problems that WE created within our families and communities? Explain. Whenever you enter a barber shop in the black community, seldomly will you see children, teenagers, or grown men reading books, solving word puzzles, learning their multiplication tables, solving logic games, discussing Wall Street, or playing chess while waiting their turn in the chair. Instead, you probably will find a televised basketball or football game on a 55 inch flat screen. Despite the ever-widening education gap between African American males and females, most of our Village Elders are deafeningly silent regarding this *gender problem*. Sisters, don't you ever stop becoming doctors, attorneys, judges, engineers, entrepreneurs, etc. Instead, too many brothers need to stop settling for just finishing high school and step up their **academic game**! Obviously, college is not for everyone and there are many vocational and IT careers available to those who choose that alternate route to a six-figure income. All of us make mistakes in life; and drugs always will be planted in our neighborhoods to see IF we will take the bait. Yet, what can black men do *en masse* to ameliorate our employment history, credit history, educational history, and medical history? Explain. Whenever the dominant barber shop conversation focuses upon fine females or the game last night, try changing the subject and see what happens. Even when a pastor gets his hair cut, typically, he joins the shallow and superficial dialogue vis-a-vis sharing godly wisdom, Biblical principles, and ethical **Life Lessons** about "old fashioned" rectitude with the fellows.

As I often ask, IF the score at half-time during the **Super Bowl** is 42 to 6, then should the losing Head Coach complain to the officials or admonish his defense to stop their opponent's quarterback and running back? Similarly, are our politicians, pastors, and public intellectuals programmed and paid *not* to criticize and correct our rudeness, cursing, dropping out of school, teenage pregnancy, child molestation, drug abuse, murder, and other criminal activity in the ghetto? IF black lives matter, then can we ever afford to acquiesce to socially *unacceptable* folkways that bring shame rather than honor to our race? Explain. Never forget that think tanks in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Israel, and Australia work in tandem to create efficacious strategies and chess moves to manage the "**Negro Problem**". From South Africa to the south side of Chicago, their **Final Solution** relies upon the majority of us *not* reading enlightening books and working to better understand their political chess strategy. Compare the erstwhile dignified comportment among African Americans during the **Harlem Renaissance** to today. Are our mores and folkways improving or destroying the quality of life within black communities? Moreover, is it **racism** or a **rational response** when other identity groups distance themselves from African Americans via our often violent, crude, criminal, and anti-social conduct? Explain. During the **Civil Rights Era**, the Moynihan Report admonished Negroes to learn how to

ameliorate our upward mobility via mastering *intellectual* components of chess. Yet, did we respond emotionally rather than rationally to that government report's cogent truths staring us in the face? Why have many of us become Orwellian **proles** who rely upon bricks, bottles, bullets, and our biceps rather than our *brains* to fight for economic parity with mainstream America? Hypothetically, is the desuetude of black male **intellectualism** in the "*ghetto*" partly responsible for the perpetuity of **Apartheid** in the United States? Explain. Despite the reality of **racism**, why do black men and women from the **Caribbean** and from **Africa** achieve economic and intellectual parity with mainstream America to a greater degree, per capita, than their African American counterparts? What **Life Lessons** could be learned IF we were to emulate the *irreproachable conduct* of our African or Caribbean brothers and sisters? Explain.

Unlike many African American families, **Asian American** families ensure that their children get the best education possible, which includes both home schooling and attending public schools. As a substitute teacher, I greatly admire the self-discipline, cognition, and composure of **Asian American** students. Once, I met an Asian boy in first grade who completed all of the math problems almost as soon as I had passed out the papers. Amazingly, this six-year-old student scored 100% and also said he knew his **multiplication table**. Incredulous of this first grade student, I quizzed him orally and he did not miss a single multiplication fact. Wow! He apprised me that his father teaches him math, chess, meditation, Chinese, science, and other academic disciplines at home. Eureka! Brothers, is this what we should start doing? Upon completion of his math lesson well before his classmates, this student once again demonstrated self-mastery via asking for permission to read a book. Antithetically, immature black students tend to misbehave whenever their regular teacher is absent. Imagine what black males living in the "*ghetto*" could accomplish IF just half of them studied like Cedric Jennings and scored in the top quintile or quartile on the **SAT** and similar standardized tests. WE can fix it IF we can face it. Were we to do so, perhaps, the *privatized* prison industry would go out of business or be forced to find a new identity group to fill their cells. Do **black** students misbehave? All the time! Do **Hispanic** students misbehave? All the time! Do **white** students misbehave? All the time! However, here in California, I *never* have seen any **Asian student** disrespect, disrupt, or misbehave in the classroom. Perhaps, this is why **Felix Zhang** is the first and the only student in the world to make a *perfect score* on the **Advanced Placement Calculus Exam**! Kudos to his family and other **Asian American** parents who consider self-mastery and erudition to be sacrosanct! In recent decades, **SAT scores** and **GPA**s among **Asian American** students have surpassed those of privileged white students to such an extent that **Harvard** and other top tier universities have changed their admission requirements, presumably, to abate the number of Asian students getting accepted. Speculatively, is such a chess move tantamount to **Affirmative Action** for white students with lower **GPA**s and **SAT** scores than **Asian-American** students? Déjà vu!

Let's explore how conditions in the physical ghetto can impact our *psychological, intellectual, and spiritual* well-being. Anyone who has read the entire Bible at least *seven* times is well aware that members of the early Christian churches sold their possessions in order for *everyone's* needs to be met. When **Jesus** called His **Disciples**, they left their careers and worldly possessions in order to follow the **Messiah**, thus becoming fishers of men. Within such a communal and intimate construct, the church fulfilled the early Christians' physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual needs. Yet, **Ananias** and his wife, **Sapphira**, tried to deceive the apostles and died almost immediately. Indeed, the love of money still is the root of all evil. Therefore, why have today's "prosperity gospel" pastors supplanted

New Testament teachings about no respect of person and having all things in common with their *hedonistic* idea that God wants to bless us financially “above and beyond all we could ever ask”? Do you recall how a certain rich man in the Bible lived sumptuously while **Lazarus** was such a poor beggar, the dogs even licked his sores? Yet, after both of them died what happened? Explain. Lamentably, many people who attend church have not ever read the entire Bible to discern the will of God and the nature of God. This creates what I call a “**spiritual ghetto**” in the hearts and minds of church folks who are Biblically illiterate. Many pastors and other *miscreants* merely masquerading as men of God will exploit the congregation’s lack of Biblical knowledge and will lead the sheep astray. For example, the Scripture referencing prosperity in 3 John actually says: *“The elder unto the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.”* Notice that John’s desire was for prosperity of the soul – that is *spiritual prosperity* rather than God blessing anyone’s bank account. Throughout the *New Testament*, the **Apostle Paul** admonished, rebuked, and taught early Christians the way in which GOD would have them walk in obedience. As their *spiritual father*, Paul taught the early churches God’s will.

Today, too many pastors teach their congregations whatever they want. IF African American pastors were adamant about ending the cycle of drug addiction, fatherlessness, crime, and poverty, then should they create a paradigm shift in the church’s agenda to meet that community’s needs? With so many unwed mothers in the church, would it be prudent to have a **Youth Ministry** and **Young Adult Ministry** for both genders that inculcated Biblical mores and held them accountable to God’s standards? With experienced educators in their congregations, should the Senior Pastor utilize their skill set to encourage teenagers to value their **virginity** and sexual **purity** until marriage? Whereas many public school teachers are fearful of losing their jobs, could *retired* educators in the congregation teach **sex education** from a Biblical perspective without duress? According to Scripture, is it not more blessed to give than to receive? Thus, as an alternative to lavish **Pastor’s Anniversaries**, extravagant **Pastor’s Appreciations**, and countless Christmas and birthday gifts, could “prosperity money” be distributed to assist widows, orphans, and the poorest members within the congregation? Is our Heavenly Father pleased when over \$1,000,000 is given to pastors instead of to “the least of these my children”? IF a pastor already makes over \$250,000 per year, then can’t he buy his own Mercedes? I rest my case.

Never forget that anyone younger than 65+ may *disbelieve* much of what I am saying about today’s **paradigm shift** in morality via their lack of any historical understanding of “before” and “after” in Americana. By all means, please do your own research and also talk to your grandparents and other relatives in their 70’s, 80’s, and 90’s. From these profoundly enlightening discussions, travel vicariously back in time to what many refer to as “the good old days”. It would be interesting for a senior citizen to discuss the programs he or she watched on a black and white television with someone only in their 30’s or even 40’s. Unlike today, our nation’s sense of **propriety** circumscribed moral boundaries for everything on television. Young adults in their 20’s will be astonished when they hear that once upon a time, retail stores were closed on Sunday and a gallon of gasoline costed only 25 cents. Similarly, it would be difficult for teenagers to relate to a time when reading the **Bible** and reciting **prayers** were our daily devotion in public schools prior to reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The discipline problems facing teachers today didn’t even exist until the Bible and the belt were

banned from public education. Thus, **Hell's Head Coach** vigilantly monitors and marginalizes older and wiser senior citizens from public office, from public discourse, and from social media platforms in order to circumvent their ever teaching **America's Youths** Biblical morals. In antiquity, **Socrates** was condemned to death for corrupting Athens' youths. Today, should anyone be forced to drink hemlock merely for being **Biblically correct**? Explain. Any nation that vacates God's Commandments, by default, will become more ungodly and more evil, bar none. Therefore, the pundits on television always frame current events in a *political* context to the exclusion of a *Biblical* context. IF ever we consider what God said in the **Holy Bible**, then what the pundits and politicians call "political correctness" is tantamount to heresy and apostasy. Yet, don't expect **Fox News** or **CNN** to frame current geo-political events according to **God's righteousness**.

IF your son's first grade teacher proclaimed, "*The kat klimbed the tree while karefully karrying her kitten,*" then would you nominate him or her for Teacher of the Year or teach Junior how to use the dictionary to ferret for and to learn the truth? However, IF Big Brother banned dictionaries and made it virtually impossible to access any non-fiction books, then one could not test the veracity of what was said by local news or national leaders on television. Similarly, are WE the People of the United States deliberately being "*dumbed down*" so that a *dystopian* society can be manipulated into believing that "cat" is wrong, evil, immoral, intolerant, anti-Semitic, and discriminating against people who prefer "kat"? To my fellow Christians, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that in the not too distant future, merely owning a Bible will be classified as a "*hate crime*" and that many of us will be detained *indefinitely* in **FEMA internment camps**? Unlike Moses or the Apostle Paul, the **New Age Movement's** young pastors tend to be novices who have very little life experience walking with GOD. As a result of non-Biblical **antinomian** beliefs, **New Age theology** teaches members of the congregation to spell "cat" with a "k". As the word "*young*" implies, a novice under age 45+ rarely has the wisdom to rightly divide the Word of God. Perhaps, that is why **Satan** recruits them to lead *spiritually blind* sheep astray like the pied piper. Thus, I advise all devout Christians to read the entire Holy Bible at least *seven* times because it will change your **spiritual DNA** and your understanding of the **Spiritual Super Bowl**. Hymns rarely are sung, which describe the supernatural power of the *blood* of Jesus Christ to cleanse us from our sins. Never forget that **Lucifer** was the "Minister of Music" in Heaven prior to his expulsion. Therefore, the *spirit* of the **anti-Christ** is self-evident in many praise teams, church musicians, and worship leaders today. In the **Last Days**, as America vacates God's "*thou shalt*" and "*thou shalt not*" Commandments, is our nation becoming a **spiritual ghetto**? Explain.

If you have followed **VICE** at all, then you are aware that my world view is quite simple: I believe that all people exist in a spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical body or *temple*. Therefore, I relentlessly analyze whether an individual or an institution is scoring a touchdown for **Heaven's Head Coach** or **Hell's Head Coach**, based upon the Scripture. The Bible declares that all of us have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. "Nobody's perfect," is the mantra often heard that refers to this Scripture. Yet, IF a political movement has a nefarious hidden agenda, then this cliché can function as a fig leaf or **avoidance technique**. For example, IF **Barack Obama's** so-called "*gay marriage*" is an abomination, then the **GLBT Movement** can push back via clamoring for justice and equality. Did we learn anything about *abominations* and *sexual perversion* from the **AIDS** crisis of the 1980's? The nature of our loving God is that He always warns us before He punishes us. Thus, **Hell** will be sufficiently hot for everyone who has earned the right to spend Eternity therein. Whenever gender

reassignment surgery is challenged by parents, preachers and psychologists alike, drag queens and the **Transgender Movement** will push back and play victim to an unjust violation of their “**human rights**”. IF someone publicly criticizes the socially unacceptable and often immoral conduct of African Americans, then the **Black Lives Matter Movement** can push back with “sell-out”, “racist”, “Uncle Tom”, “bigot” and other pejoratives. Historical context has proven that political ideologies can and will change like the wind. Yet, God’s immutable Bible standards never change. As the Bible so states, God is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore. So anytime a preacher teaches a “*new thing*”, run because he is scoring a touchdown for **Hell’s Head Coach**. No matter how many people claim that “cat” is wrong, **God’s dictionary** does not lie. Obviously, not all **GLBT** or same sex attracted individuals vilify or attack devout Christians. Many of them want to be saved and cry out for **deliverance** from what their conscious tells them is a sinful lifestyle! Yet, **Hell’s Head Coach** instructs his team to block, tackle, clip, and run anyone out of bounds and out of public office who dares to say, “You were not born gay.” In so doing, they score a touchdown and facilitate **Satanism** becoming the plat du jour throughout the United States. Oversimplified? Yes. Yet, it accurately describes how young people are being deceived into *embracing* unrighteousness and sinfulness, which always will be Satan’s hidden agenda.

Moreover, **Hell’s Head Coach** has convinced many feminists to resent the Bible’s clear mandate for **wives** to submit to the authority of their **husbands**. When single mothers or other feminists inveigh against intrepid **male pastors** who preach about this and accuse them of **misogyny**, are they just being defensive via rationalizing their reprobate mind? Explain. Akin to Adam and Eve, the real issue is whether or not we want to obey Lucifer or obey God. IF the Bible instructs women to remain *silent* in the church, then is a “**female pastor**” an oxymoron? Yet, why do **female pastors** completely ignore those passages of Scripture that posit the man as the shepherd and head of the church? WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it. Thus, are female pastors turning their churches into *sororities* that focus more upon empowering women than upon empowering men? Even IF every unwed mother in the congregation makes over \$100,000 annually, can they *buy* a seat in Heaven when they have deliberately rebelled against God’s Commandments? Explain. Sisters, IF you read the entire Bible at least *seven* times, then you will be surprised by what you will learn about the dangers of being “politically correct”. In terms of morality, worship, and obedience, are any of us ever smarter than or wiser than God? As I already state earlier, whenever something as controversial as this truth *steps on our toes*, we often respond emotionally rather than intellectually. Therefore, more often than not, **ad hominem attacks** will ensue. Let’s be honest. Whenever we attack the messenger for not being politically correct, are we really telling God, “*I don’t have to do what you said in the Bible! It’s a new day and now I have the freedom to do it my way!*”? Since very few of us have read the entire Holy Bible at least seven times, this debacle regarding gender is a perfect example of “spiritual blindness”. Even in the secular realm, is it possible that the **Moynihah Report** was a prophetic warning about the negative impact that unwed mothers have on family dynamics? **Satanic** think tanks and social engineers may be responsible for the proliferation of countless social programs designed to perpetuate *dysfunctional* black families while protecting the status quo. As long as our families are dysfunctional, we never will reach our **full human potential**. Therefore, is the **Welfare System** tantamount to a disincentive for teenage mothers living in poverty to complete college or vocational training? IF this is true, then will the number of **dysfunctional black families** in the “*ghetto*” increase

or decrease without caring fathers being present in the home during their sons' formative and often *rebellious* years? I rest my case.

IF a righteous man wants to please God and to build a strong nuclear family, then it is a *sine qua non* for a **husband** to have dominion over his **wife** and his children. Dad's wisdom, strength and assertiveness provide his family with **emotional security** beyond his bringing home the bacon. In the church, women in the pulpit can not provide **spiritual security** the congregation needs for spiritual warfare. Thus, **Satan's Invisible Empire** will exhaust every possible "weapon of mass destruction" to ensure that the vast majority of black males fail to achieve this moral paradigm shift, especially in the ghetto. Despite claims to make good men better, the **Satanic** Brotherhood makes sure there are copious liquor stores, drugs, guns, and prostitutes in the inner city where millions of us live. Obviously, many people will respond emotionally instead of rationally whenever any truth "*steps on their toes*". Yet, it also is true that many people have been emotionally traumatized by living in such an environment. Has **Edward Bernays'** template for creating a *psychological ghetto* been efficacious in destroying the human potential of millions of African Americans without leaving any fingerprints? Hypothetically, ladies and gentlemen, IF we would relent, turn from our wicked ways, repent, pray without ceasing, study the Bible, and simply *obey* Almighty God, then would He break this perennial *psychological* curse that influences how black males think and behave? Explain.

In the context of "turning from our wicked ways", **Feminists** in the church tend to be bisexuals, lesbians, or unwed mothers. Ergo, did God call **female pastors** to lead His flock or did the money and power attract them to the "*job description*"? From the very beginning of mankind, **Feminism** has had a propensity to ignore God's instructions. Because it was pleasant to the eye, Eve ate the *forbidden fruit* and the rest is history. Similarly, countless *single mothers* operate under a Satanic spiritual covenant throughout their entire lives. Even if they later get married, demonic soul ties still operate unless they are **born again** through the blood of Jesus Christ. Saints, IF God blesses our obedience, then He also must punish our disobedience. Despite starting their own churches or having been "ordained" by Ecclesiastical bodies within different denominations, are female pastors *obeying* or *disobeying* God's Commandments? Of course, one also could ask the **GLBT** community that same ethical question. How many homosexual, bisexual, pederastic, lesbian, adulterer, or transgender pastors are going to Hell when they stand before God on **Judgment Day**? 25%? 50%? 75% or 100%? Explain. IF you have read your Bible at least SEVEN times, then you know the answers to these *foundational* questions for Christians. Yet, countless *backsliders* and *counterfeit* Christians who may know God's Word still enjoy their preacher's politically correct and watered-down gospel instead of **Biblical truth**. Generally speaking, IF the preachers, musicians, and choir members are both "pleasant to the eye" and talented, then those white and African American churches tend to flourish. Similarly, if the pastor is well-groomed, articulate, and even somewhat entertaining via his few jokes and comments about football during his sermon, then countless "church folks" will flock to that congregation and pay tithes to their "*spiritual drug dealer*" for his quick and ephemeral high. Antithetically, IF a pastor is an anointed, righteous, and chosen man of God who preaches, teaches, rebukes, exhorts, encourages as well as admonishes the sheep to live in **holiness** according to God's instructions, then he soon may be out of a job as church attendance plummets. Let the church say, AMEN! Marvel not when this occurs because Biblical *eschatology* is being fulfilled in plain sight. In a nation wherein "In God We Trust" has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, have modern Christians turned pastoral leadership into a *profession*? Is merely graduating from a



seminary tantamount to having been chosen by God to pastor or shepherd His sheep? IF a wolf in sheep's clothing prays and lays his or her hands on you, then are **demonic spirits** coming out or *going in* during altar call? Explain.

Millions of successful black men grew up without a father at home. Yet, is **Feminism** an existential threat to strong black families? Unlike when I was a child, today, women dominate television media – from the news to sports to the weather. Similarly, most advertisements seem to feature female models promoting products and services, at the expense of male images. It is especially disconcerting when I see advertisements feature only a mother with her children, which surreptitiously legitimizes both **Fatherlessness** and **Feminism**, both of which score a touchdown for **Hell's Head Coach**. Thus, are vulnerable teenagers and young adults inundated with *feminist propaganda* in school and in the media without consciously being aware of it? Is this subliminal strategy a chess move to help **Delilah** give **Samson** a haircut, thus preparing our society to *psychologically castrate* black males? Explain. IF you have read your Bible several times afresh, then did you find any Biblical passage wherein GOD condones female *pastors* or even a husband and wife team *co-pastoring* their church? The whole purpose of being a pastor is to lead the sheep toward a closer relationship with God. Thus, IF we attend church but have no intention of obeying God, then are we *counterfeit* Christians? In the Last Days, what will happen at work when a gay supervisor knows one of his subordinates is a devout Christian? In the Last Days, what will happen in academia when the administration knows one of its academic advisors or professors is a devout Christian? **WARNING**: Christians *will* be persecuted for standing on Biblical truths to such a degree that many of us will be arrested and *beheaded* by the same people now demanding equality. Nevertheless, **Heaven's Head Coach** promised that a crown of Eternal Life awaits the faithful saints who will not bow to Baal, Baphomet, Satan, Lucifer, or any other deity than Almighty God. This warfare between Heaven's Head Coach and Hell's Head Coach is nothing new. Starting with Adam and Eve, it is a never-ending **Spiritual Super Bowl** wherein we must choose one team over the other. The Bible says no man can serve two masters for he will love one and *loathe* the other. So, on which team are you?

How often do **female pastors** preach sermons that encourage men and women to cherish their **virginity** until marriage to avoid the Biblical curse of **bastard** children? Countless members of the church resent that word more than the "*N word*", despite the Bible clearly describing God's curse on "*bastards*". Therefore, should the church develop a **ministry of sexual healing** and teach its members how to manage their *libido* and obey God without *lust*? Explain. Of course, most Christians feel uncomfortable confessing or discussing their sins, insecurities, weaknesses, and vices in church, in college classrooms, or in any small group setting outside of their families. Akin to Adam and Eve, imperfect men and women rarely regale in being naked or *vulnerable* before God and other people without a fig leaf. An almost universal vice we tend to hide behind a "fig leaf" would be **sexual mistakes**. Whereas men tend to deal with sexual mistakes directly by confronting them, women tend to take a much softer approach to avoid hurting someone's feelings. Other **F's** on our moral report card are swept under the rug as well. Yet, hiding family secrets surrounding sexuality can be a life-long burden. In the Old Testament, no woman was allowed to enter the holiest of holies. Yet, over and over again, "**The First Lady**" now preaches, teaches, makes announcements, serves as the chairperson of various ministries, and may even become an ordained pastor within her husband's or her father's church. The Board of Elders, Council of Bishops, or a similar Ecclesiastical hierarchy within several denominations embraces the idea that a pastor's wife or daughter can be heir apparent to

take over as Senior Pastor of his church. In this Age of a Great Falling Away, Christians who have not studied the entire Bible may not see anything wrong with this trend. Some churches even have gay and lesbian pastors. More and more, **New Age Christianity** seems to follow **Aleister Crowley's** advice: "*Do as thou wilt! God can't tell you what to do with your life!*" Yet, on Judgment Day, God will have the last word.

I don't want to make anyone feel ashamed; but there is healing, deliverance, inner peace, and forgiveness IF – and only IF -- we face our past. I am an adult survivor of years of **childhood molestation** and incest who, with God's help, has faced, has fixed, and has forgiven myself as well as the perpetrators. It took a lot of work; but all things work together for the good of them that **love** the Lord and are called according to His purpose. Many survivors may have had parents or guardians who said, "*You had better not ever talk to anybody about what goes on in this house!*" After internalizing such threats and negative messages during our formative years, we may have become adults who cowered from exposing or facing whatever we perceive to be **F's** on our report card. This is especially true for **black males**, inconsequential to whether they grew up in or out of the ghetto. Ladies and gentlemen, I am not a therapist; but I have had several good ones who helped me to connect the dots. IF ever you have been a victim of child molestation, a fornicator, an adulterer, a porn star, a pimp, a prostitute, a victim of human trafficking, a victim of incest, a lesbian, a homosexual, a bisexual male or female, then know that GOD loves you and wants to perform **spiritual surgery** in order for you to take up your bed and walk into **sexual healing**. IF ever you exercise *due diligence* and make that important phone call, then you will be amazed by the **catharsis** that facing your past provides!

Brothers, IF there is a correlation between **fatherlessness** and countless other **vices** among black males, then why don't preachers and parents teach horny teenagers to use the safety on the "*pistol in their pocket*" during puberty? Explain. Too many of us believe that we are proving our **manhood** whenever we procreate when nothing could be further from the truth. IF we are incapable or unwilling to provide, protect, love and nurture our offspring, then are we any "*more of a man*" than the bucks and studs on slave plantations two centuries ago? Explain. In my first book, "**Child Molestation, Incest, or Neither**" [ISBN 978-1-4675-5868-6], I candidly dealt with *secrecy* surrounding **pubescent bisexuality**. Ergo, "bisexual" would be better diction than "homosexual", "faggot", or "gay" for the tens of millions of married men who have had sex with members of *both* genders. The **AIDS** pandemic *tragically* proved that many married "straight" men secretly engaged in **sodomy** without their wife's knowledge. Once they contracted the disease, their monogamous wives also became infected. Today, the **GLBT Movement** glamorizes **anal sex** without ever mentioning how **HIV** and **AIDS** impacted and destroyed more than a million lives throughout the 1980's. Did Pres. Obama forget to mention the darker side of anal sex when he promoted so-called "**gay marriage**"? IF you are under age the of 65+, then you may not have any experiential grief over having lost a family member or other loved one. Thus, I recommend that you do some research and watch documentaries on how the press and the **Center for Disease Control** [CDC] first dealt with *Kaposi sarcoma*. I would be remiss were I not to acknowledge that "**AIDS**" impacted not only gay and bisexual men but **heterosexual** individuals as well, including the iconic tennis legend, **Arthur Ashe**. Once again, female pastors dare not to candidly discuss topics in their churches that are not politically correct, such as [1] **AIDS** and homosexuality, [2] the Biblical mandate for women to be silent in the church, [3] a wife's obligation to submit to her husband, [4] lesbianism and female bisexuality, or [5] unwed mothers having bastard children, etc. How can such a pastor lead God's people IF she is too *timid* to be transparent and

truthful enough to confront Satan spiritually attacking her sheep? During puberty, perhaps, 79% - 97% of **all males** experiment or “mess around” in middle school, high school, or college prior to getting married and starting a family. WE hold these truths to be self-evident that this period of male development also is when many **illegitimate children** are conceived and born. Yet, few mothers or fathers have candid and transparent conversations with their teenage offspring about abstaining from *premarital* sex. Unlike the US and most of Europe, why is **virginity** until marriage the **moral standard** and expectation in some Eastern cultures for both males and females? Explain.

In the context of **VICE's** *unorthodox* ministry of sexual healing, I have asked several prominent televangelists and pastors to affirm whether **masturbation** is -- or is not a sin -- according to Scripture. Not a single one of these “men of God” responded affirmatively or negatively. Instead, they simply did not reply at all to my e-mail or U.S. mail as if that question is off limits. *C'est la vie, n'est ce pas?* This is a perfect illustration of why I entreat Christians to read the *entire* Bible at least **seven** times to discern the Word of God versus the word of men. Why should seminary trained male or female elders, bishops and pastors bury their heads in the sand or be totally silent about **masturbation**, especially IF their adolescent sons are doing it as well? Have you heard the expression, “The *empty* wagon makes the loudest noise,”? I submit to you that the *guilty* wagon makes an even louder noise. Beyond the story of **Sodom** and **Gomorrah**, there are many similar passages in the Bible wherein God condemns homosexuality, fornication, and adultery. Yet, should we add to or subtract from God's Word by means of our denomination's doctrine? Generally speaking, many of today's pastors and parishioners vacate Biblical instructions and instead embrace **Antinomianism**. Thus, infamous **Aleister Crowley's** advice, “*Do as thou wilt,*” is both pleasant to our flesh and is responsible for many *sexual mistakes* in our society. Gentlemen, there's a *safety* on that pistol in your pocket; so use it to avoid **premature fatherhood** as well as sexually transmitted diseases. At the very least, do not become parents until you are able to well-protect and well-provide for your offspring! IF we put the cart before the horse, then millions of black males never will experience the confidence, competence, and self-actualization that only can develop in a holistic and nurturing father son dyad.

IF you read the entire Bible at least *seven* times, then you will discover that many preachers and pastors are disingenuous and even duplicitous regarding **sexual morality** and other important Biblical truths. Of course, priests and married pastors alike have been exposed for their sexual *indiscretions* with male and female partners. Nevertheless, did you find a single Bible reference wherein God condemned **masturbation**? In ancient Egypt, Pharaoh masturbated and **ejaculated** in the Nile River as an annual fertility ritual for an abundant harvest. Yet, when Moses was born Pharaoh also understood prophecy concerning a male child who ultimately would deliver the Chosen People from bondage. Thus, he ordered the slaughter of every newborn **Hebrew** manchild throughout Egypt. Similarly, Herod attempted to circumvent prophecy regarding the birth of the promised **Messiah** and ordered all children in Bethlehem under the age of two to be killed. Is it possible that most members of college fraternities and other **secret societies** engage in occult blood and semen rituals that date back to ancient Egypt, Babylon and Greece? Moreover, in this **Age of a Great Falling Away** from God's righteousness, is there a hidden agenda to maximize *profitability* for private prisons via *promoting* fatherlessness primarily among black families? IF **masturbation** decreases teenage pregnancy, then it also decreases *potential profits* for private prisons. Yet, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that the **Black KKK** has been *programmed* and *paid* to promote, protect, and propagate a *perpetual* status quo of illegitimacy and fatherless families within our Village? Explain.

Do professional athletes and other entertainers who sire children out of wedlock serve as good **role models** for boys who wish they had their fathers at home? We hold these truths to be self-evident simply by observing how black males tend to devote much more time for playing sports than for reading books or studying for school during their formative years. To show their support, countless fathers, mothers, siblings, and other relatives enjoy spending their Saturdays at a park, at a gym, or on a field cheering from the sidelines for Junior to score. Yet, in the classroom Junior can neither read nor solve math problems appropriate for his grade level. Obviously, we are not a monolith and I am generalizing based upon direct observations of a small sample rather than the total population of students. Rest assured that there are many African American parents who take their sons and daughters to galleries, museums, libraries, college lectures, and cultural events. Nevertheless, in the **intellectual ghetto**, is it possible that the **Black KKK** is the “Poverty Plantation’s” principal overseer most responsible for ensuring that functionally illiterate and obtuse African American males remain in *cognitive slavery*? WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it, inconsequential to whatever “it” is.

Paradoxically, instead of getting better, things have gotten worse for the **Negro** since the **Moynihan Report**. All children need guidance from both of their parents. Otherwise, they may touch a hot stove, drink bleach, or get bitten by a poisonous reptile or arachnid. Therefore, IF young people are given the *freedom* to disobey the sound advice, wisdom, and instructions their pastors, parents, and teachers provide, then they *will* make countless mistakes that otherwise could have been avoided. Family structure and filial obedience are sacrosanct in both Asian and Jewish communities. Rarely will you find children disrespecting their parents, dropping out of school, or having children out of wedlock. Is today’s **black male** inept in terms of his ability to confront his **sexuality** and implement pragmatic strategies to be more responsible in order to strengthen the nuclear family? Without *virtuous* fathers in the home, many of our sons and nephews will continue to exhibit multi-generational self-loathing, immoral, disrespectful and self-destructive behaviors. Meanwhile, today’s well-educated “*fine females*” are more interested in what a man is packing between his ears rather than between his legs. Both single and married women are well-aware that black families need *both* parents to be well-educated and well-employed to strengthen our Village and to achieve the American Dream. Amid so many poor and dysfunctional families in our communities, brothers, being born with a banana and two grapes does not qualify any of us to be the head of a family. Instead, being willing and able to protect and to provide are absolutely necessary for being the strong man of the house. Therefore, as an educator, I believe the desuetude of *intellectualism* among African American males is a perennial **weapon of mass destruction** of tranquility and self-empowerment in our communities. For example, an unemployed and illiterate eighteen-year-old **black male** may succumb to stealing, quitting school, gambling, selling drugs, and occasionally selling his body to support himself IF he lacks adequate job skills and a caring family support system. More often than not, this paradigm of “*hustling*” eventually reduces otherwise good people to the state of being a **commodity**, like beans, corn, and cattle, which generate *huge* economic profits for investors in the **Prison Industrial Complex**. Via the absence of the Negro father’s masculine courage and physical strength as the head of his household, our Village clearly is dysfunctional in terms of gender identity for boys. Thanks to television and movies portraying black males in dresses, no other identity group in America is cursed to a greater extent than are we via our sons’ and daughters’ lack of a two-parent household. Is it **racism** or a **rational response** for mainstream America to eschew and disapprove of many “*ghetto*” behaviors such as littering, stealing, yelling profanity, laziness, rudeness, a lack of

responsibility, disrespect for authority figures, and other socially *unacceptable* folkways? IF everyone in the world were gray, blue, or the “color of water”, still these behaviors would be unacceptable. When we bump into people without saying “excuse me”, we are disrespecting public decency. When we play extremely loud music in our apartments or homes, we are disrespecting public decency. When we blast rap music in our vehicles, we are disrespecting public decency. When we use profanity to protest against being corrected or redirected by authority figures, again, we are disrespecting public decency. Is it possible that fatherlessness contributes to this **Satanic** spirit of *rebellion* and *defiance*? Explain. Is the ubiquity of this kind of untoward behavior more damaging to the well-being and safety of African American teenagers than **racism** and **police brutality**? No matter how well-educated aunts, mothers, and grandmothers may be in black communities, still it takes a strict and firm father to break his son’s rebellious and disrespectful spirit, lest he becomes a menace to society. In so doing, strong dads efficaciously shield the African American Village from **self-induced** intellectual, physical, and spiritual enemies. Moreover, did God ever intend for having several different “baby’s daddies” to be the role of females? Did God ever instruct the “*weaker vessel*” to carry the weight of the world on *her* shoulders? Is a bicycle equal to a motorcycle? I rest my case.

Molding any child’s study habits and **moral character** begins at home. Individually and collectively, brothers, the *choices* we make in life will either *bless* or *curse* our future. Too often we eschew and vilify good manners as “acting white” simply because we never were taught good manners at home by our parents. In most cases, they weren’t taught good manners by our grandparents either. Thus, the philosophical quandary for preachers, parents, police officers, coaches, teachers and teenagers alike is why do some “**Cedric Jennings**” keep their eyes on the prize and make it out of the “*ghetto*” while the vast majority of them do not? Explain. Gentlemen, will we ever commit to developing a coterie of *well-educated*, sagacious black males to **teach** “at risk” brothers how to comport themselves publicly and to use their brains instead of bricks, bullets, bottles, and their biceps to fight against inequality? Moreover, will we allow such a coterie to establish holistic relationships that teach other black males how to defuse anger and frustration in more positive ways? Theoretically, *dumb jocks* who may become successful teachers, coaches, athletic directors, principals, guidance counselors, and even school board members still may lack the acuity and cognitive wherewithal to teach their protégés how to decode the chess game. IF we marginalize gifted black males for taking AP classes and earning **academic scholarships**, then there is no need for us to complain to the officials because other identity groups are eager to win the Super Bowl. With the dearth of **black male** engineers, doctors, lawyers, judges, dentists, psychologists, professors, etc., we never should take free public education for granted. Ergo, will we ever take the **Moynihan Report’s** call to action seriously and fix the dysfunction in our families, our communities, and especially in *ourselves*? Unlike the 1960s, now, millions of African Americans have graduated from college. Many even have graduated from Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Columbia, and other Ivy League universities. Yet, despite their quintessential academic achievements, only an exiguous number of them altruistically return to the **ghetto** to lead less-educated brothers to the Promised Land. Moses, Aaron, and Joshua might be shaking their heads while wondering IF we truly want to reach the land flowing with milk and honey or return to Egypt.

When I was a child, black doctors and preachers were more concerned with the public good than they were with the accumulation of pecuniary assets. Today, many pastors are pimping **Biblically illiterate** members in the church for the sake of more money in *their* pockets. Let the church say, AMEN! In

many black congregations, the main focus is upon fighting racism rather than pontificating and practicing obedience to the Scripture. Whereas the love of money is the root of all evil, is it possible that many black ministers and pastors are loyal to *“the light”* of their secret oaths and obligations? Doing things our way has not worked to improve the quality of life in the **ghetto**. Yet, like the Chosen People wandering in the wilderness, why do we still *rebel* and *refuse* to obey God’s Commandments? On the one hand, we could argue that public schools have banned the Bible and now inculcate **atheism**, **nihilism** and even **Satanism**. On the other hand, IF we make the choice to live in hedonism, then will we ever get out of Egypt? Unlike some other countries that teach religion in school, even *electives* in **religion** no longer are accessible to help mold public school students’ core values and world view. Not surprisingly, America has embraced a **Luciferian** template called *“political correctness”* to lead our citizenry away from fearing and revering God. For example, very few pastors or politicians ever protest or inveigh against global hegemony, **GLBT** rights, or the so-called *right* children have to undergo **transgender surgery**. When, if ever, has God blessed any nation for unrighteousness and disobedience? Are we a dystopian society wherein WE the People soon will become Orwellian proles? Does the rich *One Percent Club* run the United States at the expense of the best interests of 99% of Her citizens? Since our *“global war on terror”* is quite profitable, is US foreign policy predicated upon diplomatic or military means to control the four corners of the world? Biblically speaking, the world will experience more violence and unprecedented human suffering in the **Last Days**. Already, we can see the handwriting on the wall in the Middle East and in Africa. Hypothetically, on **Judgment Day** will God say, *“Well done thou good and faithful servant,”* to members of the **Jewish Mafia** and the **Gentile Mafia**? WE can not change the direction in which the world is headed. Yet, devout Christians must remain steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding in the Word, the Work, and the Will of God. My best advice to devout Christians would be to live a godly life and put on the whole armor of God in order to withstand the **persecution** we soon will face. The interesting “nondiscrimination notice” I recently received from a government agency reads: “The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) doesn’t exclude, deny benefits to, or otherwise discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, or age.” Do you see **religion** on this list? Je trouve ça très intéressant...I find that very interesting that religion no longer is a protected class or identity group. In a nation wherein “In God We Trust” has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, devout Christians would be well-advised to pay careful attention to what **Hell’s Head Coach** and his team are doing. Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that **Lucifer** is the real “Commander in Chief” in Washington, D.C.? Before you offer your answer, please read the entire Bible at least *seven* times. Hypothetically, what would it profit capitalism’s *Rothschild* Dynasty, *Goldman-Sachs* Dynasty, *Rockefeller* Dynasty, *Walton* Dynasty, *Pritzker* Dynasty, *Koch* Dynasty, *Carnegie* Dynasty, or even the *“Royal Family”*, etc., to exploit all of the world’s riches and ultimately spend Eternity in a lake of fire? Will the **Great Architect of the Universe** come to their rescue? These are the times that try men’s souls; so, pick your head coach wisely.

IF you are someone my age and grew up in church, then you probably have heard that Negroes are “cursed”. IF this is true, then is the curse on black people attributable to **Ham** in the Bible or **bacon** in the supermarket? All jokes aside, why are black males disproportionately represented among those in prison or living in the ghetto? Perhaps, we are blocking our blessings by leaning unto our own agendas instead of seeking God’s provision through *obeying* His instructions. For example, was Moses’ success ever predicated upon any coup or military strategy? Did Moses ever protest in the

streets of Cairo for social justice? More than any other identity group, perhaps, African Americans are *cursed* to be “modern day slaves” via our lack of **formal education** and collaborative undertakings toward **self-sufficiency**. Akin to **Reginald Lewis**, why don’t more of us invest our *intelligence* into building businesses that will transfer wealth to our children? Many members of the Talented Tenth already are doing this. Yet, what about the other ninety percent? Should we respond *emotionally* or *intellectually* whenever **constructive criticism** “steps on our toes”? Perhaps, all of us would be well-advised to test the veracity of criticism objectively through the lens of cause and effect in our reasoning. Ghetto is not a zip code. Yet, prostitution, promiscuity, child molestation, domestic violence, drug addiction, and other **vices** are an indelible fact of life in most inner city communities. Despite these conditions, anyone can make the *choice* never to engage in such a self-destructive and evil lifestyle. Yet, before the ushers come to receive the *Sunday morning offering*, we should ponder whether pastors in the ghetto *educate* and *empower* the sheep or *exploit* them for filthy lucre instead. Are wolves in sheep’s clothing using the Bible for **mind control** the same way plantation owners did during slavery? Hell will be sufficiently hot for everyone who has earned the right to spend Eternity therein. Until then, we can not expect to win the **Spiritual Super Bowl** against demons and spiritual wickedness without **Bible literacy**. Stated differently, IF we are *spiritually blind*, then how can we discern whether our church’s plethora of workshops, contemporary music, books, conventions, concerts, and weekly sermons is merely “**feel-good theology**” that seldomly improves the quality of life in or out of the so-called “ghetto”? Brothers and sisters, our *attending* church is one thing; yet, *obeying* Scripture takes our relationship with **Jesus Christ** to a much higher spiritual realm of *intimacy* and *righteous* living. IF ever we choose to do so, then is it possible that the so-called “ghetto” could become an oasis? WE can fix it IF we can face it; yet, Satan is counting upon YOU to do neither.

*“The most potent weapon of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.”*

**Steve Biko**

## SOME GUY STUFF WE MUST FACE

I can not recall when serendipity led me to purchase “**Father and Son: Finding Freedom**” by Walter and Matthew Wangerin. Nevertheless, I was impressed by the transparent love a white father has for his adopted black son. Don’t skip reading this book since it deals with “guy stuff” in such a profound manner that only a devout Christian could have. Thank you, Mr. Wangerin, and I hope readers will extrapolate from your example of *toughness* and *tenderness* how they can become better men. Many, if not most, **black males** never have been so loved and nurtured by their own biological fathers. Wow! Throughout my life, many African Americans have accused me of being a perfectionist, too strict, a religious fanatic, holier than thou, a hypocrite, too critical, a whitey-lover, a sell-out, a punk, a race traitor, a sissy, an Uncle Tom, a coon, a faggot, a baboon, and a nigger. IF you feel the same way, then close the book and use your time wisely in other pursuits. Even after Moses led the Chosen People out of Egypt, they grumbled against him and complained that life was better under Pharaoh’s duress. Tens of thousands died at the hands of an angry God as they wandered forty years in the wilderness. Needless to say, God’s only begotten Son, **Jesus Christ**, also was reviled and even condemned to the **death penalty** while Jerusalem’s evil crowd cried out, “*Crucify Him! Crucify Him!*” Ergo, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that ad hominem attacks often are indicative of the attacker’s guilt, resentment, shame, insecurity, or inferiority complex? After all, **Hell’s Head Coach** always will instruct his players to block, tackle, clip, and run the **truth** out of bounds. The Bible clearly illustrates how righteous men who pontificate holiness and obeying God can expect to be stoned, imprisoned, vilified, beheaded, and even crucified. Quite honestly, “**That’s BLACK MALE!**” merely is revisiting a perennial theme in our nation’s history that already has been dissected and discussed by erudite professors, philosophers, pastors, and authors such as Frederick Douglas, Richard Allen, Absalom Jones, W. E. B. DuBois, James Baldwin, Richard Wright, Ralph Ellison, Martin Luther King, Jr, Orde Musgrave Coombs, Carter Woodson, Thomas Sowell, and many others. Yet, there is no “P”, “H”, or “D” behind my name; so, feel free to close this book anytime it “*steps on your toes*”. Rather than the approbation of others, the **Holy Bible** is the substrate for my *simplified analysis* and world view. At age 67, my Christian point of reference is enriched via having lived through the assassination of Congolese Pres. Patrice Lumumba, the assassination of Steve Biko, the assassination of Pres. John Kennedy, the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., the assassination of Malcolm X, the assassination of Robert Kennedy, and the “*intellectual assassination*” of millions of African American males. Gentlemen, we are not a monolith – thank God – and some of us already are well-educated chess masters. Kudos to all of you! Yet, we also must face the fact that millions of our African American brothers are *functionally illiterate*. Therefore, they lack discernment and the cognitive wherewithal to live a spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, and physically healthy and holistic lifestyle. For those of you who are members of **Skull and Bones**, the **Masonic Brotherhood**, the **Knights of Pythagoras**, the **Order of the Eastern Star**, the **Daughters of Isis**, the **Divine Nine**, or the **Boule** and, therefore, are very well-connected and very successful, what difference does it make IF “*those black people*” made bad choices when they were in school? IF “*those black people*” are shooting, stealing, gambling, trafficking drugs, trafficking humans, molesting children, beating up their girlfriends, cheating on their wives, and in some cases even murdering them, then do their actions impact the quality of life for our entire Village? Gentlemen, IF you have one hundred loaves of bread and are apathetic toward “*those black people*” begging for a slice of bread to survive, then does your



apathy impact the quality of life for our entire Village? Morally speaking, is Heaven's Head Coach or Hell's Head Coach smiling at your *self-centeredness*? Why does the **Talented Tenth** fail to confront ethical issues such as **altruism** and hold its membership accountable for the safety, security, and the success of "*the least of these*" in our Village? As a survival skill, should the strong bear the infirmity of the weak? Explain. Similarly, is there a correlation between **global hegemony** and the exploitation of the native populations in those foreign countries? IF only the strong survive, then what chances for survival do weaker nations have after being preyed upon by hegemony and other predators? Of course, the **One Percent Club** never will confront the moral issue of **equity** via holding government agencies accountable for the safety, security, and the success of an entire citizenry. Why? At home or abroad, the love of money still is the root of all evil as **globalization** reaches the four corners of the globe. In this context, was Jesus Christ a *capitalist* or a *communist* when He healed the sick and miraculously fed a multitude of five thousand with just two fishes and five loaves of bread? In the Middle East as well as here in the United States, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think **Jehovah Jireh** could provide for "the least of these my children" IF we were willing to let Him use *our* hands to do so? Explain.

Because I am not a journalist, I rarely track down stories concerning current events. Instead, as the author of **realistic fiction**, I often create parables, metaphors, and allegories to illustrate my world view. For example, what would happen if an orthodontist put braces on a patient's teeth, yet, failed to tighten them? What would happen if a motorist had a flat tire on the expressway and instead of changing the tire, he relaxed in his SUV and smoked a joint while listening to his favorite CD? What would happen if a fatherless nineteen-year-old **African American** male, at the behest of his unwed mother, decided to hustle drugs and subsequently went to prison for 30 years? The **Universal Law of Cause and Effect** has no respect of person as it applies to most situations in the natural and spiritual realm. While a spiritually blind man may not discern the extent to which "the gods" either are punishing him or blessing him, even a blind **atheist** can see how this universal law applies to the *consequences* of the mores and folkways we embrace and observe all around us. Ergo, our **criticizing** vices or **correcting** untoward behavior, gentlemen, is a sine qua non for any black community to apprehend physical safety and emotional security for its children. For much too long, we either have buried our heads in the sand or blamed "*the white man.*" As a result, illegal drugs, gambling, armed robbery, felony convictions, fatherless homes, child molestation, domestic violence and countless other **vices** increased exponentially over time and now have become our normal plat du jour. For those of us who are too young to remember how different things were when we were "colored", please **read** biographies and other "good" books, talk to your grandparents, talk to your great-grandparents, watch documentaries, and develop a nurturing relationship with trustworthy Village Elders who are aged 65+ or older. You will learn so much about "**Black Lives Matter**" that you otherwise never will learn in church or in school. These same vices *did* exist during the Jim Crow Era. Yet, most "colored people" married before having children, studied the Bible, attended church, worked hard to provide for and protect their offspring, prayed daily for guidance from God, and taught their children God's list of "thou shalt" and "thou shalt not" Commandments. Therefore, is it possible that 70% of the economic and ethical problems within the **African American** community are a *curse* resulting from Biblical illiteracy, egotism, callous indifference, and *disobedience* to God? Just examine everything you are doing in your life and decide whether you are scoring touchdowns for **Heaven's Head Coach** or **Hell's Head Coach**. Fruit never falls far from the **family tree** that bore it.

Thus, offspring will bear the same *spiritual fruit* their parents planted, watered, and fertilized. Rather than to regurgitate what social scientists, preachers, professors, politicians, and pundits already have said, **VICE** prefers to proffer measurable strategies for us to become what the Bible calls “*my brother’s keeper*” as a praxis for male bonding. Gentlemen, IF you want to break soul ties to **Satan**, then consider this list of ten positive things any of us can [not that you will] do to achieve that:

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I will study the Holy Bible relentlessly with other spiritually enlightened men and their sons.

I will neither sell nor consume fentanyl, crystal meth, cocaine, heroin, or any other illegal drugs.

I will abstain from consuming marijuana, cigars, cigarettes, and other legal tobacco products.

I will abstain from consuming alcohol other than a wedding toast, communion, or an occasional drink.

I will abstain from lustful fornication, adultery, sodomy, and having sex outside of holy matrimony.

I will abstain from homosexuality, bisexuality, and “trisexuality” before and after holy matrimony.

I will abstain from sodomy and fellatio in high school, college, the military, locker room, and in prison.

I will abstain from physically abusing my wife, girlfriend, “baby’s momma”, or my children.

I will not abandon my responsibility to provide and protect any and every child with my DNA.

I will repent when I *sin* and ask God for the strength to walk in *holiness* and irreproachable integrity.

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Needless to say, nobody’s perfect, including myself. Yet, obeying these “Ten Commandments” would bless any man, his family, and his community, inconsequential to his zip code. However, IF 79% - 97% of our citizenry rejects religion and morality, then are our nation’s mores and folkways going to get better or much worse? IF you are among the exiguous number of African American males who obey all ten of these strategies, then kudos to you! If you are not, then that makes two of us. IF you have read my personal testimony at [www.victoryNchrist.net](http://www.victoryNchrist.net), then you already know that I am in no position to stone *anyone*. How can the pot call the kettle black, no pun intended? Quite honestly, I, along with most devout Christians, can best be described by the final commandment on this list. Thus, anytime I discuss drugs, violence, sexuality, morality, and religion, my *modus operandi* is to entreat *all* of us to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling, which is in **Christ Jesus**. Despite whatever A’s and F’s **we** have on our moral report card, brothers, GOD did not give us the spirit of fear, shame, weakness, or denial of the truth. **Lucifer**, on other hand, is the father of deception and lies as he delights in our *lack* of faith and courage to fix the F’s. As you can see, pubescent bisexuality and other **sexual mistakes** have an efferent impact upon the F’s teenagers and grown men have on their report cards. Hypothetically, IF 79% - 97% of black males in prison have “*messed around*” with another inmate, then are they **homosexual** or, de facto, **bisexual**? Explain. Hypothetically, IF 79% - 97% of *all* males in all fifty states have messed around with another male during adolescence, then is *homosexual* a noun or more accurately an adjective describing a sexual *act* vis-a-vis a sexual

*orientation*? Why do occult **initiation** rituals in the lodge, in the college fraternity, and in the military often require young men to engage in **homosexual acts**, especially since *sodomy* opens the “**Third Eye**” as a portal for *demonic spirits* to take possession of both partners? Following the Obama Administration, has our nation become the “United States of Sodomy” while **Satan** is rolling on the floor laughing at the fools we have become?

In my first book, twelve **Penis Parables** described the permutations that differentiate classic homosexual, homoerotic, homophilic, and homophobic male behaviors. As the substrate for my *unorthodox* course in sexual education, that *textbook* shows how our *sexual expression* is a physical act affirming our soul ties to the **Lord** or soul ties to **Lucifer**. Naturally, we only see the physical evidence of temptation and not the ubiquitous spiritual “tug of war” for possession of our bodies and souls. Thus, I can not expect *spiritually blind* men to appreciate how faith in Almighty God can part the **Red Sea** in order for them to escape spiritual bondage in Egypt. Brothers, WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it. Yet, the inverse of this two-edged sword affirms that we *can* fix it IF we *can* face it. One undaunted man’s courageous decision to examine both the A’s and F’s on his report card can positively impact his relationships with his wife, his baby’s momma, his children, his extended family, his employer, and his coterie of friends. In the context of the ten things listed above, imagine the positive impact they would have within our Village IF just two thousand successful African American men decided to meet weekly with a convicted felon – mano a mano – for *two years* to facilitate the latter facing and fixing the F’s on his report card. After serving a ten-year sentence behind bars, what some may call “damaged goods” still have the potential for both a negative and a positive change a/k/a “recycling”. Thus, whatever *choices* convicted felons make *will* have an efferent impact upon their lives as well as their relationships with other people in the community. Without either man in this mentoring dyad borrowing or lending *any money*, an intelligent exchange of ideas and information can help a felon to find work or to start using his *entrepreneurial* skill set along with the Internet as a source of sustainable income. Isn’t that more important than playing basketball, playing video games, or discussing last night’s **NBA** or **NFL** game? Explain. When was the last time you and *your boyz* jogged for three miles before going to the gym to workout? When was the last time you and *your boyz* went to a casino to have fun drinking and gambling? When was the last time you and *your boyz* went to a strip club to have fun...you fill in the blank? When was the last time you and *your boyz* had fun getting drunk or getting high? When was the last time you and *your boyz* helped Junior with his homework? When was the last time you and *your boyz* shared dinner at home or at a restaurant while reviewing strategies for becoming better fathers? When was the last time you and *your boyz* read a “good” book, and shared how it blessed your marriage or your career? When was the last time you and *your boyz* read the **Holy Bible** together, mano-a-mano, and shared how studying the “Good Book” blessed you in terms of your spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical maturity, self-confidence, and wisdom? This is the “guy stuff” millions of fatherless **black males** seldomly, if ever, cogitate in order to persevere in *spiritual warfare* while scoring a touchdown for **Heaven’s Head Coach**.

Perhaps, this type of altruistic **male bonding** relationship is well beyond the comfort zone for most convicted felons and college graduates alike. Nevertheless, gentlemen, pretending that our F’s don’t exist would be the quintessence of **delusion**. Comparing the number of A’s we have relative to another brother’s would be the quintessence of **narcissism**. Is it ever too late for a dumb jock or any *functionally illiterate* brother to go to school, get a tutor, and eventually earn his **GED** and bachelor’s

degree? Many of us played basketball or video games at the expense of being on grade level in MATH or READING when we were in school. Thus, we need to face and fix that intellectual deficiency posthaste rather than depending upon our girlfriends, wives, and daughters to explain to us everything in the mail or in a book. In your opinion, would such a man be *less* of a man or *more* of a man for having done so? Explain. Imagine 79% of **African American** males between the ages of 12 and 21 spending at least four hours daily playing video games, playing basketball, or watching sports with their friends. Now, imagine that other 21% spending four hours daily matriculating toward a high school diploma or even a college degree in engineering, law, medicine, chemistry, computer science, education, or political science. From which group will the **Jewish Mafia** and the **Gentile Mafia** recruit candidates for six-digit employment opportunities in the Pentagon, the military industrial complex, the CIA, academia, law enforcement, corrections, finance on Wall Street, the petroleum industry, the banking industry, the pharmaceutical industry, or as lobbyists? Have you noticed how most individuals and institutions follow the Godfather's script rather than to ask questions or to advocate for moral rectitude? For example, while many Christians obey the Bible, is it possible that most college presidents are obligated *not* to do so while following the **GLBT** script assigned to them by the **New World Order**? Stated differently, are subversive think tanks in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Israel, and Australia the glue that holds **Satan's** Invisible Empire together? WE can't fix it IF we can't face it. One could argue that even IF we face it, only God can fix it. Hopefully, there are at least two thousand, if not two *hundred* thousand, brothers who are willing to remove their fig leaves in order to ameliorate their credit history, educational history, medical history, and employment history. Is it not true that all of us have F's we need to confront and work toward changing into A's? Are black **churches** doing this? Are black **colleges** doing this? Are black **lodges** doing this? Are black **VFW's** doing this? Are black **fraternities** doing this? Are any other black **social clubs** doing this? Is our government doing anything to *ameliorate* the extent to which WE the People of the United States learn to obey God's commandments? Is our government doing anything to *truncate* our ability to discern and practice obedience to the Bible? Eureka! Without relentlessly studying the entire Bible, how can real Christians prevent **Hell's Head Coach** from throwing sand or salt in our eyes? Explain. Perhaps, spiritual blindness and **Biblical illiteracy** among African American males are directly responsible for many of the bad decisions we have made and continue to make. Having said that, I am not pretending to be an intellectual or a Biblical scholar. *Au contraire, mon frere*. I am neither. Yet, *ignorance* is bliss for too many brothers who otherwise *could* become college graduates, successful professionals, reliable husbands, heads of households, competent breadwinners, better role models, and more productive members of the **African American** community. Worshiping singers, actors, and professional athletes not only is *idolatry*, it also exacerbates the problem via lowering the **intellectual expectations** we set for our children's education and rectitude. A college degree is not necessary for a man to become well-educated. Yet, *reading* assiduously is "Tried and True" among convicted felons, graduate students, and autodidacts alike. Despite the reality of racism, **illiteracy** is the *white elephant* in the room we **African Americans** have failed to acknowledge and to confront.

As an educator, I am concerned about the future of African Americans as *individuals* and as an *identity group*. During my lifetime, the desuetude of black male intellectualism has become a **pandemic** among teenagers living in the hood or out of the hood. Yet, as many of us cross the burning sand and make life-long oaths to Baphomet, Minerva, Pan, Ra, Isis, Osiris, and even to **Lucifer**, are we making a deal with the Devil, like **Judas**, *not* to obey God in exchange for thirty pieces of silver and worldly

success? No man can serve two masters because his *obligation* compels him to score a touchdown for **Lucifer** and vehemently to hate his opponent. Thus, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think the **Divine Nine** and the “**Demonic Nine**” are two wings on the same bird? Explain. In the Information Age, can we allow our sons or nephews to become **atheists** or to squander free educational opportunities that are available to them? Similarly, IF each of us exists in a spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical *temple*, then should parents instruct their children in **religion** during their formative years? While many of our daughters have mentors who encourage them to dream of becoming dentists, doctors, lawyers, judges, CEOs, and even Congresswomen, the majority of **black males** in the US lack a similar support system beyond the milieu of playing football, basketball, and other competitive sports. Thus, is it possible that daughters born to unwed mothers have a *competitive advantage* over their male siblings in leveling the *academic* playing field in the so-called “battle between the sexes”?

In the book of Genesis, was the relationship between Adam and Eve complementary or competitive in **God’s Divine Plan**? Today, is the relationship between men and women complementary or competitive? Explain. In a nation wherein “In God We Trust” has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, is it possible that members of **Skull and Bones**, **Freemasonry**, the **Divine Nine**, and all *secret societies* serve **Satan**? Collectively, do they work in tandem doing everything within their power to *extirpate* **Christian morals** from American society? For example, is it a mere coincidence that African American politicians, public intellectuals, pastors, and pundits never discuss the correlation between **Barack Obama’s** life-time membership in Chicago’s most infamous gay bath house [**Man’s Country**] and his support of the gay lifestyle? Moreover, why are most Americans acquiescent to the legalization of *anal sex* and *gay marriage* IF that lifestyle leads to Eternity in Hell? Have we become **Orwellian proles** or should a 90% majority lobby for Congress to overturn gay legislation that has empowered the vocal 10% to marginalize and malign their opponents? Do WE the People of the United States recognize that persecution of Christians is intensifying? Yet, can *devout* Christians go into the closet, remain silent, and still enter into Heaven? Can *counterfeit* Christians come out of the closet, support the **GLBT Movement**, and still enter into Heaven? God’s Word warns us all that as it was in the days of **Sodom** and **Gomorrah**, so shall it be in the Last Days. On **Judgment Day**, will God say, “Well done my good and faithful servant,” to anyone who has served Lucifer?

Never forget that I am a devout Christian who is *guilty* of having had sex with both male and female partners. Thus, I am not a **homophobe** who pontificates hatred toward “queers, dikes, sissies, and faggots.” To the contrary, I am admonishing an entire reprobate nation that “*the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*” Now that they have come out of the closet, Adam can marry Steve and Eve can marry Evelyn as an unabashed affirmation of their **pride** in perversion. Yet, a much bigger **moral** issue than “**GLBT** political rights” is hidden in plain sight. Namely, does the **GLBT** community score touchdowns for Heaven’s Head Coach? Does the **GLBT** community score touchdowns for Hell’s Head Coach? Whenever you watch the Super Bowl, how often have you seen a running back do a U-turn and score a touchdown for the opposing team? IF sexual “*perversion*” stinks in God’s nostrils, then will **GLBT** advocates or gay couples do a U-turn to score a touchdown for Heaven’s Head Coach? How many **GLBT** advocates, pastors, or preachers teach God’s Biblical standard for salvation from our sins? How many **GLBT** pastors are born again? Unless they relent and repent of that *perverted* lifestyle, not a single one. In the Last Days, what inference can be drawn when members of the **GLBT Movement** become official gatekeepers for our legal

system and law enforcement? IF someone is adamant about spelling cat with a “c”, then will he be interned indefinitely in a **FEMA** camp? IF someone chooses to spell “cat” with a “k”, even after you have shown them that word in the Oxford Dictionary, then are they *spiritually* bonded and connected to **Lucifer** or to the **Lord**? Explain.

While **political correctness** forbids colleges, churches, school boards, and politicians from holding public forums to discuss the immorality of **GLBT** ideology, should any eleven-year-old student have the *right* to have **reassignment surgery**? Explain. Guidance counselors in some public schools have assisted students with transitioning without parental knowledge or consent. Wow! Additionally, **attempted suicide** and **transgender regret** are psychological issues well worth discussing in academia, the church, the news, in school board meetings, and especially in political circles. In the history of our nation, some laws have been overturned – and rightfully so. IF we teach *kindergarten students* that God made a chromosomal mistake in the delivery room, then is that tantamount to **molestation** of children’s minds? Moreover, what is the correlation between Freudian *penis envy* and the “**Psychological Penis Complex**”? Psychologists, psychiatrists and other experts feel as if children progress through oral, anal, and other *developmental stages* that ultimately resolve themselves without any need for surgical intervention. Nevertheless, as a result of **Cancel Culture**, devout Christians may find themselves in the position of *defendants* in court for daring to obey God’s Commandments rather than to appease the myriad forms of politically correct ungodliness and immorality. The Bible warns the **Body of Christ** that ruthless *persecution* and even *execution* of devout Christians will increase in the **Last Days**. Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that Muslim **genocide** in the Middle East portends **pogroms** to extirpate Christians in the not too distant future here in the United States as well? Satan already is rolling on the floor laughing.

Despite the Obama legacy, most black leaders outside the United States despise the first black US President’s position on **homosexuality**, at the expense of *ethical family values*. Look at how hard our kindred from **Africa** and the **Caribbean** work to become successful blue-collar and professional breadwinners for their families. Typically, many of their children get a part-time job as soon as they reach the age of legal employment. Similarly, immigrants from Asia, the Middle East, South America, and Europe appreciate the boundless opportunities for *educated* men and women to find success in the United States. Yet, is it possible that **African Americans** appreciate *dumb jocks* more than we appreciate and embrace erudite **black males** such as Emmett Chappelle, Alexander Miles, Lewis Latimer, Charles Drew, and Cedric Jennings? My favorite scene in “Finding Forrester” was when his professor told **Jamal Wallace** to get out of his classroom. Albeit Hollywood fiction, it quintessentially demonstrates how academia refuses to refute **eugenics** and acknowledge that Negroes are not an inferior race. Therefore, do we need to *require* rather than to *request* that **black males** handle a book far more skillfully than they handle a ball? WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it. Otherwise, normalizing the **F’s** on our report card may eventually destroy our Village. **Marva Collins’** pedagogy proved that so-called “*dumb jocks*” can learn IF they are committed to erudition and academic success. For too long we have responded to racism with bricks, bottles, bullets, and our biceps rather than with our **brains**. Again, it is not necessary to graduate from college to become a well-educated and successful **black male**. However, it is necessary for the members of our Village to read and to discuss *hundreds* of books in order to manumit our minds from *mental slavery* and *servitude* to an invisible master via **Pavlovian conditioning**. Never forget that think tanks in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Israel, and Australia always will outsmart us IF we don’t assiduously read, comprehend, analyze, and

synthesize effective *counter-strategies* to their chess moves. Gentlemen, I realize that I often say things over and over again, which can be annoying for some readers. Yet, some **life lessons** are worth repeating; so please forgive me for being redundant. Henceforth, let me proffer anecdotes, Biblical truths, and a reading list that I hope will reignite the sense of **moral responsibility** among **African American men** to protect and provide for their families. Brothers, let us begin with an abridged reading list about “guy stuff” or manhood. These authors are true *experts* while I merely am gathering the crumbs that fall from their “table of knowledge and wisdom”. *Bon Appétit!*

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**Goodbye, Good Men** by Michael S. Rose

**After the Ball** by Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen

**Boys Into Men: Raising Our African American Teenage Sons** by Anderson J. & Nancy Franklin

**The Boy Crisis** by Warren Farrell and John Gray

**Man in the Middle** by John Amaechi

**Just Mercy** by Bryan Stevenson

**The Bond** by Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt

**Gandhi: The Man, His People, and the Empire** by Rajmohan Gandhi

**Family Secrets** by John Bradshaw

**A Child Called “It”** by Dave Pelzer

**Natives** by Akala

**From Brotherhood to Manhood** by Anderson J. Franklin

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Gentlemen, IF you read at least most of these books, then I hope you will agree that millions of us underestimate the extent to which the father son dyad has impacted our **world view** and how we see ourselves. Inconsequential to whether Dad was in prison or otherwise out of the home during our formative years, *fatherlessness* is a **weapon of mass destruction** of cognition, confidence, and cohesion among *black males* within our Village. “That’s BLACK MALE!” is not an autobiography, per se; yet, I want to share my background as a point of reference. My father, **Benjamin Franklin Robinson**, died in 1967 when I was ten-years-old. Thus, my formative years were replete with both *fatherlessness* and having had a father living under the same roof. In such a short time, Dad had an indelible impact upon my world view and how I have navigated throughout adulthood. Despite his having been a **FAMU** graduate and an assistant principal, my father also was a *functioning* alcoholic. He and my mother commuted daily to **Union Grove High School**, which was the “colored school” about ten miles from where we lived in Marianna. With the exception of a black school teacher next

door, and another black school teacher across the street, all of the other families in this working-class neighborhood were white. Despite occasional **hooded KKK motorcades** passing where we lived on South Street, we played doctor, kick ball, and hide and seek with the white kids on our block. In retrospect, many other black children grew up in the heart of “Black Town” and much closer to **Jackson County Training School**, which was the “colored school” we all attended. Yet, my older brother and I had no objections to the 2.5 mile walk to school – rain or shine. My father, who drank too much, also smoked excessively and cancer tragically took his life at the age of 44. His funeral was the only time I can remember seeing him in church. Like Cedric Jennings, it was my mother who took us to church several times a week, not including Sundays. Nonetheless, how does such a young boy grapple with the finality of his father’s funeral? “Bewildered” first comes to my mind whenever I see other black males going down that same path to perdition.

All of us have different untoward experiences and different strategies for coping with life’s difficulties and challenges. Because I am an adult survivor of years of **incest** and **childhood sexual abuse**, more than anything else, the **Holy Bible** was my Rock of Gibraltar that kept me optimistic about my future. Even if you are a back slider or agnostic, still I admonish anyone from a *dysfunctional family* to study the Bible and trust in “God”, however you may perceive Him. Ancillary to a spiritual workout in “**God’s Gym**”, consider acquiring your “psychological six-pack” by getting **professional therapy**. There is nothing shameful about seeing a *psychologist* or *psychiatrist*, despite what countless brothers at the barber shop may think. Obviously, their **obtuse** world view has been limited by the small world in which they and a million other “*boyz in da hood*” live. As an adult, I floundered in college for the better part of a *decade*, if not longer. Indeed, I made many costly mistakes I could have avoided IF sound advice from a father, mentor, therapist, teacher, professor, or preacher had reached me beforehand. I am not blaming anyone other than the man in the mirror for what I did. Nevertheless, the father son dyad is crucial to the success of sons in the rites of passage. I believe that virtually *all* families exhibit some elements of **neurosis** that are deleterious to the well-being of their children. Therefore, I wish middle schools and high schools would offer introductory courses in **religion** and **psychology** vis-a-vis sessions with a *school psychologist* who can misuse her professional bias to achieve a *hidden agenda*. At school, there are many children who have been molested, neglected, or otherwise abused. Fatherless, illiterate, and insecure **black males** typically will disrupt the classroom to deflect attention away from their academic ineptitude. IF this describes someone you know, then would it not be a more effective strategy to befriend classmates like **Cedric Jennings** and other *erudite* students to *tutor* him and *help* him understand how to successfully complete his homework? The vast majority of black children [up to 80%] nationwide do not have their **fathers** at home to help them succeed in life or in school. Thus, is it surprising that many of them later will become a menace to society? I never shall forget the profound experience of teaching a middle-aged black man how to read via our public library’s **Laubach Literacy Program**. After only a few weeks together, this man successfully read a passage in a *first grade* book. After reading about three sentences aloud, he stopped and cried unashamedly via having acquired the ability to read. Tears streamed down my face as well via knowing that God had used me to be “*my brother’s keeper*” in a nation wherein it once was illegal to teach any **slave** how to read and write. IF you do the research, then you will see that many black churches at the beginning of the twentieth century also were *colored schools* wherein the grandchildren of former slaves and sharecroppers learned reading, writing, and arithmetic. Today, however, why do millions of *illiterate* **African American** males refuse to participate in free literacy



programs, free **GED** classes, free tutoring programs, free adult education programs, and affordable on-line college classes? Are we **allergic** to knowledge and wisdom? Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that the **Black KKK** has been programmed and paid to brainwash millions of **black males** into believing that erudition is “*acting white*”? I rest my case.

As I have stated countless times, the **Civil Rights Era** remains the *only* time in American History wherein countless “colored students” scored *higher* on standardized tests than their white counterparts in the “better schools”. Despite the disparity in the School Board’s allocation of pecuniary resources, “colored teachers” were adamant about providing a quality education to the grandchildren of former slaves. Not until after desegregation did I realize that the primary education I received at **Jackson County Training School** was second to none. Rather than to admit Negroes, several Southern states paid for “colored teachers” to take classes at Penn State, Howard, Cornell, NYU, Columbia, and other Northern universities during their summer hiatus. Armed with an excellent graduate school education from our nation’s best universities, erudite “*colored teachers*” taught English Grammar, Trigonometry, Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, Literature, Italian, Greek, and German, etc., to *colored students* in the South. Not surprisingly, many of them performed exceptionally well in the classroom and on standardized exams. A native of Bolivia, **Mr. Jaime Escalante**, accomplished a similar feat via teaching **AP Calculus** to Hispanic students here in California. In 1982, his students performed so well on their **Advanced Placement Calculus Exam** that the **State of California** *invalidated* their scores. Perhaps, incredulous of Hispanic students scoring higher than privileged white students in the so-called “*better schools in better neighborhoods*”, **California’s Department of Education** requested that Mr. Escalante’s students take their AP Calculus Exam a *second* time under close supervision, which still resulted in outstanding test scores.

Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that **academic excellence** from brown and black students in the United States is *anathema* to “the powers that be”? More importantly, is there anything more efficacious than *erudition* to close the 36 point deficit in order to win the **Super Bowl**? To what extent is *racism* a factor in public education, housing, job applications, bank loans, etc.? Could we score a touchdown IF substantially more black and brown males became teachers, college professors, real estate agents, entrepreneurs who hire employees, and loan officers in banking? Explain. IF all men are created equal, then do we need Black History Month, Asian History Month, Native American History Month, Women’s History Month, etc. at school? By definition, history should be taught in the context of a specific time period rather than the artifice of compartmentalized identity groups. In the 1800’s Harvard and several prominent universities pontificated that **eugenics** or “*scientific racism*” was a legitimate academic and scientific discipline wherein biologists and anthropologists had *proven* the **genetic superiority** of Anglo-Europeans over all other races. At the same time, Great Britain, France, Belgium and other European countries were *scrambling* to invade and colonize most of the “Dark Continent”. Was this a mere coincidence or well-orchestrated **propaganda**? African people were held like animals in cages and placed on exhibit in “*human zoos*” in both the United States and in Europe. Movies such as **Finding Forrester**, “**Hidden Figures**” and “**Waiting for Superman**” affirm my theory about the opportunity cost of racism in terms of the United States’ intellectual GNP. Yet, the cogent question today is *why* do countless African Americans rob *themselves* via either dropping out of high school or not pursuing a post-secondary education? Perhaps, White Anglo-Saxon People [demonstrably no longer “Protestants” or Christians] realize that the intellectual achievements of brilliant black scholars are a direct threat to **eugenics** and the fallacy

of Eurocentrism. Similarly, US History textbooks dare not to expose how our Founding Fathers' infamous treatment of **Indigenous Americans** on both sides of the Mississippi River was encouched in a romanticized canard called "*Manifest Destiny*". Since I am neither a scholar nor an academe, please "*fact check*" everything in this book for accuracy since I could be a *delusional conspiracy theorist*. For those who are not interested in educational research, just watch "**The Marva Collins Story**" and "**Stand and Deliver**" on DVD to analyze the denouement of two profoundly significant *case studies* in minority education. If you are too young to recall segregated "*colored schools*" and the social climate of that **Apartheid Era**, then please Google: "The Doll Study by Drs. Kenneth and Mamie Clark". In the context of "**White Supremacy**" vis-a-vis "**Black Inferiority**", is it possible that our *national psyche* still relies upon our citizenry living in 3-D: namely delusion, duplicity, and dishonesty? Yet, do **African Americans** make this myth more credible IF we spit on the graves of our ancestors by disrupting the classroom, destroying school property, and scoring in the **bottom quintile** on standardized tests? I rest my case.

The delusional myth of so-called "**Aryan Supremacy**" has been disproven repeatedly by countless erudite **Asian Americans** students. For the past three decades, Asian students from China, India, Japan, the Philippines, et al., have scored in the top 10% nationally on both the **SAT** and **ACT**. Paradoxically, Harvard was sued for what appeared to have been **Affirmative Action** in reverse after changing their admission requirements to give **WASPs** a *competitive advantage* over those Asian students with much higher **GPAs** and **SAT** scores. Primarily because they routinely outperform their American counterparts in both math and science, school districts and universities recruit **STEM** professors and teachers from **Asian** countries. Yet, rarely will American universities or school districts promote **Asian intellectuals** to positions of power wherein they could ameliorate *policies* governing the curriculum, the classroom standards, and most importantly standards for teacher qualifications for Math and Science instruction. Hypothetically, do *unions* protect the status quo of incompetent and insouciant classroom teachers? In the context of basketball, this vignette would be tantamount to **Phil Jackson** benching **Michael Jordan** because he was better at basketball than most white players in the **NBA**. Ergo, is there a *hidden agenda* to deliberately "*dumb down*" American students in order to facilitate the creation of an Orwellian society of primarily black and brown *proles*? Explain.

Via their irreproachable intelligence and integrity, "colored teachers" such as **Marva Collins** were quintessential "*colored*" educators who produced many of the brightest engineers, attorneys, authors, professors, physicians, physicists, psychologists, judges, and politicians our race ever has known. Her book previously mentioned, "*Marva Collins' Way*", is a must read. At your leisure, please don't skip the suggested reading list because it provides invaluable context throughout "That's BLACK MALE!". It *never* is my intention to throw anyone under the bus. Yet, African Americans can't fix the **F's** on our report card IF we continue to institutionalize *mediocrity*. After you have read Marva Collins' book, be sure to ask this *hypothetical* question: "IF black lives matter, then couldn't **Michael Jordan** and **Oprah Winfrey** easily have donated \$1,000,000 *each* to ensure the perpetuity of **Westside Preparatory School**?" Why do countless **African American** celebrities squander their pecuniary resources on expensive jewelry, parties, several mansions, a fleet of cars, gambling, yachts, drugs, exotic animals, and conspicuous consumption rather than providing financial support for bright black male *scholars* from the inner city like **Cedric Jennings**? Not all "bright black male students" are as fortunate as Cedric to have had a white benefactor while in college. It is unfortunate, though not

inevitable, that many bright black males eventually will drop out of college due to *premature fatherhood* and other financial reasons. WE can fix it IF we can face it...but will we?

Never forget that a **well-educated** mind breaks the shackles of mental slavery and ignorance. Thus, our Village needs more well-educated black men *and* women to educate and empower our younger brothers by helping them to understand and master life's "*chess game*". Today, countless black males attend public schools in inner cities, which some parents consider to be virtual *warehouses* designed by the **Prison Industrial Complex**. Yet, never forget how James McBride's mother stretched forth her rod to part the Red Sea. In a nation wherein "In God We Trust" has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, never forget that good parents should inculcate their **religion's high moral standards** at home prior to sending their children to school. Otherwise, **Hell's Head Coach** will have little difficulty in recruiting both sons and daughters for his team. Is there any legitimate reason why a **Westside Preparatory School, Urban Prep Academy** and **Harlem Children's Zone** have *not* been cloned or replicated in every city with a **NFL** or **NBA** team? Will this paradigm shift ever come to fruition IF we celebrate athletics more than academics? Moreover, is there also a dire need for **morality** and **religion** in our classrooms, as was the case in segregated "colored schools"? Only a fool would ignore the correlation between **religious values** and better **behavioral outcomes** for boys living in *or* out of the "*ghetto*." Gentlemen, it's one thing to know **Black History**. Yet, it is another thing altogether to use that history to educate and empower the present generation of young black males to face and fix our **F's** on our report card. Akin to antebellum slavery, is it possible that the **Black KKK** is an occult, amorphous, invisible, yet, *elite* coterie of professional advisors to the king who are loyal to oaths and *secret obligations* to ensure that only a "*Talented Tenth*" ever leave the **Poverty Plantation** and succeed in mainstream America? Explain. IF the score at halftime during the **Super Bowl** is 42 to 6, then should the losing head coach complain to the officials or would admonishing his defense to stop their opponent's quarterback and running back be a more efficacious strategy? IF we want to close the 36 point deficit, then is being *well-educated* more important than playing basketball for black males in elementary, middle, and high school? I rest my case.

Today, close to 80% of African Americans are not blessed to live with their biological mother and father. Even in cases wherein they were, still their fathers and grandfathers may have been poor role models of *manhood* and *morality* during their formative years. During slavery, one could argue that black men lacked the capacity to nurture their children unless they lived together as a family on the same plantation. Today, millions of black males still procreate out of wedlock with more than one "**baby's momma**" and fail to nurture or to provide emotionally and financially for their offspring. Ergo, fatherlessness is a quintessential illustration of **generational curses** within African American communities. In addition to a basketball team, should black mega-churches offer Bible literacy classes, **GED** classes, **SAT** prep classes, debate teams, parenting classes, chess clubs, book clubs, and homework help under the umbrella of **Youth Ministry**? Moreover, do African American churches invest more in the empowerment of men to become strong leaders than they do promoting Women's Conferences, Women's Empowerment Workshops, and women pastors? At the expense of teaching and empowering men to lead, as the Bible mandates, have even our male pastors vacated Scripture and acquiesced to **Feminism** in order for their *congregations* and their *bank accounts* to grow? Can you see Satan rolling on the floor laughing at the black church? WE can't fix it IF we can't face it.

Without judging my brothers who are not “religious”, you would be well-advised to at least *consider* the benefits and the improvements in the quality of life *obeying* God can bring to your family and your household. Many of Satan’s vices and **temptations** of the flesh could be avoided IF we allow God to sanctify us and dwell within us. Of course, nobody’s perfect, including myself. Yet, with few exceptions and by choice, I have avoided alcohol throughout my adult life. **Satan** did not get the victory he wanted. As far as smoking goes, when I was nineteen I attempted to practice smoking a cigarette prior to entering a night club so I could look “cool”. I choked and coughed for nearly five minutes prior to finally entering that popular night club on Ft. Lauderdale Beach. Having seen my father “*commit suicide*” by smoking, I chose that night as the first time and the last time I smoked anything. **Satan** did not get the victory he wanted. Now, as a wiser man I will ask teenagers and grown men how old they were and why, when they started smoking. Invariably, their answer is tantamount to the same *peer pressure* I felt in 1975. Coincidentally, none of these smokers identified themselves as devout, born-again Christians. As far as illegal drugs go, I saw more powdered cocaine than I saw salt on the dinner table at the University of Miami. Generally speaking, wealthy and upper-middle class students from the Mid-Atlantic and New England states dared not to touch **crack cocaine** in the early 1980’s. Having attended church and having studied the Bible most of my life, I had no interest in ever trying powdered cocaine, crack, or any other “recreational” drugs. **Satan** did not get the victory he wanted. At private parties in our dormitories, I refused ever to take a hit from a marijuana cigarette being passed around the room. **Satan** did not get the victory he wanted. No, I am not bragging about sainthood because I did my dirt otherwise...wink! My primary point simply is each of us would be well-advised to *strive* to live by the Bible as our barometer for determining what’s right and what’s wrong. I am certain that Ron Suskind did not disclose every detail of Cedric Jennings odyssey at Brown University in “**A Hope in the Unseen**”...and rightfully so. Yet, once Cedric left home for college, he did not fall for **Satan’s** tricks by remembering what he had been taught at church. Life really is that simple, brothers, once we have an *internal moral compass* rather than to seek the approbation of other people who engage in their vices. Hypothetically and without proselytizing, “Is it possible that most of us could avoid nearly 75% of the temptations that life presents to us IF we would *choose* to obey God’s Commandments rather than Satan’s sinful advice?” Meditate upon that possibility even if you don’t attend church. Typically, devout Buddhists, Christians, Jews and Muslims in college succeed in avoiding a myriad of **vices** simply by practicing their respective **religions**. Atheists can’t explain it; but they can’t deny it either. Like many teenagers, I was one of those **hedonists** who still went to church every Sunday after sinning on Saturday. Ok, let me keep it real and admit I was a **hypocrite**! Yet, my good times were circumscribed by what I had read in the Bible, which kept me out of bad company and a lot of trouble *most* of the time. Therefore, IF you are the guardian or parent of a teenager in high school, then I urge you to study the Sacred Scripture with him [or her] *daily* before he leaves home for college or the military where he definitely will need God’s **spiritual armor** to fight Satan. IF you are a Christian teenager, then I challenge you to study the entire Bible at least *three* times at your leisure before you graduate and leave home. Why? You already are surrounded at school by students and teachers who are committed to obeying **Hell’s Head Coach**. Thus, **spiritual warfare** will intensify once you are away from sagacious **parental authority**. The intense *peer pressure* coupled with freedom to “do as thou wilt” can *curse* your future without your realizing it at the time. Cemeteries are full of bodies that thought they were invincible. Prisons are full of young men who ignored religion and a personal relationship with **God**. God is real; but so is Lucifer. **Puberty** is a time wherein millions of males and females *experiment* with **sexual expression** without having

the wisdom, discernment, or understanding of the pitfalls and *consequences* of their actions. Prior to puberty, cellular phones make it possible for *third graders* to see **xxx rated videos** unless the parental settings have blocked any access to **pornography**. Hypothetically, are laptop computers and cellular phones portals for **Satan** to corrupt the **moral values** of America's Youths? Explain. Parents, is it a sin *not* to give your naturally curious child a cell phone until 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade -- after you have inculcated your religious values as their **moral compass** whenever they are confronted with "*forbidden fruit*"?

Can any *pastor* serve the **Great Architect of the Universe** [Freemasonry] and the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jesus Christ at the same time? Can any *parishioner* serve Isis, Osiris, Minera, Pan, Ra or another *pagan* deity and the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jesus Christ at the same time? Explain. The Holy Bible affirms that no man can serve two masters, for he will love one and loathe the other. Therefore, pastors and parishioners alike must choose which master or "god" they will serve -- not only once a week but throughout the week. Jesus' ministry never stopped until He died on Calvary. Yet, during the week, how many pastors actually go into the hedges and highways to minister to prostitutes, drug addicts, and other lost sheep? Instead, do they enjoy a banquet feast after church, a round of golf, or even a courtside seat at a **NFL** or **NBA** game with their entourage? Clearly, this is not the will of God. Indeed, the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. Is it possible that very few pastors in the African American community were called into ministry by God? IF this is true, then would it explain why black churches have very few ministries, seminars, or workshops addressing **male leadership** at home, in the church, in the community, as well as the importance of a holistic **father son dyad** at home? Explain.

Brothers, let's be honest with ourselves. Both teenagers and grown black males seek the admiration and the approbation of our peer group. This is especially true IF we do not have fathers teaching us at home and warning us how to avoid the many pitfalls in the streets. Instead of doing the right thing, we may experiment with sex, stealing, selling drugs, or even armed robbery at the behest of our friends and so-called "*homies*". Antithetically, how many teenagers will follow Cedric Jennings' example of keeping your eyes on the prize and graduating from college? Many brothers who did poorly in school are **emotionally triggered** by criticism or pejorative terms that threaten their sense of masculinity or manhood. In this context, some African American males are prone to violence and actually have killed other black males for what they interpreted as *disrespecting* their **manhood**. Never forget that many fatherless sons learned to define their "*manhood*" or their "*masculinity*" in prison, in a gang, from gangster rap music, from movies, from television, or from hanging out in the streets with convicted felons and other older men. Therefore, the *trigger* is not whatever the person called them, per se. Instead, an untoward or even a *criminal* response is a reflection of the "wounded inner child" vis-a-vis how "the man in the mirror" sees himself relative to the name calling. In other words, whenever a young man needs approval from others around him, he usually will do whatever he thinks will impress them and prove his virility. Yet, if he is both **self-confident** and **competent** in his ability to be successful in life, then the pejoratives seldomly will bother him. Why? His self-image comes from *within* rather than from the critics and other negative people around him.

Whenever **boxers** and other competitive **athletes** "talk trash", they also are attempting to undermine their opponent's *mental confidence* in his ability to prevail. Needless to say, confidence is an automatic by-product of fathers and sons spending time fishing, hunting, camping, jogging, playing chess, watching a movie, studying the Bible, playing basketball, working out, taking a shower, washing

the family vehicles, or visiting relatives. Even IF their unwed mothers make more money than Oprah, black boys who are fortunate enough to have had these kinds of *male bonding* experiences with Dad during their formative years rarely will develop a subliminal or a conscious **inferiority complex**. Obviously, there is no “P” “H”, or “D” after my last name; so I am speculating. Thus, I encourage black men to confide in a **psychologist** or **psychiatrist** and to READ psychology books and other self-help books. In so doing, we will better understand the motivation for both our *rational* and our *irrational* behaviors. Brothers, is it ever too late in life to fix any **vice** IF we are willing to face it? Explain. Just as following a football coach’s advice makes black boys better athletes, following a therapist’s advice makes black men better husbands and fathers in our Village. Remember, an emotional response to the vicissitudes of life never acknowledges, analyzes, or intelligently resolves the underlying problems at hand. Therefore, always press through whatever pain, fear, or doubt you may have concerning how to rectify the **F’s** in your life. Otherwise, our uneducated minds will render us *docile* and easily manipulated by the subversive think tanks responsible for controlling “the **Negro Problem**”. Edward Bernays’ model for social engineering virtually *guarantees* the perpetuity of **Birth of a Nation’s** perception of the black male as a **bête noire**. As any great chess player knows, you must watch the board and anticipate your opponent’s next move in order to win. So how can we win at this game? Explain.

I already have shared this vignette; but I feel it is worth mentioning once more. Many years ago before I went bald, I wrote a *summer curriculum* that included math, reading, grammar, history, and conjugating the verb “*to be*” in Latin. Upon presenting it to the directors of the **YMCA** and the **Boys and Girls Club** on “our side of the tracks”, both **black males** told me that it was too difficult. Despite my willingness to volunteer without any compensation, both directors told me that our children needed a break from book learning over the summer. Similarly, at my church I wrote a challenging summer curriculum for a 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade children’s group. The director, who was a retired African American elementary school principal, rejected the curriculum in toto and used nothing to replace it other than her “children’s choir” that summer. *Je trouve ça très intéressant!* I am repeating that story to emphasize the real possibility and *probability* of the existence of an amorphous **Black KKK** hidden in plain sight. IF it is so, then are its members programmed and paid “*advisors to the king*” who are obligated to block, tackle, clip, and run any paradigm shift out of bounds that could ameliorate **educational outcomes** for black students? Explain. As a former **Guardian ad Litem** and literacy volunteer, nothing gives me greater satisfaction than helping young people develop their intellectual and academic potential. As a former GED teacher, I always strive to discover effective ways to build student interest and confidence in their potential for success.

As a substitute teacher, I never show up for work without my shirt, tie, and backpack with my own “*back up*” lesson plans. Why? In my opinion, many teachers do not leave adequate work to keep 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade students engaged all day. Thus, I have supplemental handouts, usually in math, reinforced by explaining several of the problems on the dry erase board. Despite many students appreciating my high energy, innovative “intellectual coaching” style, replete with collaborative learning, friendly competition, team captains they get to choose, small rewards and prizes, class monitors who give demerits for unacceptable conduct, and free time IF they have earned it, still several principals have offered me a long-term **physical education** position. *Je trouve ça très intéressant!* Some teachers have said they would like to contact me first when they are absent because their students give them such a great report. Hypothetically, is there a *hidden agenda* regarding the elimination of competent and

confident **black males** teaching math, science, or other *academic* subjects? **Dr. Edward Bouchet** was the first African American ever to earn a PhD in the United States [Yale University/Physics/1876]. **Dr. W.E.B. DuBois** was the first African American to earn a PhD from Harvard University [History/1895]. **Dr. Kenneth Clark** was the first African American to earn a PhD in Psychology from Columbia University [1940]. His wife, **Dr. Mamie Clark**, also earned her PhD in psychology from Columbia University [1943]. **Dr. Marie Maynard Daly** was the first African American female to earn a PhD in chemistry [Columbia University/1947]. Wow! IF think tanks are doing everything within their power to make it appear that black teachers belong primarily in P.E., then please consider **Drs. Kenneth and Mamie Phipps Clark** and other brilliant black scholars who proved that the Negro is not inferior.

Lamentably, Dr. Clark's **Doll Study** showed that Negro children, indeed, had internalized the *propaganda* and *negative stereotypes* of their race found in their textbooks and in the segregated world of **Apartheid**. Let us remind and admonish black children with a propensity for *instant gratification*, that nobody owes you a life of leisure in the United States. *Au contraire, mon frere!* A good education and hard work [sometimes twice as hard as those born with a silver spoon in their mouths] are required to fulfill your **American Dream**. As African Americans, we can not legitimately complain about **racism** blocking our efforts to draw water from the well of success IF we are punching holes in the bottom of our own buckets. IF the **Black KKK** and other nefarious institutions surreptitiously continue blocking, tackling, clipping, and running quintessential educators such as **Marva Collins** out of bounds and out of business, then is our collective *ignorance* and *illiteracy* "the white man's fault"? Moreover, is it racism or a rational response when Asians, West Indians, West Africans, and other *black* identity groups eschew socially unacceptable folkways inveterately associated with African Americans? Explain. Never will I be able to comprehend why college educated black men support black male athletic success more than black male academic success during their formative years. Is the **Black KKK** paid to promote such an inane attitude within our Village? Never will I comprehend why many **African Americans** resented Marva Collins' brilliant mind and her exceptional pedagogy. Nor will I ever understand why black educators in a classroom filled with underachieving "*at risk*" brown and black students are insouciant as long as they get their paychecks. Similarly, never will I comprehend so many **African Americans** driving by and killing one another over **foolishness**. Yet, we have the temerity to protest *only* when policemen do the same thing. Brothers, I can not say it never happens. Yet, how often do you see **Ethiopians, Nigerians, Kenyans, Jamaicans, Bahamians**, or other **Caribbean-Americans** exemplifying such *self-loathing* behaviors? IF climbing the ladder of success requires turning your back on the less fortunate, then is being rich and famous really worth being in the king's court? **Jesus Christ** reminds all of us, "*For inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my children, ye did it unto me.*" Thus, I am among the devout Christians who believe that Hell will be sufficiently hot for everyone who has earned the right to spend Eternity therein. Guys, let us govern ourselves accordingly. IF you don't consider yourself to be "religious", then please watch "**The Matrix**" starring Keanu Reeves and "**The Antwone Fisher Story**" starring Denzel Washington. Hopefully, you will appreciate how both movies poignantly deal with important issues of good v. evil that black males seldomly discuss in our homes, at school, at the barber shop or elsewhere in our Village. Please pay close attention to the plot's denouement at the end of "The Antwone Fisher Story" wherein **Dr. Davenport** pays homage to his former patient, Antwone. It is my hope that profound statement will encourage those among us who are angry, insecure, and inept never to feel ashamed

to allow a well-educated Moses to lead us out of Egypt and into a land flowing with milk and honey. Guys, WE can fix it IF we can face it...but will we hide behind Greek letters instead? I rest my case.

*My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.*

**Proverbs 3:1 – 8**



## IN GOD WE TRUST

Repeatedly, I have used this mantra and have asked Christians to study the **Holy Bible**. Whereas, we are not a monolithic Christian nation, "**My Bondage and My Freedom**" by Frederick Douglas is the final book I suggest for black males to read to give context to my discourse. As we approach the final pages of "**That's BLACK MALE!**", I am humbly grateful to each of you for having chosen to peruse this *unorthodox* book. Diametrically opposed to being politically correct, this entire epistle merely is one black man's attempt to promote a thorough and transparent ethical dialogue about "**guy stuff**" we must face and fix IF we want God to bless us and our nation. Albeit my main focus is the **African American male**, I proffer this epistle to other men interested in this topic who may be white, gray, or even "the color of water". In a nation wherein "**In God We Trust**" has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, hopefully, my world view and discussion of morality and ethics are not nearly as recondite as Mandarin Chinese. While it may step on some toes, gentlemen, the most important concept I am attempting to convey is that "**In God We Trust**" can be a powerful mantra for a more *virtuous* society IF only we would *obey* God's Commandments. Yet, both **Heaven's Head Coach** and **Hell's Head Coach** strive to get your attention and recruit you for their respective teams. The Bible teaches us that no man can serve two masters for he will love one and *loathe* the other. As always, I make the disclaimer that I am neither a scholar nor an academe. Therefore, I am expressing just one man's world view in the context of a perennial **Spiritual Super Bowl** between good and evil. While turning these pages, many Americans under age 40 may scratch their heads and wonder, "*What is this guy talking about?*" However, anyone over the age of 65+ well remembers when **Christianity** was embraced by the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branches of government as well as by our citizenry. Albeit they did not follow its teachings, even gamblers, drunkards, adulterers, and prostitutes in the 1970's *respected* the **Holy Bible** as the **moral compass** for our nation. Prior to a devout atheist, **Madelyn Murray O'Hair**, convincing the **SCOTUS** that praying and reading the Bible in any classroom were unconstitutional, most children read the Bible aloud and prayed aloud each morning in our public schools. That **Supreme Court** ruling not only opened Pandora's Box, it also took the door of **immorality** off its hinges and created many of the ethical dilemmas and vices confronting our nation today.

Because spiritual matters are not visible in the natural realm, spiritually blind African Americans are unaware of how **demonic spirits** can influence and even control their motives, emotions, and actions unawares. For example, when a parent molests or murders his or her children, did **Lucifer** or a demonic spirit orchestrate such a despicable act? When a married preacher uses illegal drugs while having an illicit affair with either a female or male member of his congregation, did **Lucifer** or a demonic spirit orchestrate his infidelity? When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, did **Lucifer** or a demonic spirit orchestrate their disobedience? During His Earthly Ministry, **Jesus** cast out demons and even raised the dead more than once. Yet, **Lucifer** tempted Jesus after He had fasted, asking Him to bow down and worship him in exchange for the kingdoms of this world. Is it possible that many **New Age** pastors and other popular celebrities on television made a deal with the devil in exchange for their worldly success? Some entertainers in Hollywood even have bragged about having sold their soul to the devil. I Corinthians 10:21 reads, "*Ye can not drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and the table of devils.*" IF prominent

African American pastors and bishops are members of the **Boule [Sigma Pi Phi]**, **Divine Nine**, **Daughters of Isis**, **Knights of Pythagoras**, **Order of the Eastern Star**, **Prince Hall Freemasonry** and other secret societies, then at which table are they feasting? As Satan's principal *gatekeepers*, many of their "secrets" are hidden in plain sight in books such as "**Morals and Dogma**" by Albert Pike, "**The Brotherhood**" by Stephen Knight, "**33 Degrees of Deception**" by Tom C. McKenney, "**Crisis of Conscience**" by Raymond Franz, "**The Secret Teachings of the Masonic Lodge**" by John Ankerberg, and "**The Deadly Deception**" by Jim Shaw. Interestingly, Jim Shaw's very enlightening book recently disappeared from my personal library. One day after subbing at an elementary school, I came home only to discover "**The Deadly Deception**" must have grown wings and flown out of the window – a closed window I might add. On a different occasion, "**After the Ball**" by Hunter Madsen also vanished from my library at home. IF Big Brother's "*all seeing eye*" is watching everyone while secret societies provide him with intelligence, then do *devout* Christians still have the courage to walk uprightly with God like Daniel or will we acquiesce to evil in order to avoid the lion's den? Just as Morpheus, Trinity, and Neo fought the good fight in "**The Matrix**", *devout* Christians similarly will be attacked in the **Last Days** by sentinels and Satan's enemy agents. Despite **Hell's Head Coach** blocking our efforts to evangelize and bear righteous fruit, the remnant of *devoutly committed* Christians still must be as intrepid as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. As my grandmother said, "*Every tub has to sit on its own bottom.*" Thus, each of us gets to *choose* whether we will spend our lives scoring touchdowns for Heaven's Head Coach or Hell's Head Coach. Yet, on **Judgment Day**, ye will be without excuse.

Many African Americans tend to embrace **Critical Race Theory** at the expense of self-determination and a moral compass to help each other move forward in our lives. In this context, perhaps, **Frederick Douglas'** speeches and writings are more profound than those of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Why? Akin to W.E.B. DuBois, Martin Luther King, Jr. also was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and the elite **Boule [Sigma Pi Phi]**. As with any secret society, their agendas and the scripts they *must follow* are well-hidden from disclosure to any non-members of their coterie. Yet, an exiguous number of historical researchers, including **Steve Cokely**, contend that the **Divine Nine** and the **Boule** actually function as *gatekeepers* protecting Pharaoh's plantation while ensuring that most African Americans never leave Egypt nor reach the Promised Land. Typically, young black males will aspire to be tapped for positions of leadership in corporate America, academia, law enforcement, law, and medicine, etc. Theoretically, once they've been vetted and have proven their loyalty to Pharaoh, then the invisible "**Nile Plantation**" will continue to flourish with their labor and sweat. Paradoxically, Steve Cokely's profoundly enlightening, yet, controversial lectures about black secret societies seem to have disappeared from YouTube not long after his death. Please let me know if *you* can find them anywhere...fair enough? **Frederick Douglas** was born a slave more than a century prior to Martin Luther King's birth. As the story goes: "Frederick Douglas' lessons ended abruptly one day when he heard Master Auld scold his wife by telling her, "*If a slave knew how to read and write it would make him unfit to be a slave.*" From that moment on, Frederick Douglas knew that **education** would be his pathway to freedom. Did the **Moynihan Report** on the Negro Family address this same truth during the height of the **Civil Rights Movement**? More importantly, did black fathers and mothers read, comprehend, analyze that government report, *en masse*, and then take action to free our Village from "modern day slavery"? Explain. In retrospect, did the majority of Negro families shift the paradigm from entertainment to education in order to synthesize effective strategies to manumit our Village from second-class citizenship? IF not, then will we ever emulate our kindred from **Nigeria, Kenya,**

**Trinidad and Tobago**, and **Jamaica**, et al., who consider a quality education sacrosanct for their children? While thousands of black students in these countries are competing to earn top honors in class and on standardized tests, why do we bully thousands of erudite black males like Cedric Jennings at school and in their neighborhood for “*acting white*”? IF your getting accepted at Cornell, Columbia, Stanford, Yale, Harvard, or even the state university is tantamount to “*acting white*”, then I speculate that some white people may become jealous of your “*whiteness*” and life-long success in mainstream America.

Despite faithful participation of church members in these *secret societies*, are they actually practicing “**spiritual schizophrenia**” and *counterfeit* Christianity in the pulpit and pews? How often do wealthy pastors obey the Bible, evangelize the unsaved, and minister to the poor in their community during the week? Is it possible that these “men of God” function as the “**pied piper**” leading entire black congregations into *heresy* and *hedonism* while emptying their wallets and purses at the same time? Explain. For those who never pledged, researching and ferreting for the **truth** about secret societies is crucial to better understanding how and why well-educated men and women cross the burning sand, return to the **Nile Plantation**, resume building Pharaoh’s pyramids, and worship **Kemetic pagan gods**. Many pastors and their wives pledged secret societies during their undergraduate years at **HBCUs** and other colleges. No matter how convincingly they *wrongly* divide the Word of Truth and misinterpret the Scripture, Jesus declared that His sheep know His voice and a stranger they will not follow. Antithetically, can *counterfeit* Christians recognize the temptations that **Lucifer** dangles before them like bait on an angler’s hook? Even a blind **atheist** can see that many of today’s preachers and parishioners are “partying with the devil”, which explains why little progress has been made in terms of rectitude in many African American communities. Despite their prominence as pastors, professors, college presidents, mayors, school board officials, judges, city commissioners, Police Chiefs, Congressmen, Governors, and a US President, can wolves in sheep’s clothing *ever* teach us how to obey and worship God? Therefore, IF you read the entire **Bible** several times at home, fast, and pray for the baptism of the **Holy Ghost**, then God will reward your faithfulness with *knowledge, wisdom, discernment* and *spiritual gifts* to edify the Body of Christ.

As I stated earlier, those of us 65+ and older well remember when **Christian morals** were embraced by the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of our government. In public schools, students read the Bible and prayed every morning before reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Since that no longer is the case, is Satan rolling on the floor laughing at the fools WE the People of the United States have become by embracing *tolerance* and *inclusion*? When God met with Moses on Mt. Sinai, did He admonish the Chosen People that they would be punished severely IF ever they “*tolerated*” and “*included*” pagan worship in His presence? In a nation wherein “In God We Trust” has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is printed, do the **anti-Christ**s already control our nation’s local, state, and federal government? Whenever and wherever Christians pontificate Biblical truths, why do many people take offense and object, as if God’s Word is stepping on their toes? In the **Last Days**, the Bible warns the Body of Christ that men’s hearts would wax cold because “*iniquity shall abound*”. For example, when the late *Bishop Carlton Pearson* began to teach **apostasy**, he was labeled a **heretic**, excommunicated, and ostracized by his peers. Like the late *Bishop Eddie Long*, some Christians have speculated that Carlton also was a *closeted bisexual bishop* who engaged in sodomy. Are there any other miscreants in the black church merely masquerading as men of God, yet, in their personal lives they score touchdowns for **Hell’s Head Coach**? Now that the U.S. government tacitly has legalized

**After School Satan Clubs**, Satan is introducing the forbidden fruit of *homosexuality* to vulnerable kindergarten students, especially to fatherless boys. Yes, Satan already is grooming young boys to bend over. Thus, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that the **North American Man Boy Love Association** [NAMBLA] surreptitiously lobbies for the legalization of **pederasty**? Does “**The Pink Swastika**” by Scott Lively paint a different perspective of **Adolph Hitler** than what we learned in school about the Führer? IF students in school never study the **Bible** and never are taught to fear and to revere God, then what can we expect these ungodly and unrighteous students to do when they are redirected, disciplined, and reprimanded for their unabashed *disrespect* and *disobedience*? Ignore their parents and teachers? Curse their parents and teachers? Assault their parents and teachers? Use a firearm to shoot their parents and teachers? In the Last Days, it already is happening. Yet, we welcome **Satan’s** demonic spirits into schools. WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it.

No longer revering or fearing God, are WE the People of the United States already living in a *dystopian matrix* called “**The New World Order**”? Invariably, members of **Satan’s Invisible Empire** will continue to spell cat with a “k”, even after showing them that word in an unabridged dictionary. Why? Are they under a lifetime *obligation* to obey **Hell’s Head Coach** and never use **God’s Dictionary** for any spell checks? Satan’s servants often include *teenagers, principals, parents, pastors, professors, police officers, prison guards, professional athletes*, and a greater host of **civil servants** or *government officials* who advocate for “**tolerance**” and “**inclusion**” of many sinful, perverted lifestyles. Stated differently, the universal conflict between yin and yang results in the truth always being blocked, tackled, clipped, and run out of bounds to protect Satan’s hidden agenda. Theoretically, IF you board an airplane in New York City and travel to Paris, then will you be fluent in French once you land at Roissy Charles de Gaulle Airport? IF you have access to an artificial intelligence program and a microchip that could be implanted in your brain, then you *might* speak French fluently after your seven-hour flight or even fly a helicopter like Neo did in “**The Matrix**”. However, in the *real world* you probably would not be able to speak French unless you already had studied that language prior to leaving New York. Likewise, WE the People of the United States can not discern “good vs. evil”, “morality vs. immorality”, “holy vs. unholy”, or the presence of “angels vs. demons” in those around us unless we already have studied **God’s Dictionary** and developed a good relationship with God. Moreover, IF “We the People of the United States” are *ignorant* of our **Bill of Rights** to redress our political grievances, then we may become **Orwellian proles** instead of patriotic defenders of our now fragile democratic form of government. For example, when 10% of our citizenry *mandates* that the other 90% also must embrace *pride* in sexual **perversion**, then *democracy* no longer exists in the United States of America. IF our Commander in Chief can use the power of **Executive Order** to bypass any Congressional vote on important national issues, then democracy no longer exists in the United States of America. Perhaps, “*democracy*” has become an apparition to obfuscate our nation’s **shadow government** hidden in plain sight. Those of us over 65+ clearly see that Americans are more sinful, more superficial, more shallow and more self-centered than ever before. Yet, the **Holy Bible** remains our inerrant moral compass by which *devout* Christians live and even learn to love our *enemies*. We pray for them; but we do not need to hate, assault, abuse, or attempt to destroy them.

Ephesians 6:12 teaches devout Christians, “*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*” IF ever there was a movie that perfectly captures this spiritual warfare, it would be “**The Matrix**”, especially in terms of Hell’s Head Coach’s assiduous attempts to destroy

Morpheus and his followers. As the crew's sagacious leader, the elder **Morpheus** served as Neo's mentor and trainer. Similarly, fathers who perspicaciously recognize enemy agents should *mentor* and *train* their sons how to avert Satan's barrage of bullets. Of course, sexual perversion is only one of the **bullets** that Hell's Head Coach uses to destroy **morality** and **virtue** in America's Youths. Yet, *sexual mistakes* are among the most common pitfalls teenagers *easily* could avoid IF virtuous parents would inculcate irreproachable **moral standards** to avoid premature parenthood, **AIDS** or other **STDs**. Other than the **Holy Bible**, what other *moral compass* can produce better outcomes [no drinking, no smoking, no drugs, no gambling, no tattoos, no premarital sex, staying away from bad influences, earning a collegiate or other post-secondary education, earning adequate family income, personal ambition circumscribed by holiness, respect for the law, etc.] during the rites of passage and well into manhood? Explain.

In the context of **guy stuff**, does intimacy between a father and his son circumscribe the extent to which his seed will be *blessed* or *cursed* by Almighty, Omnipotent, and Omnipresent God? For example, Abraham's obedience to the point of his willingness to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac, greatly pleased God. Never forget that Abraham and Sarah begot Isaac well after the age of fecundity. In her post-menopausal years, Sarah even laughed at the idea of bearing a child. Yet, God performed a **supernatural conception** in her womb that made Abraham the "father of many nations." Contrast that to how a lustful King David decided to have Uriah killed to circumvent being exposed as Bathsheba's "*baby's daddy*". What is the significance of his *illegitimate* son the Bible does not even name dying *the day before* the sacred **mitzvah** of circumcision could be performed? Unlike Solomon, was he cut off from the covenant God made to bless the seed of Abraham? Thus, gentlemen, is it possible that many of the trials we have in life may seem to be the work of Satan when, in fact, they are the *consequences* of our disobeying God? None of us can teach our sons what we don't know. Thus, sincere fathers would be well-advised to repent of their sins and then regularly participate *with their sons* in praying, fasting, Bible study, men's groups, mentoring classes, academic classes, and life skills workshops, etc., in order to become better leaders at home and in the Body of Christ. IF **African American** churches do not offer black males these ministries, then we can not legitimately blame "the white man" for the paucity of men joining the church. Instead of hiding behind a fig leaf called "*racism*", will we ever take full responsibility for our *poor choices* regarding education, premarital sex, alcoholism, domestic violence, drug addiction, and other immoral folkways? None of us can walk in *unrighteousness* and live a holy life in the presence of God at the same time. Any father or head of household who does not pontificate and practice *obeying* the Scripture is out of God's will. Moreover, if he fails to set a high standard for irreproachable integrity among his offspring, then Dad is opening a *spiritual portal* for **Lucifer** to dwell in their midst. Likewise, is it possible that both **married** and **single** men in Satan's *Invisible Empire* engage in **sodomy** to open their Third Eye as a *spiritual portal* for receiving "more light"? IF this is true, then are countless librarians, teachers, principals, preachers, professional athletes, entertainers, politicians, prison officials, and even police officers practicing **sex magic** akin to the infamous **Aleister Crowley's** occult rituals? Explain.

While several black mega-churches build gyms on their property and offer basketball leagues, the lack of black male *intellectualism* is a conundrum your typical African American pastor completely ignores. While many dads and sons enjoy hooping, sports do not deal with the larger issues of premature fatherhood, drug abuse, domestic violence, human trafficking and other crimes in their communities. Without strong *husbands* as the head of household, many black males will make countless mistakes

that Dad *could* have warned them not to make. For example, dropping out of high school is almost a statistical guarantee for moving along the GPS pipeline leading to a *privatized* prison cell. The Prison Industrial Complex made “*contractual partnerships*” with telephone companies such as **Securus**, **Global Tel Link**, and **CenturyLink** that charge *exorbitant* fees. Meanwhile, the Jewish Mafia and the Gentile Mafia are laughing all the way to the bank. Though invisible to human eyes, Satanists, sorcerers, magicians, witches and wizards within our Village relentlessly will block, tackle, clip and run out of bounds anyone who opposes evil and unrighteous living. Brothers, can we ever win the Spiritual Super Bowl game IF we refuse to put on the whole armor of God and walk uprightly before God and obey His will? I rest my case.

Can any of us achieve the American Dream IF we play basketball and video games while our *well-educated* opponent already has us in check? For example, IF phone calls in prison cost a dollar per minute, then many inmates from working class and poor families can not afford to stay in touch with their relatives on the outside. Moreover, when was the last time a **NFL** or a **NBA** player altruistically decided to use a *portion* of his tremendous wealth to establish a *non-profit* that would pay for these phone calls? After all, many professional athletes grew up in neighborhoods and conditions similar to those of black males now languishing behind bars. Our Village’s super-wealthy actors, athletes, entrepreneurs, and entertainers *easily* could shift the paradigm in how **black males** think and behave IF ever they decided to create a \$500,000,000 **endowment** [that’s less than Tiger Woods’ divorce settlement] to sponsor annual ACADEMIC competitions, starting in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, exclusively for *black boys*. Of course, **Feminism** clearly is far more interested in empowering black girls and women, which takes us back to the surreptitious role they play in *castrating* black males. IF upper-middle class African American families in the congregation sponsored **college tuition** for just *one black male* whose parents cannot afford to pay for college, could that paradigm shift abate poverty and criminal activity all across America? We may not see them as such, but **Women’s Conferences** are tantamount to a Trojan Horse that undermines male authority in the church and in the family. **Feminists**, I know that *your* empowerment is pleasant to *your* eye; but GOD never intended for you not to submit to your father, husband, or the man of God’s authority over you. Unlike our kindred from Africa and the Caribbean, why do we continue to vilify erudite boys for *acting white* when they handle their books far better than they handle a basketball? Theoretically, is **Kevin Ross** the only functionally illiterate African American athlete who faced and fixed his “*Dumb Jock Syndrome*” via returning to the classroom? Explain. How often do professional athletes lose up to 90% of their wealth within five years after retirement? Moreover, is **Allen Iverson** the only former NBA superstar fortunate enough to have a \$32 million **trust fund** he can’t touch until age 55? How many professional athletes and actors *naively* have followed bad financial advice from unscrupulous “professionals” who later laughed behind their backs after they lost a substantial amount of wealth? **Checkmate!** The think tanks always will outsmart us IF we spend our formative years engrossed in basketball, music videos, video games or other *inane entertainment* instead of *intellectual enlightenment*. Therefore, brothers, is it I alone who feels as if **intellectual competence** among black males is an extremely important issue that the church should confront posthaste to empower children, fathers, families, and our entire Village to make better choices?

I am ever grateful for having been born and reared in a time and a place wherein “*The Bible and the Belt*” were standard classroom supplies. Neither our teachers nor our principal spared the rod to spoil any disobedient or disrespectful child. As a result, children respected and obeyed their teachers,

parents, and other adults in my hometown of Marianna, Florida. Antithetically, one of the greatest mistakes parents make today is to allow their children the *freedom* to decide what they want to eat, what they want to wear, where they want to go, and what they want to do. Rest assured, IF you don't break the spirit of "**I can do what I want**" in early childhood, the day might come when your children will spit in your face or worse! IF a child's world view is based upon tolerance, inclusion, and freedom to "do what I want", then his focus becomes a sense of entitlement to disobey God and any other moral authority. Bereft of any wisdom, lacking valuable knowledge, and too emotionally immature to apply factually sound life lessons, naive children *blindly* will choose candy over vegetables. Spiritually *blind* teenagers will choose cellular phones, video games, and watching videos over reading countless "good" books or attending church. Ergo, conscientious parents never should allow immature children the *freedom* to make important decisions that only sagacious parents would make. Otherwise, **Big Brother** might pass laws mandating that ten-year-old children have the *freedom* to change their gender and undergo *mutilation* of their *genitalia*. In Canada, we can see how **parental rights** to determine what is in their children's best interest are being eroded and supplanted by government agencies. Is it possible that the United States also is moving in that same direction? Philosophically, **free will** allows everyone *freedom* to decide early in life whether he or she believes that God and the Bible are "fact or fiction". That choice will indicate whether we spend our lives scoring touchdowns for **Heaven's Head Coach** or for **Hell's Head Coach**. Yet, good parents must inculcate high standards for **morality** during their children's formative years and continue doing so even after they reach adulthood. Be not dismayed if your progeny disrespect and disobey some of your rules during their adolescent years. IF you have laid down a solid **Biblical** foundation, then God will convict the **prodigal son** and convince him to return home after having consorted with *swine*. "Bend the sapling while it is young," is tantamount to training a child in the ethical or **spiritual path** he or she should embrace and follow until he reaches the age of majority. In most cases, once he or she becomes an adult "**free will**" is on *autopilot* doing the right thing. Toward that goal, "**That's BLACK MALE!**" proffers a pragmatic template for traditional or irreproachable Christian living without being dogmatic. The Word of God clearly condemns sin. Nevertheless, Satan clearly has his wolves in sheep's clothing already in the pulpits and the pews of many churches leading their flocks astray. Unless they have studied the Bible, *spiritually blind* church members may not discern God's definition of "holiness" versus politically correct Christianity coming from the pulpit. The only question in my mind would be, "*Will Little Red Riding Hood recognize the wolf in sheep's clothing and run for her life...or else?*" Even if the **Pope** says that **lesbianism** or **homosexuality** is not a sin, *run!* Who knows; He may have just molested a young seminarian or an altar boy...*run!*

The Bible teaches Christians that our flesh constantly is at war against the **Holy Spirit**. Yet, pastors in "The Brotherhood" almost never offer their congregations a series of sermons or Biblical workshops on the gifts and the fruits of the **Holy Spirit**. Can we teach what we don't know? Stated differently, GOD can not dwell in an unclean place. Thus, studying the entire Bible *at home* will manumit any Christian from spiritual blindness and teach him or her how to please God rather than relying upon the pastor. Unlike most brothers at the barber shop who incessantly discuss their favorite **NBA** or **NFL** players, my advice would be to **read** a "good" book at least monthly, or better yet, *weekly*. That is not tantamount to condemning professional athletes or their fans. Yet, could investing ten hours in **erudition** vis-a-vis **entertainment** each week change your efficacy as a provider, a protector, and a nurturer within your home? To prove my point, the next time you visit a public library, casually

observe what patrons are doing on their computer screens. As you walk by, pay attention to what **black males** have on their screen. Are they engaged in learning or entertainment? IF reading “good” books can ameliorate our intellectual, spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being, then do you understand why the **Jewish Mafia** and the **Gentile Mafia** want us *not* to do so and to remain ignorant? Explain. Virtually everything any of us ever will do beings in our **brains**, which can be full of knowledge or relatively empty. Theoretically, if twelve-year-old “Boy A” spends four hours daily playing sports while “Boy B” spends four hours daily studying his school work, then which of them is more likely to be academically prepared for AP courses in high school? IF he wants to graduate with honors from college, medical school, or law school, then there is no substitute for erudition. Obviously, that’s not everyone’s dream; but perseverance is necessary to complete the requirements for any major we choose. Philosophically, are many **black males** *allergic* to the pursuit of such knowledge? Engineers, lawyers, doctors, judges, accountants, nurses, and teachers are required to read *relentlessly* in their professions. As the world rapidly changes in medicine, education, finance, technology, jurisprudence, etc., successful professionals could become expendable without continuing to renew their credentials. Similarly, I encourage Christian fathers and their sons to spend quality time together studying the Bible and “good” books while analyzing your virtues, your vices, and your core values. IF you never read the entire **Holy Bible** *seven* times, then just doing so at least *several* times still can make you more of the husband and father your family needs you to become.

Never forget that graduating from college or vocational school and subsequently achieving *worldly success* aren’t the most important things in life. What does it profit a man to gain the world and to lose his soul? Television programs and commercials incessantly bombard their audiences with the subliminal message that material things and money make us happy. However, guys, we live only for a short period of time; then God judges where we will spend Eternity. IF a rich black man loves this world more than he loves the Lord, then will God sell him a seat in Heaven? Speculatively, did **Michael Jackson** go to Heaven? Did **Kobe Bryant** go to Heaven? Does your answer to this query change when you plug in the names of your favorite entertainers and athletes? Only God can judge our lives. Yet, whenever celebrities or a US President die, why do we place them upon a pedestal rather than reflecting upon their lives through a moral lens? Explain. Is it possible that most of us also covet their *pecuniary assets* and *physical pleasure* rather than any spiritual gifts from God? I rest my case.

Of course, neither all white people nor all black people become successful in America. Therefore, it is important to recognize that a person’s **character** determines his level of ambition and rectitude more than his **color**. Brothers, some of us must stop blaming racism and “*the white man*” for a plethora of poor choices we have made of our own volition. Relentlessly playing video games, playing basketball, playing football, getting tattoos, smoking cigarettes, smoking marijuana, watching television, *not* studying in school, *not* reading “good” books, having sex, and premature fatherhood are *choices* **Hell’s Head Coach** is hoping many of us will make in order to sustain **Apartheid**. As a result of poor choices, many **black males** may not be “college material” after high school. Checkmate! On the other hand, having successfully matriculated and having earned a post-secondary *certification* or a *degree* can empower not only the graduate, but also his Village as he uses “book learning” to connect with and teach other young men who were not as fortunate. Gentlemen, never forget that global think tanks in the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Israel, and Australia relentlessly work in tandem to manage the **Negro Problem**. Lamentably, members of the **Black KKK** simply follow *best practices* to



provide their constituents with the “bleach” or the “cool-aid” prescribed by their Masters to poison our minds. WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it; and **Lucifer** is counting upon us to do neither.

Divide and conquer is as efficacious domestically as it is internationally. Virtually anyone age 65+ can see that our African American Village has become more divided and more pathological than it ever was during the Jim Crow Era. Unlike some politicians, pundits, pastors, and public intellectuals, I am convinced that exposing, examining, or analyzing the plethora of F’s on our **moral report card** is a sine qua non for rectifying any of them. Sermons, debates, workshops, speeches, conventions, and the **Million Man March** are nothing more than the antecedent to measurable actions that millions of us *should* implement posthaste upon our return home. Individually and collectively monitoring our consequent course of action that ameliorates our *core values* is the only barometer of success that interests me. Photographs standing next to celebrities or pictures of having attended a historical event can not change outcomes in black communities. As an example, **Muammar Gaddafi** understood the importance of tangible collective economic collaboration and empowerment. At the time of his assassination, **LIBYA** was the only country in the world that provided FREE electricity to everyone, meaning there were no electric bills. Similarly, health care and education [including medical school, law school, and graduate school] were completely FREE to his entire citizenry under Gaddafi’s rule. As a result, Gaddafi improved **LIBYA’s** literacy rate from under 30% to more than 80%. What would our African American Village look like IF more than 80% of **black males** had a bachelor’s degree or higher? Explain. Speaking only for myself, I have far more respect for LIBYA’s so-called “brutal dictator” than I do for the black man who occupied the White House for eight years. In his “**Green Book**”, which was required reading in school, **Muammar Gaddafi** considered owning a home a human right for his entire citizenry! Can the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Spain, Norway, Sweden, Australia, or even Israel make a similar claim regarding their domestic policy? Antithetical to **capitalism**, one could argue that **LIBYA** practiced the most efficient form of **communism** the world ever has known -- until Pres. Obama had him killed. Perhaps, **Marcus Garvey** had a similar vision when he created the **Universal Negro Improvement Association** [UNIA] during World War I. What might have been today’s outcome in our Village, had **Marcus Garvey** and **W.E.B. DuBois** become allies a century ago in the struggle for economic self-sufficiency and social justice? Thanks to **Hell’s Head Coach’s** strategy to divide and conquer, we’ll never know. Yet, Satan’s Invisible Empire still has no desire for us ever to do so. Therefore, his team blocks, tackles, clips, and runs out of bounds anyone who innovates remedies that work, especially IF those remedies pay homage to **Almighty God**. Thus, our joining secret societies that worship Baphomet, Baal, Satan, Lucifer, Minerva, Venus, Isis, Osiris, Ra, Pan, or another pagan god *never* will please Heaven’s Head Coach. While our Talented Tenth may have been paid or programmed to keep silent, devout Christians still need to talk about the best offensive and defensive moves to score a touchdown and to win the game. During the **Spiritual Super Bowl**, would the losing head coach be wasting his time complaining to officials instead of admonishing his team to stop their opponent’s quarterback and running back? I rest my case.

<https://rcmlibya.files.wordpress.com/2012/08/the-green-book.pdf>

Throughout American History, **Freemasons** have occupied positions of great power and influence. Venerated in York Rite Freemasonry, Scottish Rite Freemasonry, and in Prince Hall Freemasonry, **King Solomon** is credited with having constructed the First Temple in Jerusalem. The same spiritual warfare that began in the Garden of Eden also was self-evident in the life of antiquity’s “*master*

*builder*". Despite his wisdom, King Solomon loved many strange women, including Pharaoh's daughter. Ultimately their "love" turned King Solomon's heart away from worshiping the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jesus Christ. **Ex-Masons for Jesus** candidly discussed on their website [emfj.org] how their *spiritual eyes* were opened to the lodge's **Luciferian** agenda by simply studying the Holy Bible. On the other hand, **Lucifer** rewards sodomites with "more light", more fortune, and more worldly success IF they choose to remain in Egypt and abort any efforts to reach the Promised Land. Above all else, **VICE** is a *ministry* of sexual healing. Yet, whatever horny teammates, roommates, cousins, college students, pledges, varsity jocks, soldiers, or other grown men do in private is none of my business. However, the **moral implications** of fornication, adultery, sodomy and even demonic *sex magic* must be addressed from a **Biblical** perspective. IF they are in the Brotherhood, then doctors, lawyers, coaches, athletes, teachers, principals, professors, librarians, politicians, pastors, and public intellectuals, etc., are not allowed to discuss the connection between **Kabbalistic** sex magic and spiritual warfare. Historically, male bonding in the US military, Hollywood, fraternities, the church, the lodge, and even varsity locker rooms consists of **occult rituals** that may include excessive drinking, nudity, illegal drugs, spanking, hazing, fellatio, and anal sex for "*initiating*" new members. Despite Yale University's infamous reputation regarding initiation into **Skull and Bones**, members of this fraternity routinely are tapped for prominent government positions, including Commander in Chief. Ergo, from ancient Greece to Barack Obama, is there anything new under the sun? Paradoxically, former Pres. Obama promoted "*anal sex*" and so-called "*gay marriage*" with very little push back from politicians, college professors, or even Christian preachers. Instead, many Americans merely analyzed his presidency through the superficial lens of "the first black President". Does the guilty wagon make the loudest noise or remain silent to protect its anonymity? Of course, the **GLBT** community sees Pres. Obama as their Moses. Antithetically, **African** countries vilified what the Bible calls an *abomination* and refused to even consider legalizing Obama's sinful lifestyle. On the home front, political correctness is the antithesis of **Biblical correctness**. Devout Christians such as **Kelvin Cochran** already have been marginalized, fired, maligned, and persecuted for following **God's Commandments** regarding *holy* matrimony. Yet, our nation has told God, "It's a new day; so I do things my way!"

Any straight, bisexual, or gay man under 65+ would be well-advised to read Harvard educated [magna cum laude] psychiatrist, Marshall Kirk's magnum opus, "**After The Ball: How America Will Conquer Its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the 90's**". Why? This lucid book quintessentially explains to America's younger generation how homosexual and bisexual men were portrayed as "*victims of discrimination*" rather than as **sexual deviants** during the **AIDS** pandemic. The strategically successful endgame was **Lucifer's** well-orchestrated paradigm shift from "*before*" to "*after*" in our national psyche about *gay lovers* and *anal sex*. As an autodidact, I already had read the book more than thirty years ago in Florida. A couple of years ago, I attempted to check it out at Sacramento's MLK Library. To my surprise, "no results" were found and the **San Francisco Public Library** had only *one* copy of this book. That one copy, according to their website, is for "internal use only", which means that it can't be checked out. Wow! Those of us over 65+ can recall how **AIDS** first made national headlines as a result of the infection rates, primarily among *gay* and *bisexual* men, in San Francisco and New York City. Many homosexual and bisexual men with **AIDS** *deliberately* infected multiple partners via anonymous **anal sex** in public parks, adult book stores, movie theatres, truck stops, bus stations, shopping malls, etc. In a nation wherein "In God We Trust" has become a mere creed on the money upon which it is

printed, is **Lucifer** hiding that truth from **GLBT** teenagers in plain sight? On a personal note, at least a dozen people I knew, including one of my closest friends, died of **AIDS** during that era. I never got infected and am still alive, not by my *goodness*, but by the *grace* of God! Yet, America's Youths are too young to remember the **AIDS Quilt** and the very clear warning God was sending to all of us about *sexual immorality*. **GLBT** activists, for the most part, never have *worshiped* God and never have *obeyed* the Bible or the Torah. Therefore, it is understandable that they relentlessly will inveigh against **Judeo-Christian** morals. An obvious paradox of **GLBT** empowerment is that "*religious speech*" in high school and on college campuses now is legally considered to be "**hate speech**" and an enemy of "*tolerance*" and "*inclusion*". Theoretically, will **Penn State's** former iconic football coach, **Jerry Sandusky**, win an appeal based upon this kind of **circular logic**? Will **pederasts** win their civil rights under the banner of tolerance and inclusion as well? By definition, don't most religions **exclude** behaviors considered to be sinful and evil in order to please their "gods"? Nevertheless, "*religion*" now has been deleted from our nation's list of protected classes by some private institutions and some public employers as well. The handwriting is on the wall: As it was in the days of **Sodom** and **Gomorrah**, so shall it be when **Jesus Christ** returns for His Bride. Yet, according to eschatology, "You ain't seen nothin' yet!" Hypothetically, does the **Patriot Act** give our federal government the power of *indefinite detention* for US citizens placed on a secret list of "**domestic terrorists**" for simply obeying the Bible? Explain.

Rather than teaching America's Youths the Scripture, many Christians seem to have gone into the closet, perhaps, to avoid **Satanic** ostracism and rejection better known as "Cancel Culture". My Three Sons, The Andy Griffith Show, Lassie, and Leave It To Beaver are among the wholesome television programs children watched in the 1960's. A generation later, **The Wonder Years** still maintained conservative standards for wholesome programming whenever teenagers turned on the television. However, today, **homosexuality** and **bisexuality** are among the conspicuously perverted themes on any Orwellian 55 inch "*telescreen*". Therefore, our teenage sons, cousins, and nephews need to know what joining **The Brotherhood** entails *before* they reach adulthood and blindly take oaths when pledging. The ubiquity of **bisexuality** among married military men, preachers, athletes, politicians, professionals, and entertainers is swept under the rug in order to protect their wholesome "married with children" **heterosexual** image. Yet, in God's sight bisexuality is as much a sin as is homosexuality. When I was born, bestiality, homosexuality and bisexuality were considered to be *mental illnesses* and sinful lifestyles displeasing to God. Today, **Hell's Head Coach** succeeded in scoring another touchdown by making **sexual perversion** legal and *criminalizing* God's moral standards. To further obfuscate her husband's or her "baby's daddy's" affinity for **sodomy** with other men, some wives and girlfriends are "*trading places*" behind closed doors to keep pegging "on the down low". Thanks to cellular phones, many curious children and teens already have seen and experienced this kind of *sexual perversion* before they have learned their multiplication tables. Yet, many parents cowardly bury their heads in the sand and refuse to have *transparent moral* discussions about how **sexual** deviance creates soul ties to **Lucifer**. Unlike hedonistic **pagans** in ancient Roman and Greek cultures, Americana tends to be *schizophrenic* in terms of hiding the ubiquity of *bisexual* and *homosexual* expression. As a result, shame and scandal typically surround any "straight" pastor, celebrity athlete, or another married public figure who has been outed. A century ago, how many married bisexual men committed suicide to avoid being outed? We'll never know. Yet, instead of dying for fear of our deviant lifestyle being exposed, God gave His Son, **Jesus Christ**, so that we can be *forgiven, cleansed, and delivered* from our

sins! Guys, IF we have a cold, we don't think twice about taking over the counter syrups and other medicine. Yet, IF we are "same sex attracted", then reprobate members of the **GLBT Movement** would much rather bomb **God's Pharmacy** or burn it down and deny that His medicine can heal and deliver *sinner*s from sexual perversion. WE can't fix it IF we can't face it and we certainly can't hide anything from God. On **Judgment Day**, will *pedophiles, pederasts, lesbians*, and other *sinner*s plunge into an eternal lake of fire or will the **Great Architect of the Universe** rescue them via his **Celestial Lodge** above? Explain.

Gentlemen, why do millions of us honor God each Sabbath or Sunday morning with perfunctory lip service in church while our hearts are far removed from *doing* the things God requires? Explain. This is precisely the kind of religious *schizophrenia* that **Jesus Christ** experienced among Jewish leaders in the synagogue. Time and time again, the **Messiah** was vilified until the **Scribes** and **Pharisees** who hated Him successfully recruited one of the Disciples. Similarly, **Hell's Head Coach** will offer you and your sons the riches of this world, IF he has not already done so, to betray Jesus. Akin to newly recruited Neo in "The Matrix", it's your prerogative to choose the red pill or the blue pill. Ask Almighty God for discernment IF you aren't sure of which pill to take. In the **Last Days**, know that IF you dare to seek and to speak the *truth*, then you may be accused of **hate speech** and "*crucified*". At the very least, you will be molested, marginalized, maligned, and persecuted just like Morpheus's crew aboard the **Nebuchadnezzar** – all at the behest of **Satan's** diabolical agenda. In the Last Days, there is nowhere to hide since enemy agents and sentinels now have GPS systems and hidden cameras everywhere, including your cell phone and your computer. They can capture every key stroke, photograph, and conversation in order to calculate "a score" assigned to everyone reflecting compliance, or the lack thereof, in the **New World Order**. The invisible **Jewish Mafia** and the **Gentile Mafia** work in tandem to control not only the money supply, but also the legislature, courts, law enforcement and the supply of available goods. Nevertheless, before His physical departure after His resurrection, Jesus Christ told His sheep to be of good courage because the prophets of old also were persecuted. Therefore, despite our persecution and marginalization, **devout Christians** must bear our *cross* and fight the good fight to inherit our *crown* of Eternal Life.

Christianity is declining throughout the United States while the revival of **nihilism, naturalism**, and **atheism** is growing, especially among *millennials* who never have studied the Bible. Thus, will they accept the **mark of the beast** and rule our nation once *baby boomers* are no more? Explain. While most public and private institutions in the United States pontificate that they do not deny or discriminate against applicants for employment and other benefits based upon race, religion, ethnicity, nationality, age, gender, sexual identity, or sexual orientation – nothing could be further from the truth. When I was a child, race, religion, and national origin were paramount on a very short list. However, during the **Obama Presidency**, sexual orientation, sexual expression, sexual identity, and gender identity were added to that "*sacred list*" in order to protect **GLBT** human rights. In so doing, did Obama score a touchdown for **Heaven's Head Coach** or **Hell's Head Coach**? IF the score at halftime during the **Spiritual Super Bowl** is 42 to 6, then can you guess which team is ahead? Explain. Research has shown that *counterfeit* Christianity was merely a fig leaf that both the Church and the State in Europe used to make their savage pillage and plunder appear to be justifiable throughout the Colonial Era. In today's **Age of a Great Falling Away**, are most millennials both Biblically illiterate and spiritually blind? IF this is true, then America's Youths may be incredulous of the obvious **moral connections** among so-called "gay marriage", Feminism, transgender suicide, **GLBT** human rights,

global hegemony, crimes against humanity in IRAQ, torture of innocent civilians in Gitmo, genocide in GAZA, the expulsion of Christian students from public universities, **Satan Clubs** in elementary schools, and legalized discrimination against **Christians** who speak out in dissent. If you connect the dots, the common denominator is that **Hell's Head Coach** is delighted to see another six points on the score board. "*Hip hip hooray!*"

The Golden Rule says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Thus, when did obeying God and teaching children God's Commandments become "**hate speech**"? IF freedom of **religion** and freedom of **speech** no longer exist, then are we still a democratic society or have we become another **Orwellian society**? While pretending to be protectors of freedom and democracy, do WE the People of the United States actually live in 3-D: namely delusion, duplicity, and dishonesty regarding global hegemony disguised as "the war on terror"? After we invaded IRAQ, do you recall how **John Kiriakou** was railroaded by the **CIA** for telling the truth about waterboarding, the illegal use of torture, and our execution of "suspected terrorists" in **Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo Bay**, and as many as a dozen "CIA black sites" in various countries? Under Pres. George W. Bush, how many unarmed and totally *innocent* civilians from IRAQ suffered *indefinite detention*, torture, and a brutal death at the hands of our military and mercenaries? The majority of Americans under the age of 65+ may not recall what happened to **CIA** agent **Frank Olson**, who wanted to leave the **CIA** because their infamous **MK Ultra Experiments** used both military men without informed consent as well as their own agents as guinea pigs. Did he jump or how do you spell "*defenestration*"? Similarly, has anyone heard from **Edward Snowden**? Akin to Orwell's famous line, "*Big Brother is watching you*", Snowden's leak presages totalitarianism in the not too distant future. Will *devout* Christians be sent to **FEMA** internment camps for *no crime* other than owning a **Bible** and worshiping the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Jesus Christ? Explain. Is it possible that what the US military did in **Guantanamo Bay, Cuba** may have been merely a *dress rehearsal* for **pogroms** in Florida, Texas, and elsewhere on US soil? In the not too distant future, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that devout Christians will be beheaded in our **FEMA** camps for refusing *the mark of the beast*? Once again, we are living in the **Last Days** while despotism supplants our Constitutional rights. Thus, reading the entire Bible at least *seven* times will manumit you from spiritual blindness and prepare you for what certainly is to come. IF you revisit the protracted legal battle waged against **Barronelle Stutzman** and Atlanta's former Fire Chief, **Kelvin Cochran**, then it becomes self-evident that **Hell's Head Coach** no longer is hiding his nefarious agenda to extirpate **Christians** and **Biblical morals** from our political landscape and public discourse. The **SCOTUS** agreed with two *unanimous* rulings by Washington State's Supreme Court affirming that lesbians and homosexuals can not be discriminated against on the basis of any *religious ideology* mandated in the **Holy Bible**. Yet, not a single lesbian or homosexual can score a touchdown for **Heaven's Head Coach**. What's wrong with this picture of *separation* of Church and State? Do the **anti-Christ**s already run the United States of America or better yet, how will **God's Supreme Court** rule on Judgment Day? There *will* be weeping and gnashing of teeth; yet, there *won't* be any appeals.

While many Americans are **atheists, nihilists** or **agnostics** who rarely think about God, others are as assiduous about studying and obeying the Bible as I am. Obviously, the Bible is our only **barometer** for determining what's right and what's wrong. Yet, **Lucifer** also has a **Satanic Bible** for his followers in the **Church of Satan**. Therefore, either we are loyal to the **Lord** or we are loyal to **Lucifer...c'est tout**. Philosophically, life really is that simple when we have an *internal moral compass* rather than seeking the approbation of other people. Yet, without proselytizing, let me ask, "Is it possible that most

people could eliminate nearly 75% of the problems that life presents to us IF we *choose* to obey God's Commandments rather than **Satan's** sinful advice?" Devout Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, and Jewish students typically succeed in avoiding most **vices** on college campuses simply by practicing their respective religions. Atheists can't explain it; yet, they can't deny it either. Thanks to political correctness, **Biblical morality** seems to be all but headed for extinction in the United States. Several years ago, **Kelvin Cochran** and **Barronelle Stutzman** paid a dear price as *defendants* in court. What were their crimes? Murder? Bank robbery? Trafficking drugs? Mail fraud? Extortion? Trafficking humans? No! What landed them in court was simply being devout Christians and obeying the Bible. I would be remiss were I not to warn other *real* Christians that this kind of **persecution** is not going to dissipate. In fact, it is going to get much worse in the United States and other Western countries that despise **Christian morality**. As a result, naive Christians who have not studied the Bible may fall for Lucifer's perennial game of "Trick or Treat" wherein the *treat* is pleasant to the eye. Nevertheless, the *trick* is that sin separates you from God and leads to your spending **Eternity** in Hell.

IF God blesses our obedience and punishes our disobedience, then why aren't **female pastors** rightly dividing the Word of God regarding male authority and lordship in their churches? Why are **New Age** pastors neither pontificating nor practicing holiness among their followers? Why aren't **GLBT pastors** rightly dividing the Word of God regarding sexual perversion? IF sin separates us from God, then why flock to their services and why ordain someone who invariably will lead your hearts away from obeying God's Commandments? Do you remember the consequences of **King Solomon** having loved many "strange" women? Do you remember the consequences of his father, **King David**, having stolen Bathsheba from Uriah? The Bible says Solomon was the wisest man who ever lived; yet, his *libido* got the upper hand, no pun intended. Therefore, gentlemen, Bible literacy is crucial for us to recognize any "Delilah" with her clippers as well as other wolves in sheep's clothing. Moreover, IF we study the entire Bible *seven* times, then we will see how close we are to the **Second Coming** of Jesus Christ. Despite **lesbian, homosexual** and **bisexual pastors** having vacated God's Word, IF they study the Bible on their own, then some members of the **GLBT** community *will repent* and be saved. God loves everybody; but HE never lowers His moral standards for our salvation. Still, like the parable of the sower, many others will have *itching ears* that refuse to accept Biblical wisdom and reject Biblical truths. The gospel according to **Matthew** teaches Christians that no man can serve two masters for he will love one and *loathe* the other. Therefore, how many **GLBT** pastors or other members of that community are saved, sanctified, and filled with the **Holy Spirit**? Let God be the judge of us all; yet, let's leave no room for doubt regarding answers to these *foundational* questions for Christians. The **Body of Christ** should pray for any spiritually blind or *counterfeit* Christian who celebrates pride in either gender equality or sexual perversion. Then it is up to them whether to repent or to continue on a path to **Hell** wherein there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. By then, obviously, it will be too late.

Those of us over 65+ who still attend church clearly see that many of today's younger pastors are not teaching orthodox Christianity like the Apostle Paul did. Instead of preaching, teaching, rebuking, admonishing, and exhorting, and disciplining the sheep, many are supporters of **Luciferian** political agendas such as *equality* for women. IF the Bible states that women should be silent in the church, then why do African Americans condone female pastors? IF the Bible teaches women not to usurp authority over men in the church, then explain wives "co-pastoring" mega churches with their husbands. Many of today's mega pastors have been exposed for their *hedonistic* lifestyles that include

domestic violence, adultery, and homosexual scandals. Even a blind **atheist** can see that these **Luciferian** pastors are incapable of scoring touchdowns for **Heaven's Head Coach**. Long before Edward Bernays was born, **Hell's Head Coach** realized that once his team infiltrated the church, academia, the political arena, and gained control over the information being disseminated in newspapers, textbooks, and other media, they easily could "white wash" or "justify" the barbaric **Native American Holocaust** and other heinous crimes against humanity since then. More recently, this same subversive strategy was implemented in the 1970's and 1980's as liberal Christian seminaries covertly began to recruit women, lesbians, homosexuals, and bisexual students. Why? Their gaining control over information being disseminated in *pastoral training* ultimately could destroy **Biblical morality** and God's righteousness. Concurrent with the **AIDS** epidemic, authors of "**After the Ball**" perfected a paradigm shift in the psyche of millions of Americans regarding their acceptance of *anal sex*. The **Obama Presidency** further enshrined this **GLBT** agenda with so-called "*gay marriages*" and even the **Pope** stated that being a homosexual or a lesbian is *not* a sin. What the truck...F150! Hypothetically, is the **Lord** in Heaven congratulating the **GLBT Movement** or is **Lucifer** rolling on the floor laughing at the fools WE the People of the United States have become? IF you are *spiritually blind*, then you'll never see these truths hidden in plain sight. Checkmate!

African American churches are not unique in regard to spiritual blindness. Throughout American History, secret societies also have controlled the **White House** and both chambers of **Congress**. Perhaps, George Washington and Andrew Jackson are the most famous **Freemasons** to serve as Commander in Chief. Yet, until recently, most churches were segregated by race in order for local pastors to disseminate and to inculcate the Brotherhood's hidden agenda. Unbeknown to outsiders and non-members, many white pastors belonged to the **KKK** and "**The Brotherhood**" and taught racism from their pulpits as an affirmation of **Aryan supremacy** as "God's Chosen People" to rule the world. To assuage any potential sense of remorse or guilt for blatant crimes against the humanity of non-white people [i.e., the Indian Removal Act, the Trail of Tears, gasoline baths, ethnic cleansing, eugenics, lynching, human zoos, racial segregation, and Jim Crow laws in the United States], many white pastors and politicians were instrumental in teaching systemic racism, eugenics, **Manifest Destiny** and practical applications of **Apartheid** to their gullible constituents. Today, one could argue that the nomenclature "**WASP**" represents "White Anglo-Saxon People", [who have no intentions of ever being *Christians* that obey the Bible] instead of the erstwhile "White Anglo-Saxon Protestants" who once were sincere about their faith in God. In the context of the chasm between what people say and what they do, what is *real* Christianity? The simplest description I can proffer is: "Someone having a personal relationship with God wherein his daily life manifests both faith and obedience unto God's instructions." For anyone who has read the entire Bible at least seven times, Sacred Scripture affirms this universal truth that needs no debate. During **Reconstruction**, in stark contrast to white America, most African American churches were led by illiterate pastors. Thus, an entire race of people freed from the whips and chains of slavery had to play "catch up" in order to learn how to read, to provide, and to protect themselves while slowly building strong Black families and communities. While some **WASPs** were sympathetic toward the Negro's plight of poverty and illiteracy, most of them were not. Instead, many white pastors, deacons, missionaries, police officers, state legislators, merchants, farmers, mayors, and other pillars of the community joined the **White Citizens Council's** infamous lynch mobs for frequent terrorist attacks while singing hymns such as "**The Old Rugged Cross**". Therefore, our nation's many beautiful houses of worship, replete with Masonic symbols, Gothic

architecture, pipe organs, steeples, and stained glass windows also have a *stained* history of shedding innocent blood reminiscent of a Southern plantation owner's cat of nine tails teaching, "*servants, obey your masters*" straight from the Bible.

Obviously 99% of slaves could not read the Bible for themselves and were easily manipulated. Similarly, most "*church folks*" today never have read the entire Bible once, much less several times afresh. Therefore, many of today's opinions about *political correctness* contradict what God said in Sacred Scripture. Interestingly, the **New International Version** of Scripture is our nation's most popular so-called "*translation*" of the Bible. Many liberal seminaries, pastors, and preachers teach from what has been proven not to be a translation of the Holy Bible. Instead, perusal of the **New International Version** of Scripture obviates a deliberate *misinterpretation* of God's Word to be more compatible with "tolerance" and "inclusion". However, IF you are Biblically illiterate and fail to do the research, then you won't be able to recognize these buzz words as they gain traction within sermons and within our culture. IF your son's first grade teacher proclaimed, "The kat klimbed the tree while karefully karrying her kitten," then would you nominate him or her for "**Teacher of the Year**" or teach Junior how to ferret for the *truth* via using the dictionary? Obviously, your response to this query depends upon whether or not you are illiterate or an **Orwellian prole**. In the context of the **New International Version** of Scripture, is it possible that the Christian publisher **Zondervan** now is owned by the same parent company that published "**The Joy of Gay Sex**" and the **Satanic Bible**? Ignorance is bliss...or is it? Among those chosen for their subversive undertaking to "*translate*" the Bible into easy to understand modern English was none other than one of the **Feminist Movement's** iconic lesbians, **Virginia R. Mollenkott**. On YouTube, **Pastor Eric D. Marquez** reveals how the **NIV** is not what many Christians may believe. Yet, Miss Mollenkott was only one of several *heretics* who served on the committee to *delete* certain words, *delete* certain phrases, and even *delete* certain verses found in the **King James Bible**. Despite their hidden agenda, the **New International Version [NIV]** remains the United States' best-selling edition of the Bible.

Christian teenagers and **millennials** might ask, "*Who cares about any so-called hidden agenda, as long as young people can comprehend the NIV better than we can understand the Middle English in the King James Version of the Bible?*" After all, while he was in prison, **Martin Luther** translated the New Testament into German in 1522 so that the German *proletariat* could read and understand Scripture. Similarly, long before Martin Luther was born, **Jerome of Stridon** wrote the **Vulgate** in Latin in 405 A.D. so that the Roman Empire's *proletariat* could read the Bible for themselves. However, IF one ferrets for the truth lying beneath the surface, then is it a coincidence that the **NIV** [1978] has close ties to the same company that published the **Satanic Bible** [1969] and "**The Joys of Gay Sex**" [1977]? Even a **blind atheist** can see the moral conflict of interest hidden in plain sight. Notwithstanding England's **King James** having sired nearly a dozen bastards with various courtesans, his translation of the Bible is not the first English language Bible. *Au contraire, mon frere!* **William Tyndale** first translated the New Testament [1525] from Greek and Hebrew into English prior to the 1611 **King James Version**. Paradoxically, Tyndale's scholarly work was rejected and vilified by the **Church of England** and the **Roman Catholic Church**, which resulted in Tyndale being burned at the stake for **heresy**. There is no Biblical justification whatsoever for the witch hunts, pandemonium, torture, and executions for heresy that swept across Europe during the **Inquisitions**. Therefore, today's *cancel culture* circumscribing the myriad forms of "politically correct counterfeit Christianity" is nothing new. Nevertheless, IF a seminary trained pastor is preaching or teaching from the **NIV**, then is it possible,



plausible, probable, or preposterous to think *that* preacher is a holy and righteous minister serving the **Lord** or a surreptitious miscreant serving **Lucifer**? Explain.

No church can prosper in moral purity, holiness, righteousness, and the will of God IF the leadership is a wolf or even a pack of wolves in sheep's clothing. Ergo, the entire religious climate in many of today's popular, "politically correct" churches is that of the **anti-Christ**s. This may not be obvious to the many "church folks" who only walk with the Lord once a week for a couple of hours. IF you are a babe in Christ, then you would be well-advised to study your entire Bible, despite those who tell you not to do so. "*For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God hath showed it unto them.*" [Romans 1:18-19] At the behest of **Hell's Head Coach**, counterfeit Christianity is growing exponentially throughout the United States and the entire Western world. Miscreants masquerading as men and women of God are akin to **tares** choking the **wheat** by never teaching or preaching holiness and righteousness. Once again, I encourage you to read the entire Bible at least *seven* times, pray without ceasing for discernment and wisdom, and, most importantly, ask God for the baptism of the **Holy Ghost**! Doing so will change your **Spiritual DNA** and manumit you from **spiritual blindness**. Typically, members of any church are expected to obey the pastor as a matter of standard protocol. In addition to performing weddings, funerals, and baptisms, a church's pastor is considered to be the spiritual father and leader of the flock. **Satan** relentlessly utilizes this implicit relationship between clergy and the congregation to deceive naive and gullible Christians into condoning *hypocrisy* and *hedonism*. Christians who have studied your Bible assiduously already are familiar with God's admonitions against charmers, false prophets, wizards, witches, false teachers, necromancers, and wolves in sheep's clothing. Nevertheless, we still find men and women in the church who have "*itching ears*" that will not endure sound Biblical doctrine. A remnant, however, will remain steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding in the **Word**, the **Work**, and the **Will** of God. Rest assured that when Christ returns for His Bride, judgment will begin in the church. *Wheat* will be gathered into His barn while the *tares* will be cast into Hell's lake of *unquenchable* fire. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth; but it will be too late to repent.

A perfect example of the conundrum regarding *itching ears* would be lukewarm Christians' overwhelming support for Pres. Obama's **GLBT** agenda. Homosexuality and holiness are mutually exclusive. Therefore, what Obama considered to be "*equality*" for gays and lesbians was tantamount to a touchdown for **Hell's Head Coach** forcing **heresy** upon the much larger Christian majority. Christian students and staff no longer are welcome in public schools or universities. State and federal courts became "ground zero" for legal challenges to religious convictions on important moral issues such as abortion, free speech, so-called "gay marriage", and gender reassignment surgery. Christian graduate students in **psychology** were expelled from several public universities because they considered **sodomy** to be unnatural and a **sin**. Likewise, some graduate programs in **education** were especially vigilant *not* to admit Christian applicants. This sinister chess move guarantees that public school teachers, counselors, and psychologists will evaluate ambivalent students based upon their perceived "*gender identity*" rather than upon whether they were born with a "banana and two grapes". Some **Freudian Feminists** advocate cutting off that *banana* even before a "questioning" boy reaches puberty. Our citizenry seems to have no objections whatsoever to the expulsion of Christian grad students and their subsequent disappearance from academia. Instead, Americana embraces "tolerance" and "inclusion" for everyone who takes *pride* in what God calls an *abomination*.

Hypothetically, IF **GLBT** doctors and lawyers control public access to medical care, then will devout Christians be denied treatment based upon their so-called “*intolerant*” religious views? Extrapolate how such a paradigm shift ultimately could impact discrimination in employment, banking, housing, health care, and the *inability* of Christians to buy or sell without the mark of the beast. **Hell’s Head Coach** has made it quite clear that in the **Last Days**, there will be no “inclusion” of God’s moral standards on his team. Of course, while **Pres. Obama** vilified Kenya, Nigeria, Jamaica, and other black countries for denying gays equality in “gay marriage”, little did these national leaders realize that Barack Obama was a *life-time* member of an infamous gay bath house in Chicago [**Man’s Country**] best known for anonymous **anal sex**. Perhaps, **Larry Sinclair** was not lying. In retrospect, was Barack Obama’s covert **GLBT** agenda the real reason for his “*come from behind victory*” [no pun intended] over Hillary Clinton in 2008? Explain.

Prior to the Obama legacy, **Rev. Troy Perry** founded the **Metropolitan Community Church** [MCC] here in California in 1968. This was our nation’s first GLBT church and Perry performed the first same-sex union that same year. Yet, is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think that a “*gay christian*” is as **oxymoronic** as a “*married bachelor*”? Explain. While it is not a legitimate translation, the **NIV** remains the best-selling Bible in the United States, despite the deletion of words and even verses from the Word of God. However, the so-called “**Gay Bible**” was published in 2014 by Rose Buchanan to appeal specifically to homosexuals, bisexuals, lesbians, and transgender individuals. IF Rose Buchanan had said, “The kat climbed the tree while karefully karrying her kitten,” then would you agree with her polemic? Explain. Rebranded as “same sex attraction”, **homosexuality** never has been and never will be an innocuous “alternate lifestyle”. Despite recent affirmations by the **SCOTUS**, WE the People of the United States have the *freedom* to embrace God’s truth or to live in 3-D: namely delusion, duplicity, and dishonesty. Yet, God’s Supreme Court will mete appropriate punishment for all unrighteousness. Upon reading Albert Pike’s “**Morals and Dogma**” and “**33 Degrees of Deception**” by Tom McKenney, are **Freemasons**, who claim to make good men better, loyal to the **Lord** or to **Lucifer**? Similarly, is it possible that “The Book of Mormon” by **Joseph Smith**, “The Desire of Ages” by **Ellen G. White** and “**The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures**” published by the **Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society** are counterfeit “holy books” disseminated to undermine orthodox Christian morals? Explain. Would a holy and righteous man of God proffer misinterpretations of the Holy Bible for the sake of deceptive doctrine, denominationalism, and dogma? Yet, how can spiritually blind Christians discern the distinction between “*kat*” and “*cat*” IF they have not studied **God’s Dictionary**, the Bible? Explain.

Mind control via what **Noam Chomsky** described as “**manufacturing consent**” is an efficacious strategy to *manipulate* the thinking and behavior of large groups of people. This is what **Adolph Hitler** and **Joseph Goebbels** did in Nazi Germany. Prior to WW II, **Edward Bernays** already had demonstrated how **propaganda** effectively controls public opinion by making the “*forbidden fruit*” pleasant to the eye. This also is how **Lucifer** deceived Adam and Eve and he never has relented since their expulsion from the Garden of Eden. The strategy of **New Age** theology and political ideology is quite similar. Because it is new, Hell’s Head Coach must extirpate individuals from church pulpits and public office who adhere to and maintain *traditional* moral values. Rarely will you find a young coach, teacher, principal, police officer, prison guard, probation officer, school board official, or legislator practicing and pontificating “old fashioned” moral values. Is it possible, plausible, probable, or preposterous to think they are members of Satan’s Invisible Empire? Many of today’s young women

are products of **New Age** ideology, single mothers, and **Feminist Studies** programs in college. Thus, the proliferation of women elders, pastors, and bishops, all of which contradict Scripture, reminds us of “a great falling away” in the Last Days. By placing women in the pulpit, not only are churches disobeying God, they also are aligning themselves with heresy and **demonic spirits** that want nothing less than to supplant male leadership, thus destroying the Church from *within*. Brothers, you are the stewards and gatekeepers GOD ordained to have dominion over the family and the Earth. Therefore, you must walk circumspectly before God and teach your offspring to do likewise. Already, we see countless black males in high school whose behavior is violent or out of control. Thus, is it possible that *dysfunction* within black families could be rectified simply by competent Christian **fathers** subduing the spirit of *disobedience* in their offspring? In the Garden of Eden, God posited ADAM to have dominion over EVE and all living things. Yet, despite his yielding to EVE’s voice, does that qualify Feminism’s “**alpha female**” to usurp authority over the men in her house or in God’s house? Is it possible that Feminism is, de facto, a **Trojan Horse** that ultimately may destroy both Christianity and Western civilization? Does Feminism’s **Psychological Penis Complex** *improve* or *impede* a much needed increase in the number of strong patriarchal black families? Ladies and gentlemen, **gender** always has been and always will be a **moral issue** until the day the Messiah returns for His Bride. Therefore, are any of us smarter than or wiser than God? I rest my case.

Not everyone in the United States believes in God. We hold these truths to be self-evident within the African American Village, especially in terms of the prevalence of fatherlessness, fornication, adultery, promiscuity, domestic violence, and **child molestation** among both male and female victims. Black males who have been sexually abused during childhood or during adolescence often “cry in the dark”, perhaps, because their parents, pastors, coaches, politicians, and other prominent members of the community refuse to fact it or fix it regarding pederasty and pedophilia. Relentlessly, we live in 3D: namely delusion, duplicity, and dishonesty about a myriad of **male sexual expressions**. That is not tantamount to saying that white males do not also experience a similar response within their identity group. However, Common, Mike Tyson, Sugar Ray Leonard, Keyon Dooling and other **black males** may struggle with proving their “**manhood**” in an artifice of *hyper-masculinity* that seldomly proffers spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical nurture. Black men who grew up in such a **hostile milieu** without the benefit of their fathers being *physically* and *emotionally* engaged during their formative years may lack the confidence and the cognition to confront the F’s on their **moral report card**. Therefore, when black males engage in any form of **sexual harassment** or **sexual assault**, including prison rape, are they proving their *manhood* or their immaturity and residual *emotional trauma* from the past? **Convicted felons**, for example, may seek to “prove their manhood” via siring **illegitimate children** for whom they are incapable of providing protection, nurture, and love. When, if ever, does siring a child without nurturing that child benefit our Village? Is **Willie Lynch** rolling on the floor laughing at us? Another example of **toxic manhood** is the man who beats his wife or other women in a drunken rage or under the influence of drugs. When, if ever, does **domestic violence** benefit our Village? Is **Willie Lynch** rolling on the floor laughing at us? Many African American men rationalize these *vices* by blaming **racism** and by having convinced themselves that they are justified in being a **bête noire**. Brothers, whether or not we will admit it, this is one of the primary reasons that black females are attracted to **lesbianism** and the **Feminist Movement**. Once black females have been convinced that black males are their *enemy*, they no longer yearn for a strong black man to marry them or to take care of them. It is quite clear how **Feminism** in the black church empowers the

“weaker vessel” to complete college, start businesses, network, travel, and to compete in “a man’s world” to avoid ever submitting to a pastor, father, husband, boss, or any other man. WE can’t fix it IF we can’t face it. Unfortunately, irresponsible brothers often will continue to get drunk, to get high, to hangout on the streets, to hustle illegal drugs, and not have a *legitimate* means of employment. In so doing, they fail to contribute to improving the **quality of life** within their household and family. Therefore, gentlemen, to what extent are we complicit in our becoming what the Bible calls the “*tail*” and not the “*head*” of our families? Explain.

In the classroom, I am guilty of placing a great deal of emphasis upon acquiring a good education in order to be successful in life. Yet, I now realize that *education* should be *holistic* and extend well beyond preparing for a career or acquiring job skills. In this **Age of Fatherlessness**, I think that much of the violence in our village can be traced to a sense of male inadequacy, narcissism, or inferiority. Yet, there are no high school courses that address this issue. What would your pastor’s response be IF you suggested such a **Men’s Ministry**? A poignant scene early in “**The Antwone Fisher Story**” well-illustrates this conundrum. Yet, the Thanksgiving dinner scene confronts millions of us via asking, “*Who will cry for the little boy?*” Lamentably, countless black men lack the intellectual development, emotional maturity, and **life skills** that are *required* to face and to fix this kind of brokenness within the *Superman* they see in the mirror. Now, consider the scene in “**Waiting to Exhale**” wherein Wesley Snipe’s character and Angela Bassett’s character cuddled in their hotel. Gentlemen, when was the last time you just spooned with your wife or your significant other without the need for any “cookies and cream”? The lack of affection from both parents during adolescence may contribute to inappropriate sexual fulfillment that’s void of any love for our partner. IF fathers withhold affection, push their sons away, or create social distancing during puberty, then might their sons use coitus as an inappropriate substitute? Of course, when Dad is not the head of the household, many fatherless boys brag to their peers about making a home run, which can lead to premature fatherhood. Therefore, developing the ability to control our **libido** without **lust** is something I inculcate for members of **VICE** during our workshops. Remember, there is no “P”, “H”, or “D” after my name. Thus, I am merely *facilitating* the removal of our fig leaves, masks, and false bravado based upon my own experiences as well as confidential conversations with mature black and white brothers.

During puberty, *thorough* and *transparent* discussions with Dad about the birds and the bees, including **masturbation**, are important. Studying the Bible together also provides countless examples of how men of God dealt with their concupiscence. IF fathers are somewhat hesitant about being transparent with their sons, then “good” parenting books and books on **Transactional Analysis** can be a great starting point for breaking the generational curse of being emotionally inaccessible to his children and his wife. Gentlemen, well-educated and well-trained **black male psychiatrists** and *psychologists* are more than willing to help us to connect the dots between any *childhood* trauma and our irrational behaviors in *adulthood*. On a personal note, I never could have written this book, had I not gone for **professional therapy** for several years. WE can fix it IF we can face it. Additionally, I encourage black fathers and teenagers to unplug from “**The Matrix**” of basketball, football, reality television, the sports channel, gaming consoles, music videos, and video games in order to **read** and then *analyze* these “good” books. Even a middle school student can educate his mind simply by reading “good” books that will fertilize and enrich his mental acuity to better understand the chess game of life. I strongly encourage black males to take camping, fishing, and even *week-long* vacation trips with just your sons, your fathers, and your coterie of male friends. Even a thirty-minute jog

followed by comrades just talking about life can be **cathartic**. Guys, *all* of us need a “**man cave**” or safe place to have transparent and thorough *discussions* about the hole in our souls, fatherlessness, the wife, the kids, aging parents, our own health issues, our career, sound financial investments, and other “guy stuff”. I would be remiss were I not to mention that those conversations should delve into how a *personal relationship* with God can ameliorate every aspect of our lives. Taking responsibility for our own healing is one of the things I believe to be crucial for any survivor of a *traumatic* life event. Toward achieving such a goal, two hours spent exercising at the gym or on the basketball court can release stress. Yet, would it be nearly as efficacious as two hours spent studying **Scripture** and praying to GOD for life-long spiritual wholeness? Indeed, such a paradigm shift in our behavior can change our world view and how we see ourselves in that world. I would dare to say that television is a toxic and effective form of mental slavery or **Orwellian mind control**. As is to be expected, **Hell’s Head Coach** makes music, television, video games, and other images as pleasant to the eye as bait on the angler’s hook. Thus, purifying your home of toxic media, music, pagan paraphernalia, pictures, candles, and any other **idolatry** would be a step in the right direction. Of course, old habits are hard to break. Hopefully, transparent conversations, spiritual meditation, therapy, and erudition will proffer each of us insight into what our *inner child* needs to have a balanced coexistence with the *parent* personality and the *adult* personality. Just as Dr. Davenport was able to pull Antwone Fisher out of his shame and painful denial, *psychologists* and *psychiatrists* can do the same thing for brothers [and sisters] who need their professional help. Identifying any social problem is one thing. Yet, to proffer strategic solutions that work almost immediately [rather than in theory] is altogether more efficacious and beneficial. Stated differently, the African American Village can neither heal from within nor compete in a global society unless black men **criticize** and **correct** the plethora of **F’s** on our **moral report cards**. Isn’t that more important than basketball and chasing worldly success? Collectively, whenever we fail to obey God, we forfeit a much more productive lifestyle that is not motivated by popularity, political power, pecuniary assets, physical pleasure, or any other shallow and superficial core values. Gentlemen, all of us are accountable unto GOD and to one another for the **vices** and **virtues** we bring to the table of *brotherhood*. Thus, I extend my best regards for young and old **black males** to continue becoming the men your family and your Village need you to be. WE can fix it IF we can face it...but will we?

*After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen*

**Matthew 6:9 – 13**

## **APPENDIX**

### **IQ TEST: THAT'S BLACK MALE!**

#### **The Moynihan Report**

The Moynihan Report was compiled from statistical data covering what time period?

Describe the overall “State of the Union” when the Moynihan Report was made public?

What was the average level of Negro education when this report was published?

What percent of non-white students between ages 14 – 34 were in college as of 1963?

What was the average Negro male and Negro female salary published in the report?

When this report was published, how did many Negro households respond?

What advice, if any, was given to Negro preachers or other black community leaders?

What was the extent to which our government considered funding “the Negro cause”?

When this report was published, what percentage of Negro children were bastards?

What criticism of the Moynihan Report was proffered by John Lewis of SNCC?

What was Bayard Rustin’s primary complaint regarding the Moynihan Report?

In what ways have Negroes failed to correct the social issues described in the report?

In what ways have Negroes corrected the social problems described in the report?

What do you consider to be the greatest barrier to “Negro equality” in America today?

Today, in what ways could analysis of this report benefit the African American community?

#### **A Hope in the Unseen**

Why weren’t Cedric’s mother and father living together as a married couple?

Why did other black males at school vilify Cedric for “acting white”?

What motivated Cedric to keep his eyes on the prize and take AP classes?

Why did Cedric and his mother get evicted from their apartment?

How did their neighbors respond after the eviction?

How did Cedric feel about assemblies for Honor Roll students?

How often was Cedric’s father in trouble with the law?

Discuss how their father son dyad impacted Cedric's formative years.

Why was Cedric so inexplicably hostile toward some students at Brown University?

Discuss what Cedric thought about the sex lives of his white classmates at Brown.

How did Cedric's feelings about church change after he returned from Brown University?

How can more black males succeed in college vis-a-vis dropping out prior to graduation?

How would you describe Cedric's mother in terms of her personality and character?

### **The Color of Water**

The author recalled childhood memories of epithets from blacks and whites in New York whenever his mother was in public with her brood. These insulting remarks included which of the following?

- A. "Look at that white bitch!"
- B. "Look at her with those little niggers!"
- C. "Nigger lover!"
- D. B & C only
- E. A, B, & C
- F. None of the above

How did the author reconcile his mother's lack of fear in the 1960's and 1970's for her own safety when she often was the only white person present?

- A. She was afraid but she hid it well
- B. She was afraid only at night
- C. She trusted God in every situation
- D. She also carried a pistol
- E. A & D
- F. None of the above

When the author's Jewish mother was a child in the South, which anti-Semitic epithets did white students use?

- A. "Jew bastard"
- B. "Jew baby"
- C. "Christ killer"
- D. A & B only

- E. B & C only
- F. "Jesus killer"

How did the author's Jewish mother explain her affinity for Christianity instead of Judaism?

- A. Christianity taught her how to love
- B. Christianity forgave her past
- C. Judaism reminded her too much of her father
- D. Judaism is neither a forgiving nor a loving religion
- E. A & B only
- F. C & D only

How did the author's maternal grandfather finance his business once he grew weary of moving his family each year?

- A. He inherited money upon his father's death
- B. His siblings each gave him the money needed
- C. His in-laws gave him an interest free loan
- D. He had a friend co-sign a bank note
- E. He used his personal savings
- F. None of the above

Typically, when the author scored 95% on a test, his teacher would do what?

- A. Compliment him for an excellent grade
- B. Capriciously deduct between 5 – 10 points just for spite
- C. Called him an "uppity nigger"
- D. A & C only
- E. B & C only
- F. None of the above

When the author's mother realized that her mother was near death, why didn't she visit her in the hospital?

- A. She could not afford the trip
- B. She already was eight months pregnant
- C. Her father forbade her to return home
- D. Her Jewish relatives had sat shiva



- E. She had a sick toddler she could not leave
- F. All of the above

When the author's father died, his mother contacted her aunt to ask for help. What was the aunt's response?

- A. "I have only a little money myself"
- B. "I will try to send you something soon."
- C. "Stay out of our lives."
- D. "Catch a train here and I'll have some money for you."
- E. A & B only
- F. None of the above

### **Marva Collins Way**

Describe the qualities that made Marva Collins a quintessential educator for black students.

To what degree did Mrs. Collins' students meet or exceed state-wide academic standards?

How does the Socratic method help black students to develop their critical thinking skills?

How did Marva Collins feel about being considered for Secretary of Education by Pres. Bush?

How did Marva Collins initially finance starting her own school?

What role did Mr. Collins play in the early stages of Westside Preparatory School?

What important life skills did Mrs. Collins teach her students about personal hygiene?

What event improved the financial solvency of Westside Preparatory School?

How did this event provide Mrs. Collins with multiple income streams?

Why did Chicago's Westside Preparatory School eventually go out of business?

Describe some of the criticism Mrs. Collins received from the black community.

Describe the pedagogical techniques employed to make her students successful.

### **The Miseducation of the Negro**

How did Woodson feel about building wealth by pushing a cart to sell products to our own?

What is your response to the first paragraph in Chapter 1 describing "The Educated Negroes"?

How did Woodson describe industrial education's failure to prepare Negroes for employment?

Do you agree that many black preachers use psychology to fleece the Negro? Explain.

Speculate why this book is not required reading in high school history or literature classes.

Describe what Woodson experienced when he first joined Howard University's faculty.

What is the historical and cultural significance of "History 30: The Negro in American History"?

Why did Woodson criticize black educators and leaders for perpetuating the oppressor's ideology?

Describe how Howard's all white Executive Committee exerted control over black intellectuals.

By what year had Woodson severed all ties to public education to achieve his life-long mission?

Had he remained in the US, would Henry O. Tanner have received the Legion of Honour? Explain.

Describe Woodson's perspective of the primary weaknesses among Negro schools of theology.

To what did Woodson attribute the Negroes' unwillingness to take orders from a Negro foreman?

How do Negro colleges maintain the "status quo ante bellum" as Woodson so described?

How does white paternalism still exert control over black education and public school curricula?

### **Undiscovered Paul Robeson**

Explain why Black History Month emphasizes MLK more than Paul Robeson?

What role did Harry Belafonte play in preserving the legacy of Paul Robeson's life?

The son of a slave, Paul Robeson's ancestry can be traced to what African tribe?

Describe how his family acquired the name "Robeson" in the Antebellum Era?

What role did the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church [AMEZ] play in Paul's childhood?

Explain why Rev. William Robeson was terminated as pastor of Witherspoon Church.

Describe how hard Paul studied to earn a four-year academic scholarship at Rutgers.

When Paul earned his scholarship, how many black and white students attended Rutgers?

During his freshman year, when Paul got a C, what was his father's response?

Describe some challenges Negroes faced when Paul graduated valedictorian from Rutgers.

Describe how Paul's father influenced his exceptionally good grades in high school.

After graduating from Columbia, why did Paul Robeson decide not to pursue a career in law?

Paul was such a dominant force in football that state officials responded by doing what?

What is the cultural significance of Paul Robeson's nude sculpture and photographs?

Why didn't Paul Robeson ask Jackie Robinson for an autograph, which his son wanted?

What was the main cause of Paul Robeson's downfall as a popular concert artist?

Explain the circumstances that led to the tragic death of Paul Robeson's mother.

Contrast Paul's family background to that of his ambitious wife, Essie Cardozo Goode.

For how long was Paul Robeson blacklisted as a concert artist in the United States?

How did Paul Robeson describe his experiences among the people he met in Russia?

What circumvented Paul Robeson from quitting the football team at Rutgers?

### **Father and Son**

How did Mr. Wangerin describe Matthew's basketball performances during his freshman year?

How does this biography compare to Colin Kaepernick's family background?

Why did the Wangerin family decide to adopt a black male child?

What were some of the activities that Matthew's father, Walter Wangerin, really enjoyed?

During puberty, what was the primary conflict within the Wangerin's father son dyad?

What led to Mr. Wangerin finally telling his twenty-something son, "You can't live here,"?

What role did Mr. Wangerin's Christian values play in his personal and public lifestyle?

How does this father and son biography compare to the "Prodigal Son" saga in the Bible?

Do white adoptive parents resent their black children's lack of gratitude and appreciation?

What kind of books did Matthew "borrow" from Evansville Library without returning them?

What do you believe was the most caring thing Matthew ever did for his father, Walter?

Describe Matthew's experience at my alma mater, Florida Atlantic University.

In the end, how was the Wangerin's father son conflict finally resolved? Explain.

### **My Bondage and My Freedom**

How did Frederick Douglas describe the people and the place called Tuckahoe?

How did Frederick Douglas contrast childhood experiences for slaves to those of white children?

What was the significance of the Lloyd Plantation's isolation from the rest of civilization?

Describe the beating Mr. Plummer inflicted upon Millie's daughter and her fate afterwards.

Describe the slaves' monthly allotment of food and annual allotment of clothing.

Describe the daily meals prepared for the Lloyd household in the Great House.

What experience did Frederick describe as having revealed slavery's "repulsive hatefulness"?

What happened in Baltimore that required Frederick to be "valued and divided"?

Describe Frederick's thoughts on his seven mile walk to his new master, Edward Covey.

Describe Frederick's experiences breaking in the in hand ox and the off hand ox.

How did Frederick describe how Mr. Covey succeeded in breaking him?

Describe the fight that ended with Mr. Covey never flogging Frederick again.

Describe how Frederick Douglas felt as a man after his victory in a fight with Mr. Covey.

Contrast Mr. Freeland's treatment of his slaves to how Mr. Covey relentlessly mistreated his.

Seventeen years after the fact, why did Frederick refuse to fully describe his escape from slavery?

What role did David Ruggles play in securing Frederick's safety upon his arrival in New York?

How did Frederick Douglas describe the spirit of colored people in New Bedford, Massachusetts?

Compare and contrast the convoluted lives of Frederick Douglas and Paul Robeson.

Compare the cognition and moral rectitude of Frederick Douglas to that of today's black male.

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#### **AFTER THE BALL IQ EXAM**

##### **After the Ball: How America Will Conquer Its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the 90's**

In what year was After the Ball published?

- A) 1980
- B) 1983
- C) 1985
- D) 1989
- E) 2011

On July 4, 2022, the paperback version of After the Ball was priced at \$839.86 on Amazon because

- A) After the Ball is out of print
- B) The book has been removed surreptitiously from most public libraries
- C) Big Brother doesn't want the public to decode the authors' GLBT propaganda
- D) All of the above
- E) None of the above

The authors of *After the Ball* could be compared to which character in Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*?

- A) The Thought Police
- B) O'Brien
- C) Ampleforth
- D) Winston
- E) None of the above

In what year did the U.S. Supreme Court rule in favor of "gay marriage"?

- A) 2000
- B) 2006
- C) 2009
- D) 2014
- E) None of the above

What was the landmark Supreme Court case that guaranteed same-sex couples could "marry"?

- A) *Plessy v. Ferguson*
- B) *Roe v. Wade*
- C) *Obergefell v. Hodges*
- D) *Dred Scott v. Sanford*
- E) *Brown v. Board of Education*

Who were the four dissenting Justices in that case?

- A) Scalia, Thomas, Roberts, Ginsburg
- B) Sotomayor, Ginsburg, Brown-Jackson, Thomas
- C) Roberts, Scalia, Alito, Thomas
- D) Ginsburg, Sotomayor, Thomas, Alito
- E) None of the above

Why might a gay co-worker have laughed at crass queer jokes at a company picnic in 1990?

- A) Unwittingly, any objection may have disclosed his aberrant sexual orientation
- B) He may have gotten fired for being a homosexual, a "faggot" or "queer"

- C) He thought the queer jokes actually were funny
- D) His self-serving cowardice protected his career
- E) All of the above

In 1990, hiding “in the closet” referred to which of the following?

- A) Lying to straight friends about same-sex attraction
- B) Evading questions about when are you getting married
- C) Getting married to appear to be heterosexual, not bisexual
- D) Moving from a small town to a large city like New York or San Francisco
- E) All of the above

Which of the following did the authors use to describe not coming out of the closet?

- A) Honorable
- B) Courageous
- C) PRIDE
- D) Mean
- E) All of the above

Which of the following was true of the **AIDS** pandemic in the 1980's?

- A) HIV infection that became full blown **AIDS** was a death sentence
- B) **AIDS** primarily affected homosexual and bisexual men between 25 and 55
- C) Nationwide, **AIDS** was the leading cause of death in the Gay Community
- D) Many gay men deliberately spread **AIDS** via casual and anonymous anal sex
- E) All of the above

While at Harvard, the author(s) witnessed which of the following?

- A) Gay men defecating on each other in public restrooms
- B) Gay men urinating on each other in public restrooms
- C) Anal sex in public bathroom stalls
- D) Fellatio in public bathrooms
- E) All of the above

The authors described the Gay Movement's rejection of morality as:

- A) Pervasive
- B) Unrealistic
- C) Baleful
- D) A and C
- E) All of the above

The authors described the religious Judeo-Christian position on homosexuality as:

- A) Immoral
- B) Prejudice
- C) Evil
- D) Absurd
- E) All of the above

GLBT rejection of any criticism of promiscuity illustrates which moral concept?

- A) Situational ethics
- B) New Age Morality
- C) Hedonism
- D) Atheism
- E) GLBT Equality

Out of the closet homosexuals tended to assume what about their sexuality?

- A) Nobody can judge me
- B) Anal sex is an expression of gay love
- C) God loves everybody so F\*\*\* you
- D) Straight men and women also have died from **AIDS**, not just us gays
- E) All of the above

Which book did the authors cite that criticized this self-serving rationalization?

- A) The Rite of Sodomy by Randy Engel

- B) The Homosexual Network by Enrique Rueda
- C) Scout's Honor by Patrick Boyle
- D) Morals and Dogma by Albert Pike
- E) And the Band Played On by Randy Shilts

A participant in a neo-pagan convention in Arizona stated what afterwards?

- A) We all found out that sex was not a panacea
- B) We all found out that we are not 100% heterosexual nor 100% homosexual
- C) We all wanted something we didn't have and we desperately wanted it
- D) A and B only
- E) None of the above

Once gays deconstruct the Christian position on homosexuality, what's next?

- A) Reject religion, ethics, and morality altogether
- B) Construct your own philosophy or moral code embracing homosexuality
- C) Akin to Blacks, convince straight America that you are an oppressed minority
- D) Parade in the streets with NAMBLA and other marginalized gay groups
- E) None of the above

According to the DSM-III, personality disorders associated with homosexuals include:

- A) Superficially charming
- B) Manipulative
- C) Promiscuous
- D) Always drawing attention to themselves
- E) All of the above

In the initial spread of **AIDS** in North America, who was "Patient Zero"?

- A) Rock Hudson
- B) Gaetan Dugas
- C) Arthur Ashe
- D) Harvey Milk



E) John Holmes

What was the initial diagnosis for what eventually became known as **AIDS**?

- A) Acute pneumonia
- B) Upper respiratory infection
- C) Kaposi sarcoma
- D) Rectal cancer
- E) None of the above

In 1988, approximately how many working men in the US self-identified as homosexuals?

- A) 4 million
- B) 9 million
- C) 7 million
- D) 2 million
- E) None of the above

Compared to straight men, gays have more discretionary income via which of the following?

- A) Not having to support a wife and children
- B) Not having to finance any children's college education
- C) Not having to provide medical insurance or life insurance for a family
- D) Not having to pay child support after a contentious divorce
- E) All of the above

More than any other, which behavior best describes members of the GLBT community?

- A) Well-groomed
- B) Effeminate
- C) Hyper-masculine
- D) Self-indulgent
- E) None of the above

The authors asserted that homosexual men tend to use drugs for what reason?

- A) To enhance their supply of energy or testosterone while partying
- B) To abate their hidden shame, fear, and pain regarding their sexual orientation
- C) To induce an altered state of consciousness and/or physical sensations
- D) All of the above
- E) None of the above

To restore “erectile thrills”, middle-aged or older homosexuals engage in which of the following?

- A) Fisting
- B) Sadomasochism
- C) Golden Showers
- D) Scatting a/k/a coprophilia
- E) All of the above

Which group should hide in the closet to protect the GLBT Movement’s positive image?

- A) North American Man Boy Love Association [NAMBLA]
- B) Gay Priests of North America
- C) LAMBDA
- D) Bisexual and Transgender Men’s Club
- E) Gay Professional Athletic Association

In the 1980’s, Harvard did what to deter rampant oral and anal sex in restrooms on campus?

- A) Checked for student IDs to stop non-students from frequenting their “tea rooms”
- B) Drilled glory holes between the stalls to allow quick, anonymous trysts
- C) Directed this sexual cruising to nearby, local parks off campus
- D) Removed the doors from all of the toilet stalls in the men’s restroom
- E) All of the above

Before **AIDS**, which of the following also had problems with promiscuous public gay sex?

- A) Bus stations
- B) Shopping malls

- C) Rest stops on interstate highways
- D) Truck stops
- E) All of the above

Which of the following would be least likely to find a lover just for tonight in a gay bar?

- A) College jocks
- B) Chippendale models
- C) Adult film stars
- D) Middle-aged “sugar daddies”
- E) Unattractive middle-aged men

Often, the disillusionment among lonely and single homosexuals leads to what?

- A) Cynicism
- B) Bitterness
- C) Promiscuity
- D) Plastic surgery
- E) All of the above

Contrary to Pres. Obama’s proclamations, which of the following best describes gay relationships?

- A) Relationships between gay men don’t last long enough to even consider “marriage”
- B) Gay men tend to pick up different sexual partners rather than to “marry” any one man
- C) Gay men are obsessed with youth and attractiveness, which can not sustain any “marriage”
- D) Lesbian couples tend to “marry” or last much longer than homosexual male relationships
- E) All of the above

This book describes the gay “Casanova” via which of the following?

- A) He likes to titillate others
- B) He does not want a committed one-on-one partner
- C) Like a heroin addict, he enjoys breaking off relationships in order to start afresh
- D) He prefers the disingenuous game of hot pursuit over any real commitment
- E) All of the above

The book characterized “reality-denial” among homosexuals via:

- A) Bad sense
- B) Denying painful feelings
- C) Playing mind games to ignore reality
- D) Distorting intellectually sound behaviors
- E) All of the above

Which of the following is not symptomatic or indicative of reality denial?

- A) Wishful thinking
- B) Emotionalism
- C) Paranoia
- D) Circular reasoning
- E) None of the above

Who was the gay activist the authors described as preferring their emotions over logic?

- A) J. Edgar Hoover
- B) Harvey Milk
- C) Harry Hay
- D) Ellen DeGeneres
- E) Bayard Rustin

Part One of this book examined what specifically?

- A) How **AIDS** has changed straight society’s perception of gay and bisexual men
- B) How to convert straight society’s hatred into acceptance of the gay lifestyle
- C) How to win gay civil rights politically, akin to those of African Americans
- D) How to identify harmful things that straights believe or do to homosexuals
- E) All of the above

In the 90’s, how did straight America tend to react to the topic of homosexuality?

- A) The less I know about “those people”, the better

- B) Indifference in the media until it can't be avoided
- C) Avoid the subject as much as possible, even with gay relatives
- D) If you are gay, then you might have or soon get **AIDS**
- E) All of the above

Which tv show was among the first to have a gay or bisexual male as a leading character?

- A) Father Knows Best
- B) My Three Sons
- C) Dynasty
- D) Love, Sidney
- E) The Odd Couple

Which of the following once was considered a telltale sign of being a homosexual?

- A) A boy with a queer or wimpy name like Byron, Chris, or Miles
- B) A boy who buttons his shirt up to the top button
- C) A boy who still has the fruit loop on the back of his dress shirts
- D) A boy who grows long or manicured fingernails with clear polish
- E) All of the above

What books in the Bible were cited for God's condemnation of homosexuality as a sin?

- A) Revelation and Matthew
- B) Deuteronomy and Leviticus
- C) Genesis and Romans
- D) Leviticus and Ecclesiastes
- E) None of the above

This book cited which statement vilifying the gay community's lifestyle?

- A) Gays and gay churches are part of a vile and Satanic system
- B) The gay mentality or lifestyle are not things you just stumble into
- C) **AIDS** is a natural sanction against immoral behavior
- D) The spread of **AIDS** is an act of vengeance against the sin of homosexuality

E) All of the above

The authors assert that the majority of transvestites are which of the following?

- A) The third sex
- B) Hermaphrodites
- C) Transsexuals
- D) Exclusively heterosexual
- E) None of the above

Bad publicity would include associating homosexuality with which of the following?

- A) Promiscuous anal sex
- B) Pedophiles, pederasts, and child molesters
- C) Deviant sexual orientation
- D) The raison d'être for the **AIDS** Memorial Quilt
- E) All of the above

Anti-gay behavior is classified as which of the following?

- A) Actions preventing homosexual behavior
- B) Actions which promote homo-hatred
- C) Actions which truncate gay civil rights
- D) Actions which cause the public to eschew or vilify homosexuality
- E) All of the above

During the initial **AIDS** Era, what percent polled preferred not to work with a gay person?

- A) 22 percent
- B) 52 percent
- C) 33 percent
- D) 48 percent
- E) None of the above

Via public relations and propaganda, homophobia could be supplanted by which ideas?

- A) Homosexuality is just as healthy and natural as heterosexuality
- B) Sexual orientation is innate: not chosen by heterosexuals, homosexuals or lesbians
- C) Gays are honorable, hardworking, patriotic Americans
- D) The sex lives of most gays and straights are respectable and quite similar to each other
- E) All of the above

In mapping their strategy, why was it a sine qua non to claim homosexuality is not a choice?

- A) Choice implies that one's sexual orientation can change, which we avoid at all costs
- B) If sexual orientation is seen as immutable, then there is no problem to correct or fix
- C) Straights will accept gays once desensitization and jamming take their full course
- D) Both gays and heterosexuals must believe they had no choice in their sexual identity
- E) All of the above

Which of the following is an illustration of desensitization?

- A) Argue that the Bible is irrelevant today
- B) Claim that orthodox Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are extremist hate groups
- C) Talk about homosexuality incessantly until it becomes just another lifestyle
- D) To appear just as normal as heterosexuals, avoid S & M or other negative public images
- E) None of the above

The authors attribute what characteristics to the pro-homosexual propaganda campaign?

- A) It relies upon emotional manipulation rather than logic
- B) It frequently uses outright lies, which later may appear to be more real than the truth
- C) Rather than to convert intransigent homo-haters or homophobes, we will silence them
- D) The principal goal of gay activism must be to convert and win the ambivalent skeptics
- E) All of the above

Pres. Obama's legacy includes which of the following?

- A) He strongly supported "gay marriage" only after he became President of the United States
- B) He withheld humanitarian aid from Third World countries that banned gay marriages
- C) He held a life-time membership in Man's Country, Chicago's infamous gay bath house

D) As promised, he closed the torture prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

E) He won the Nobel Peace Prize, despite being nominated less than a month after taking office.

In what year did “gay marriage” become legal in all 50 states?

A) 2004

B) 2009

C) 2015

D) 2020

E) None of the above

Beyond sexual expression, how many GLBT Americans obey Lucifer?

A) 25%

B) 50%

C) 75%

D) 100%

E) None of the above

Beyond sexual expression, how many GLBT Americans obey the Lord, Jesus Christ?

A) 25%

B) 50%

C) 75%

D) 100%

E) None of the above

In Part III, the book's Social Code advises homosexuals to do what?

A) Do not have oral sex or anal sex in public places

B) Do not discuss raunchy gay sexual practices in public

C) Live for something meaningful beyond self-indulgence

D) Please don't march in Gay Pride parades if you are a pederast

E) All of the above



After School Satan Clubs begin their indoctrination of students in Luciferian ideology beginning when?

- A) Public High Schools
- B) Public Middle Schools
- C) Public Elementary Schools
- D) All of the above
- E) None of the above

When does GLBT indoctrination begin in our public school systems?

- A) 10th grade
- B) 8th grade
- C) 6th grade
- D) 3rd grade
- E) kindergarten

The subversive goals of GLBT indoctrination include

- A) Legalize anal sex between grown men and young boys
- B) Normalize fisting via media jamming and desensitization
- C) Eliminate Christian morals completely from society
- D) Normalize Satan worship and Wicca throughout society
- E) All of the above

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## AFTERWORD

IF your son's first grade teacher proclaimed, "*The kat klimbed the tree while karefully karrying her kitten,*" then would you nominate him or her for Teacher of the Year or teach Junior how to ferret for the truth via using a dictionary? WE can't fix it IF we can't face it, inconsequential to whatever "it" is.

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