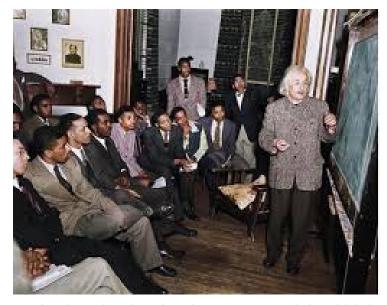
## How Einstein Used Energy to Make Black Lives Matter

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he lights of human consciousness are finally turning back on and they are exposing the dark holes of our existence -both past and present. Fear and separation, the fuel that has fed centuries of oppression, is facing off with Light and Love. And since the two cannot exist in the same space, the War of Wars is igniting again... hopefully this time for Good. And on this, and every day of life on Earth, we are grateful to you, Brother Albert Einstein, for speaking life and light unto people of color -so that we all can matter.

See, the truth is, we were taught about your mind but not about your heart. That you were a genius, but not that you were honest. Bright, but not Brave. We learned all about what you unveiled in the external world, but little about the light you shined on the darkness that looms within. You were the scientist among scientists in a science-dominated century. Arguably the most revered voice on the planet; and still your full story was not told... not even today.

But if, as you taught us, energy can never be destroyed, then this is the time that we tap into yours in order to reinvestigate the past and its pieces that were hidden in the dark. It is time to rebuild the library of our collective stories, awaken our inner Einsteins, and follow your example of speaking truth to power.



At Lincoln University, Einstein gave a speech in which he called racism "a disease of white people," and added, "I do not intend to be quiet about it." He also received an honorary degree and gave a lecture on relativity to Lincoln students.

Even as a pupil, Brother Albert, you were a rebel; challenging institutional norms and thinking outside of the box. The antiquated and uncreative school systems only frustrated you. The materials were outdated and the concepts flawed, by your bold estimation. You were uncontainably curious and problematically outspoken. You yearned to know the why's and the how's of our existence and your claims were too big to fit within their walls. "Unteachable," they called you as they labeled and blacklisted you for as long as they could.

## "THE WORST DISEASE FROM WHICH THE SOCIETY OF OUR NATION SUFFERS IS . . . THE TREATMENT OF THE NEGRO . . . "

-Albert Einstein, 1946

Unfortunately, good brother, our school systems, even the most highly regarded, have not changed much. But light is beginning to pierce through the mildewed and crumbling ivy-lined walls that have kept so many of us out. You believed in curiosity and play and the discoveries they inevitably yield. You also believed in the importance and responsibility of telling the truth.

## Our thoughts, after all, become our reality.

Energy is matter. You proved they are one in the same. Oh, the power this unveils.

And the fear that it stirs....

You stood up to authority and questioned theories where you saw holes -even those of Sir Issac Newton! Unapologetically, and with only a pencil and pad as tools, you set the world of science ablaze with theory after theory that proved how light, time, speed, movement, consciousness, matter, and telepathic connection work. You are still light-years ahead of us close to a century later!

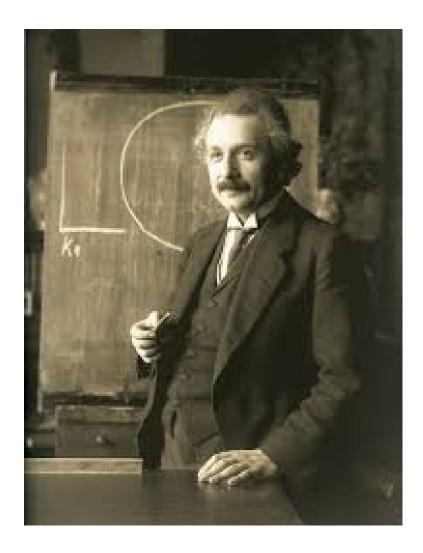
And while your mind was always busy figuring out galaxies near and far, you made time to speak truth to the gravity of white supremacy that threatened our existence right here. You warned us of its predictable dangers if left unchecked. This, I would imagine, you would have told us was not rocket science, but rather, your first-hand observation of the evils that devastated your brethren in your home of Germany. You fled Nazi terrorism and found refuge in the United States where, unfortunately, you observed the same destructive variables and conditions playing out in the American Experiment. It bothered you deeply. And in true Einstein form, you confronted it courageously.

"There is, however, a somber point in the societal outlook of Americans. Their sense of equality and human dignity is mainly limited to men of white skin. . . . The more I feel like an American, the more this situation pains me."

You boycotted invitations and honorary degrees from prestigious institutions that discriminated against African Americans and chose rather to spend your time and energy imparting your expertise within historically black colleges and communities. **Sir Einstein, as a black educator and graduate from a historically black university, we honor and thank you.** We understand you were galaxies beyond, consumed with creating new paradigms in the multiverses of your mind, yet still you managed to walk hand-in-hand with the meek of this Earth and to use your consciousness to shine light in the dark holes of humanity that still haunt us today.

I am happy to report, dear Brother Einstein, that humanity is waking up -mostly through curious and courageous students like you. Confusion and chaos may appear on the surface as Fear struggles to stay alive. **But our young people will not be silenced.** It will take a collective consciousness and frequency of light and love -both minds and hearts -to make all of our lives matter. It starts, however, by telling young people the truth. One story at a time.

We, the meek and also the mighty are doing the painstaking work of turning the lights on. And I must confess, the future looks bright!



"Race prejudice is part of a tradition which -conditioned by history -is uncritically handed down from generation to another. The only remedy is enlightenment and education. This is a slow and painstaking process in which all right-thinking people should take part."

-Albert Einstein, 1948