

# A LETTER TO MY CHILDREN

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THIS WORK WAS WRITTEN TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE PIVOTAL ISSUES WITHIN THE BLACK COMMUNITY. IT WAS WRITTEN TO BE A GUIDE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION AND TO PROVOKE THOUGHT AS WE HOLD EACH OTHER ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT WE DO AND DO NOT DO. THE KEY SUBJECTS ADDRESSED ARE **COMMUNICATION & RELATIONSHIPS, SUCCESS & CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PEER PRESSURE & CONFLICT RESOLUTION.** THIS PHILOSOPHICAL POETRY BOOK IS ONE OF THREE PIECES; THE REMAINING TWO ARE THE FILM AND THE ALBUM. TO THE NEXT GENERATION, IT WILL NOT BE EASY & IT WILL NOT BE FUN, BUT IT WILL BE WORTH IT. I ASK YOU, HOW FAR ARE YOU WILLING TO GO FOR IT? WHEN THEY SAY NO, WILL YOU BE STABLE AND **UNWAVERING OR BUCKLE UNDERNEATH THE PRESSURE LIKE SO MANY BEFORE YOU? HOW YOU RESPOND IN EITHER DIRECTION ON A** CONSISTENT BASIS ULTIMATELY DETERMINES WHICH ENERGY YOU ATTRACT TOWARD YOU. I WROTE THIS BOOK WITH DEATH IN MIND. IN CASE ANYTHING HAPPENS. NO, FOR WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS. THIS LITERARY WORK IS A COMPOSITION I PRAY I WILL BE ABLE TO READ TO MY CHILDREN WHEN THEY ARE READY. **READY TO LISTEN, READY TO COMPREHEND, READY TO DEDUCE, READY TO ASCERTAIN AND READY TO UNDERSTAND.** 

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# **STAY TRUE**

WAIT BEFORE YOU GO WILL YOU STAY TRUE? LOVE IS POWER DON'T FEAR IT PAST SCARS MAKE IT EASIER TO STEER IT AWAY WITH A BIG PUSH **TWO FIVES WILL CHANGE LIVES** WHEN YOU SPEAK POSITIVITY INSTEAD OF LIES HATE BURNS THE TONGUE EVIL'S FAVORITE SPICE **NOW YOU'RE LOOKING AT LIFE LIKE WHY?** WHERE'S MY RICHES AND PARADISE? **MY 40 ACRES AND A HOUSE THAT'S NICE? BUT YOU DIDN'T STAY TRUE HOW COULD THAT BE? LOOK TWICE BEING BLESSED WHEN YOU JEOPARDIZED SO MANY LIVES GOD SEES ALL EVEN THOUGHTS IGNORING THE SINCERITY THAT YOU HAD BOUGHT** SO WHEN THE TIME COMES WILL YOU STAY TRUE? LOVE. PATIENCE AND FAITH PRICELESS THINGS ARE WHAT IT TAKES **IT'S WHAT YOU NEED TO STAY TRUE BECAUSE IT'S HARD TO LOOK PAST** ALL THE DRANKS, CASH AND BLUNTS BEING PASSED SO WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN TEMPTATIONS ARE CALLING TO YOU? WILL YOU BE YOU AND STAY TRUE **OR TRIP OVER YOUR FEET LIKE SOME UNTIED SHOES?...** 

# **IT'S HARD I KNOW**

# **EVIL WORKS HARDER WHEN YOU ARE CHOSE**

# **BUT WILL YOU STAY TRUE?**

# **NO LOVE**

# THEY SAY

# **NO LOVE ONLY MONEY**

# CAUSE CAN'T NO ONE EVER TAKE IT FROM ME

# THEY SAY

# **NO LOVE ONLY MONEY**

# CAUSE CAN'T NO ONE EVER TAKE IT

# MY DRIVE, DESIRE TO RIDE AND STRIVE TO DO BETTER

# **RATHER UPLIFT THAN SHOOT BERETTAS**

# **RATHER MARRY A QUEEN THAN SLEEP IN MANY FEATHERS**

# MANY SHEETS THAT TELLS ME THAT SHE CREEPS

# AND I KNOW

# **THAT'S OK THOUGH**

# CAUSE WHO ON EARTH WANTS TO WEAR A HALO?

# I DO

# AND PROVE TO MOVE SMOOTH AND SLOW AND SHOW MORE THAN NOTHING

I LOOK UP AND KNOW I'M BLESSED LIKE THANKSGIVING STUFFING

TANGIBLE OBJECTS BRING STRESS WHILE PRAYING IS THE TEST

# YOU ARE LOVED

HATE WILL LEAVE HOLES IN YOU LIKE A BROKEN GLOVE

WHILE THEY SHRUG OFF HUGS IN A SOCIETY SCARED TO BE LOVED...

#### TAKE STEPS

# PUSH THROUGH STRESS AND KNOW ANOTHER DAY IS ANOTHER TEST

# **NOW LISTEN**

# WHAT DO THEY SAY?

# YOU HEAR THEM

# WHAT DO THEY SAY?

# THEY SAY

# NO LOVE ONLY MONEY

# CAUSE CAN'T NO ONE EVER TAKE IT FROM ME

# THEY SAY

# NO LOVE ONLY MONEY

# CAUSE CAN'T NO ONE EVER TAKE IT.

# **PATIENCE**

# THEY SAY MOVE FASTER

# **NO WAIT**

# **MOVE SLOWER**

# NO NO NO HURRY UP

# AND MOVE FASTER

# WHAT'S THE PROOF?

# WHO TRULY LOVES YOU WHEN EVEN FAMILY ABUSES YOU?

# **GOD KNOWS THE PROBLEM**

# LIKE A MATHEMATICIAN WILL SOLVE THEM

# FLIP NEGATIVITY LIKE A FRACTION

# THE RECIPROCAL...

# THOSE WHO KNOW TRUTH WILL SHOW THEN TELL WHILE THEY EXCEL AND AVOID JAIL IT'S HELL WHEN YOU'RE INNOCENT BUT CAN'T MAKE BAIL TO GOD YOU PASS WHILE THE WORLD SAYS YOU FAIL SO WHAT'S THE COST OF HEAVEN AND THE FEE FOR HELL? IN A WORLD WHERE THEY HARDLY SHOW BUT ALWAYS TELL

THEY INFLUENCE CRIME

THEN PROTEST THE BLOOD TRAIL LEFT BY POLICE

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE BEEF LEFT IN THE STREETS?

#### **IS IT WRONG?**

**KILLING FOR A COLOR RED OR BLUE?** 

BOTH MIXED WITH WHITE MAKES POLICE LIGHTS AND THAT FLAG

#### **NOW PICTURE THAT?**

DYING FOR NOTHING WHILE WE KILLING FOR THAT FLAG

KILLING FOR NOTHING WHILE WE DYING FOR THAT FLAG

**NOW PICTURE THAT?** 

**KILLING FOR A COLOR RED OR BLUE?** 

# **IS IT WRONG?**

# AFFIRMATIONS

# I SAID I'M ME AND I LOVE MYSELF

# AND I LOVE MYSELF

# I SAID I'M GREAT AND I LOVE MYSELF

# AND I LOVE MYSELF...

I SAID I'M COOL AND I LOVE MYSELF

# AND I LOVE MYSELF

# I'M INCREDIBLE AND I LOVE MYSELF

AND I LOVE MYSELF

LOOK AT THE MOON

LOOK AT THE SUN

ANOTHER DAY ANOTHER CHANCE TO SHINE LIKE THEM

**NO SHINE LIKE YOU** 

BE YOURSELF THAT'S BEST FOR HEALTH AND BEST FOR SELF

# LOVE YOURSELF LOVE YOURSELF

HOW CAN YOU LOVE ANYTHING ELSE WITH NO LOVE FOR SELF?

# YOU ARE LOVED LOOK ABOVE

AND FEEL GOD SHARE UNCONDITIONAL HUGS.

# **ACCOUNTABILITY**

DON'T POINT AND LAUGH THAT'S HOW YOU FINISH LAST LOVE, PATIENCE AND FAITH RUNS DRY LIKE A DESERT FLASK SHOW LOVE AND KEEP MOVING HOLD ALL ACCOUNTABLE BOTH YOUNG AND OLD KEEP INTENTIONS TRUE CHERISH YOUR SOUL AND LEARN TO TRUST YOUR DECISIONS WHILE UNDERSTANDING UNLESS YOU CHANGE NOTHING IS DIFFERENT...

LEAD BY EXAMPLE SPEAK LITTLE

**MORE LISTENING** 

**LEARN AND GROW** 

**INTERNAL PEACE ONCE YOU ARE FREE** 

FROM HATE AND INSECURITIES

LOVE HIM THEN LOVE SHE

LOVE US THEN LOVE WE

WITH LOVE YOU WILL SUCCEED.

# ARE YOU CLUTCH?

**KNOW THAT YOU'RE LOVED** 

KNOW THAT YOU'RE LOVED

IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP AND REALIZE THAT YOU ARE LOVED

**ARE YOU CLUTCH?** 

**LIFE IS EASY** 

MARCH MADNESS FREE THROWS

AT THE LINE STARING AT LIFE THROUGH GOD'S PEEPHOLE

**DON'T QUIT** 

**BECAUSE THE WORLD HOPES YOU MISS** 

**BECAUSE THEY HAVE THEIR BRACKETS PICKED** 

EAGER FOR THAT MILLION-DOLLAR HIT

THEY THINK YOU MAKING IT MEANS THEIR HOPES WILL END

**BECAUSE THEY ARE WAITING FOR QUICK MONEY TO SPEND** 

LET'S SEE SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAN GOLD AND SHOE STORES

FAME, PLANES AND CARS GALORE...

LET'S MAKE MONEY AND SAVE IT WHILE WORKING TOGETHER TO CHANGE IT LET'S WORK AS ONE TO DO SO MUCH MORE WHILE KEEPING TRUTH, LOVE AND ACCOUNTABILITY AS THE CORE.

# **LOVE**

LOVE IS IN ABUNDANCE NOT FOR SALE IT SEEMS THESE DAYS HATE MAKES YOU EXCEL NOW IT SEEMS COOL TO NOT CARE MAKING PEOPLE UNCOMFORTABLE WHEN YOU STARE GOD

THANK YOU FOR PUTTING US HERE

AND GIVING US AMPLE LOVE WITH PLENTY TO SHARE

# LOOK THE SKY

STAY TRUE BECAUSE ONLY GOD LOVES YOU

NOW MOVE

AND DO WHAT YOU ARE MEANT TO DO

AS YOU TRACE YOUR STEPS OUT

SO THE YOUTH TOO WILL KNOW HOW TO IMPROVE.

# **TEMPTATIONS**

FIGHT TEMPTATIONS THEY ARE CALLING TO YOU

IT'S HARD I KNOW

EVIL WORKS HARDER WHEN YOU ARE CHOSE ...

LOOK AT THE MEDIA WHAT DO THEY SHOW? **EVERYTHING THAT GOD SAYS TO OPPOSE TEMPTATIONS WILL CALL LIKE DEBT COLLECTORS HOPING YOU ANSWER THE PHONE OOOWEEE SO TEMPTING UNTIL YOU HEAR GOD SAY DON'T DO IT BE STEADFAST IN PRAYER ONCE THEY GET CLOSE OTHERS FOLLOW** SAME SINS THAT CAUSES YOU TO FEEL HOLLOW **GIVE IN AND FEEL ALONE LIKE A MIDNIGHT OWL** WHO REALLY LOVES WHO? WHEN ONE POWER STEERS YOU RIGHT **CAUSING YOU TO TAKE LEFTS OF TRUTH** AND THE OTHER LETS YOU WIN WITH A BIG GRIN **BECAUSE THE TRUTH WAS THERE TO BEGIN. ARE YOU DIFFERENT?** 

LOOK AROUND SO FEW LEFT WITH MONEY COMES SO MUCH STRESS WITH BLESSINGS COMES THE NEXT TEST ARE YOU DIFFERENT OR JUST LIKE THE REST? SQUANDERING RESOURCES FOR ATTENTION WITH NO MISSION AIMING FOR NO TARGET AND STILL MISSING PAY ATTENTION AND LEARN FROM THE PAST... SAVE AND ALLOW THE BLESSINGS TO LAST WHILE YOU ZOOM PAST TEMPTATIONS HOT AIR BALLOONS JUST GAS WHILE HELPING THOSE WHO NEED IT ARE YOU CONCEITED OR FEEL DEFEATED? ARE YOU RELEVANT OR DECADENT? DO YOU HELP THE REST OR JUST NEGLECT? LOOK AROUND SO MUCH GOING ON BORED?

**GRAB THE PHONE** 

AND SCROLL ON AND ON AND ON

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

I SEE NONSENSE, PAIN, NEGLECT AND

**NO RESPECT FOR ANYTHING** 

AT ALL

WHILE THEY FALL LIKE AUTUMN

ALL THEM KIDS PLAYING WITH 4 FOURS NOW GO FISH

**AND ASKING** 

DO YOU GOT A 2 MINUTE ACTION LEADING TO A 10 YEAR SENTENCE?

WHAT'S THE MISSION?

WHAT'S ON THE WISH LIST?

IS IT PIES AND WASHING DISHES OR A COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT?

IS IT FAME GALORE OR CARS AND MUCH MORE?...

WHAT'S THE MISSION? WHAT'S THE VISION? ARE YOU DIFFERENT OR JUST LIKE THE REST?

# **LESSONS**

# GAZE UP AND THANK GOD FOR TODAY

**BECAUSE EVIL PRAYING THAT WE ALL MISBEHAVE** 

SOMETIMES LEARNING HARD IS THE BEST WAY

**STAY OUT THE DARK** 

DAYWALKER LIKE BLADE

# AND KEEP FAITH LIKE SOLOMON

**12 YEARS A SLAVE** 

IT SEEMS THESE DAYS WE SLAVE TO GET PAID

AND NOT SAVE

SPEND FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS SAYING WE SLAYED

**OR HER SAYING YOU PLAYED** 

LIKE A GAME OF EA WHEN YOU KICKED IT LIKE FIFA

ME?

I DON'T WANT STRIPES NO WEARING ADIDAS

WHILE MY COMMUNITY IS FILLED WITH ZEBRAS

**UPSET POLICE MISTREAT US** 

WHILE KILLING EACH OTHER

**DODGING PREACHERS AND BLEACHERS** 

**BECAUSE THEY ALL WANT TO PLAY** 

BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE GRADES.

# **DISTRACTIONS**

**EYES CLOSED KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED TO THE WORLD EARS CLOSED KEEP YOUR EARS CLOSED TO THE WORLD MOUTH CLOSED KEEP YOUR MOUTH CLOSED TO THE WORLD** DISTRACTIONS DISTRACTIONS DISTRACTIONS DISTRACTIONS **YOUNG DUDE TALKING 22** TWO JOBS AND GOES TO SCHOOL AMBITIOUS PERFORMS TOO WIFE AND DAUGHTER AT HOME AND THEY KNOW TO PROGRESS HE MUST SPEND NIGHTS ALONE **ONE PARTICULAR NIGHT AFTER A SHOW EX HIT HIS PHONE** HE LOOKS UP AT THE SKY AND KNOWS HE IS CHOSE AND SAYS NO **TEMPTATIONS TRYING TO GET ME TO SLIP AND RELAPSE** I HAVE TO PASS I HAVE TO FALL BACK OFF THAT YOUNG WOMAN IS SO BEYOND THIS SHE IS WORKING HARD IN SCHOOL TO BECOME AN ORTHODONTIST THIS FRIDAY NIGHT SHE STUDIES FOR THE TEST THE FINAL GRADE SHE NEEDS THIS IS IT NO REGRETS HER FRIENDS SAY COME OUT GIRL YOU NEED A BREAK **TO ENJOY LIFE YOU KNOW THIS IS WHAT IT TAKES** BUT SHE KNOWS ITS MORE FUN TO STAY HOME **AND SAYS NO YOU FAKE THEY SAY** AND ON THAT TEST SHE MADE AN A...

**EYES CLOSED** 

**KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED TO THE WORLD** 

EARS CLOSED

**KEEP YOUR EARS CLOSED TO THE WORLD** 

# **MOUTH CLOSED**

**KEEP YOUR MOUTH CLOSED TO THE WORLD** 

DISTRACTIONS

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**DISTRACTIONS.** 

DISTRACTIONS

# **DON'T YOU SEE IT?**

**DON'T YOU SEE IT?** 

I SEE THE LIFE WHOEVER WANTS IT

I SEE THE LIFE WON'T FLAUNT IT

**DON'T YOU SEE IT?** 

I SEE THE LIFE HARD TO OBTAIN

I SEE THE LIFE PUT DOWN THE BLAME

WAKE UP TOMORROW WITHOUT THE SORROW

**RESPONSIBILITY SHOOTS FAST** 

QUICK DRAW WILD WILD WEST

**TURN YOUR BACK SEVEN STEPS** 

FIRST TO TURN FIRST TO LEARN ABOUT LIFE'S REGRETS

LIFE'S DEEPEST SECRETS HELD BY DEATH

WHO INVITES YOU TO PAY YOUR DEBT

A DINNER DATE CANDLE LIGHT AND STEAK

**BUT WAIT** 

THIS COULD BE YOUR LAST PLATE...

DO YOU SEE IT NOW? NEAR THE JOURNEY'S END? NO MONEY TO SPEND NO FAMILY OR FRIENDS DON'T CRY NOW DON'T REGRET THE SIN JUST KNOW THAT IN THE END GOD WAS YOUR TRUEST FRIEND.

# **FAITH**

IF GOD IS WHO I TRUST THEN WHY DO I FEEL THE NEED TO RUSH

# **TO LET YOU CONTROL?**

YOU TELL ME TO PUSH FORWARD WITHOUT SHATTERING THE THRESHOLD

**OF PERCEIVED CONTROL** 

LET GO AND FALL FREE

FROM THINGS WE DEEM WORTH THE TIME ON OUR MINDS

AND BE FREE FROM EVERYTHING

LET GO OF REGRET AND WHAT IFS

THE THOUGHTS WILL SPLIT FAITH LIKE A SPLIFF

OR BANANA, FUDGE AND ICE CREAM MIX

I TRUST YOU

YET I RUSH TO KNOW WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHY AND WHERE?

WHILE REALIZING

THAT SUCCESS IS THE ABILITY TO LEAVE OTHERS WITH SEEDS

**SEEDS THAT BLOOM FOOD FOR THOUGHT...** 

TO BE SERVED TO THE MALNOURISHED YOUTH

**ONLY WITH FAITH.** 

# <u>FREE</u>

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE FREE?

WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO BE?

**AM I RIGHT FOR BEING LIKE YOU?** 

WHILE WRONG FOR BEING LIKE ME?

WHAT COMES NEXT WHEN A STEP OF FAITH PLACES ME IN OUTER SPACE?

THEY SAY I CAN'T BREATHE BUT I MOVE FREE

THEY SAY COME BACK WHILE SPACE SAYS BE ME

WHO SHOULD I BELIEVE?

**ONE THAT CAN RUN MILES WITH NO FEET?** 

OR ONE THAT WANTS STEAK BUT NO BEEF?

WHO IS ME? I AM ME

A MAN, A HUSBAND AND A FATHER CAN'T YOU SEE?

ONE THAT IS RIGHT FOR BEING LIKE ME

**ONE THAT MOVES FREE** 

**ONE THAT RUNS MILES WITH NO FEET** 

AND ONE THAT WANTS STEAK WITH ALL THE BEEF

WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO BE?

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE ME

FREE.

# **FROM HIM**

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE BASICS **CONGRESS AND BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT RUN THE WORLD BUT WE CAN CHANGE IT I'D RATHER NOT SPEAK ON SOMEONE ELSE** UNLESS IT'S POSITIVES OR WISHING THEM GREAT HEALTH LIFE IS CRAZY **UNDERAGE KIDS HAVING BABIES RAISED IN BROKEN HOMES** FATHERS ACTING GHOST YOU'VE SEEN IT LATELY DON'T BLAME THE SERPENT FOR BITING THE APPLE THE LACK OF FAITH, TEMPTATION AND GREED CAUSED THIS BATTLE **EVIL USES WORDS AND EMPTY PROMISES** WHILE GOD PULLS STRINGS THAT ARE SO ASTONISHING WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR US TAKE CONTROL I WAS A MAN OF THE HOUSE AT ONE SECOND OLD HELP THE HELPER AND AID OTHERS **IT SEEMS WHEN YOU DO YOU'RE LEFT ALL OUT WITH NO COVERS** LOVE MOTHERS, SISTERS AND BROTHERS ALL THE SAME IT'S HARD TO DO **READ THE STORY OF ABEL AND CAIN** THIS LIFE IS A STAGE SHOW LOVE WHILE BEING JUDGED BY THE ONE BELOW AND THE ONE ABOVE.

# **SILENCE**

# WAR WOUNDS FROM THE BATTLE HUMBLES ME

# ONLY FEAR SHOULD BE GOD WORK TOGETHER TO GET FAR

# DON'T SHOW MUCH ONLY WORDS AND VIBRATIONS THEY FEEL

# **OUR COMMUNITY IS CONFUSED STILL**

# ON THE PERCEPTION OF BEING REAL

# IS REAL FLASHING STEEL OR SCHOOL BILL?

# \$300 FOR SHOES?

**OUTSIDE COMMUNITIES CHARGE US TO BE "COOL"** 

# **KEEP PUSHING ALL ALONE**

# BORN ALONE, WORK ALONE, DIE ALONE THAT'S LIFE

# WRONG

# I'D RATHER HAVE A WIFE RAISE KIDS IN A STABLE HOME

# SHOW THEM LOVE AND SUPPORT

# SO THEIR MEANING OF EACH WON'T BE DISTORTED

# **BELIEVING IN FRAUDS NO IRS**

# LOOK TO GOD YOU ARE BLESSED.

# THE FIRST STONE

# DON'T DEPEND ON HELP

# BECAUSE WHO WILL YOU CALL WHEN YOU ARE ALL BY YOURSELF?

# KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU

# LUCIFER, CAIN, JUDAIST, MURDERS AND SHOOTERS

# WHO AM I TO BLAME?...

#### **THAT SNUB NOSE .38**

# IT WAS COLD AS A NORTH POLE PENGUIN'S FACE

# SO HEAVY WITH RESPONSIBILITY HURT OR HELP THE WORLD

#### HAD MY HEAD DOING SWIRLS I WASN'T READY

#### THE WEIGHT

# HAD BY ARMS LIKE WET SPAGHETTI

# THE WEIGHT

#### **CRASHING ON ME LIKE BROKEN LEVIS**

# MY SOUL SAID OMARI DON'T DO IT

# **EVIL WANTS YOU TO SLIP**

# I PICTURED TEARS IN MY MOTHER'S EYES DURING COURT

#### WHILE MY FAMILY CRIED DURING SENTENCING

#### POOF

#### THERE GOES MY LIFE

# LITTLE CHANCE FOR A BEACH AND PARADISE

#### SINCE THE JUDGE GAVE ME 25 TO LIFE

#### NOW WHO HELPS WHO WHEN THE HELP WAS THE PROOF?

# NOW YOU FORCED TO LOOK AT LIFE THROUGH THE WARDEN'S VIEW

# AND ALL I REALLY HAD TO DO

#### WAS SIT BACK AND BE PATIENT

#### LOOK TO THE SKY GOD TOLD ME TO KEEP WAITING

#### LOOK AT THE PEOPLE AND KNOW YOU HAVE TO SAVE THEM

#### FROM VANITY, LABELS AND BIG CORPORATIONS.

# **HATERS**

#### WEED THEM OUT

## WHEREVER YOU GO WHATEVER YOU DO

#### THEY WILL BE THERE

LURKING, WATCHING, DOCUMENTING AND OBSERVING

#### WEED THEM OUT

THEY COME OUT WHEN RESOURCES ARE IN ABUNDANCE

WHERE THE CAMERAS AND ATTENTION COME

#### KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE THERE

KNOW THAT THEY WILL SMILE AT YOU BEGGING TO SHAKE YOUR HAND

WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MOCK YOU AND GOSSIP ABOUT YOU

AS THEY SCHEME AND PLEAD FOR YOUR DOWNFALL

KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE THERE

IN THE MORNING AND IN THE NIGHT

**DURING DINNER** AND **DURING BREAKFAST** 

IN THE WINTER AND IN THE SUMMER

# KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE THERE

FIRST TO CONGRATULATE AND LAST TO COLLABORATE

THEY WILL COME AS FRIENDS, FAMILY AND CO-WORKERS

#### WEED THEM OUT

WHEREVER YOU GO AND WHATEVER YOU DO THEY WILL BE THERE CREEPING, INSTIGATING, DECEIVING AND DISTORTING WEED THEM OUT...

# THEY COME OUT WHERE RESOURCES ARE IN ABUNDANCE

#### WHEN THE CAMERAS AND ATTENTION COME

## KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE THERE

KNOW THAT THEY WILL SMILE AT YOU AND BEG TO SHAKE YOUR HAND

# WHILE AT THE SAME TIME

MOCK YOU, SLANDER YOUR NAME AND PRAY FOR YOUR DOWNFALL

# KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE THERE

IN THE AFTERNOON AND IN THE EVENING

AT LUNCH AND AT BRUNCH

IN THE FALL AND IN THE SPRING

KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE THERE

LAST TO COLLABORATE AND FIRST TO CONGRATULATE

THEY COME AS FRIENDS, FAMILY AND CO-WORKERS

HATERS.

# **THE REALITY**

# EVERY STEP I TAKE TOWARD MY DEATH

IS ANOTHER TOWARD TO MY SUCCESS

AND SO I STEP

# THIS IS THE REALITY

THE REALITY IS THAT WHEN THEIR COMMUNITY SEES ME

THEY BECOME FRIGHTENED AND FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE

WHILE HOPING AND PRAYING FOR MY DETRIMENT

AND AT THE SAME TIME...

# WHEN MY COMMUNITY SEES ME THEY BECOME INSPIRED AND FEEL ENCOURAGED WHILE CHEERING FOR MY SUCCESS AND PROGRESS NOT BECAUSE THEY HAVE SEEN SOMEONE LIKE ME BUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYONE LIKE ME THIS IS THE REALITY THE REALITY IS THAT I AM NOT SUPPOSED TO EXIST A GLITCH IN THE MATRIX HE WHO WAS BORN A MAN OF THE HOUSE? IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY HE WHO BECAME A HUSBAND BEFORE BECOMING A FATHER? RAISING CHILDREN IN A LOVING COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP? HE WHO IS WITH ANOTHER THAT LOOKS LIKE HIM? THIS CAN'T BE THE REALITY

**OMARI!** 

FIND YOU A WHITE WOMAN IT WILL BE EASIER FOR YOU TRUST ME

SHE WILL BE MORE PROFESSIONALLY ADVANTAGEOUS

AND SHE WON'T STRESS YOU OUT AS MUCH OR EVEN TALK BACK AS OFTEN

SHE WILL MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER WITH HER CREDIT AND ACCESS TO LOANS

**COME ON THINK OF THE PERKS** 

**HOW ABOUT THIS?** 

TRY IT OUT AND SEE IF YOU

**BUT THEY DONT LOOK LIKE ME!...** 

# THE REALITY IS THAT THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION I WILL EVER MAKE IS TO MY COMMUNITY THE COMMITMENT TO THE GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT LOOKS LIKE ME IT IS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION WHO WATCHES ME AS AN EXAMPLE SHOWING BOYS HOW TO BE MEN AND HOW TO ACT AS SUCH TO PICK UP THEIR PANTS AND TO SPEAK WITH RESPECT TO THINK BEFORE ACTING, TO BE STABLE AND TO BE CONSISTENT AS WE BUILD UP OUR WOMEN AND OUR CHILDREN **TO BE LEADERS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY** I DO THIS WHILE MY WIFE SHOWS GIRLS HOW TO BE WOMEN TO CARRY THEMSELVES WITH DIGNITY, CONFIDENCE AND SELF-RESPECT WHILE PUTTING GOD FIRST TO BE PATIENT AND DISCIPLINED WITH LOVE UNTIL THEY ARE READY **READY TO BRING A CHILD INTO THIS WORLD READY TO CARE AND NURTURE THAT CHILD** EVEN WHEN EXHAUSTED AND DEPRESSED EVEN

#### WHEN LONELY AND HURTING

#### **BECAUSE THAT CHILD MUST NOW COME FIRST**

AND NEEDS LOVE, TIME AND ATTENTION

#### THIS IS THE REALITY

AND AS MY WIFE WEARS HER NATURAL HAIR I WEAR MINE...

#### WHILE MY CHILDREN WEAR THEIRS

#### AND THEY KNOW WITHOUT QUESTION OR HESITATION

# THAT IT IS BEAUTIFUL

# THE REALITY IS

#### THAT SOCIETY FEEDS OFF OF INSECURITIES

# IT FEEDS OFF OF THE FEELING OF CONSTANTLY

# ADDING AND CHANGING ONESELF TO FEEL LOVED AND APPRECIATED

## TO FEEL WORTHY TO FEEL WANTED

#### TO FEEL IMPORTANT TO FEEL SIGNIFICANT

# DON'T DO THAT OMARI!

#### THAT'S UNPROFESSIONAL AND INSENSITIVE

#### YOU ARE RISKING YOUR CAREER AND YOUR REPUTATION

#### AND FOR WHAT?

#### FOR PEOPLE THAT DON'T CARE ANYWAY?

# AND FIRST OF ALL

#### THEY ARE FREE TO WEAR

#### WHAT THEY WANT

#### WHEN THEY WANT

#### HOW THEY WANT AND IF THEY

#### BUT IF IT'S WRONG AND HAMPERING THE NEXT GENERATION'S FUTURE

#### WON'T YOU SPEAK?

#### FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

#### TO THEM WON'T YOU TEACH?...

## THIS IS THE REALITY

## IT'S THE SAME INTENTION FROM T.V. SHOWS DISPLAYING DYSFUNCTION

# **BUT CALLING IT LOVE**

#### **IT'S THE SAME INTENTION NORMALIZING INFIDELITY**

# **BUT CALLING THEMSELVES HOUSEWIVES**

# **TEACHING OUR YOUTH TO CHANGE THEIR EXTERNAL**

# **INSTEAD OF CHANGING THEIR INTERNAL**

THE EXTERNAL IS A MANIFESTATION OF THE INTERNAL AND VICE VERSA

#### THEY WATCH LOUD HALF NAKED WOMEN

# WEARING ARTIFICIAL BODY PARTS INTERACT WITH

# WEAK UNSTABLE MEN OF VANITY

#### THEY WATCH AS THE MEN

#### **DEGRADE, DISRESPECT AND MISTREAT THE HOUSEWIVES**

# SO WHAT ARE THEY PORTRAYING ABOUT BLACK HOUSEWIVES?

# THIS IS THE REALITY

#### THE REALITY IS

# THAT IT DEPICTS THE SAME INTENTION THAT CAUSED THE DYSFUNCTION

# WHICH CREATED THE CHILD WHO WATCHES IT

# **TEACHING THE CHILD**

# WHO IS LEARNING, MIMICKING AND IDOLIZING WHAT THEY SEE

#### MORE SO WHAT THEY HEAR

# AND THIS WAY THE CYCLE WILL ALWAYS CONTINUE

# THIS IS THE REALITY.

# THE 23<sup>RD</sup> CHROMOSOME

# THE WORLD IS SHOWING US IDEAS AND CONCEPTS

# MOST OF WHICH GOES AGAINST NATURE

# AND I FEEL THAT NOW IS THE TIME

THE TIME MORE THAN EVER TO BE IN TUNE WITH YOURSELF INTERNALLY

# THEY SAY YOU CAN BE WHATEVER YOU WANT

GIRL, BOY, MAN, WOMAN, SHARK, PLANE, EEL, ETC.

# **BUT FOR A PRICE**

THEY TALK PEOPLE INTO SPENDING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS

IN ORDER TO CHANGE SOMETHING THAT WILL NEVER BE CHANGED

# THE 23RD CHROMOSOME

PEOPLE ARE SPENDING THOUSANDS ON SURGERY AND PILLS

IN ORDER TO BE SOMETHING THEY WILL RARELY BE

# LOVED

**BEING LOVED STARTS AND ENDS WITHIN** 

# LOVE

IS TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND TO ADDRESS

# THE TRAUMA, HURT, AND PAIN

# LOVE

# IS TO ACCEPT WHAT YOU SEE

# THEN DECIDE TO DO BETTER ON A CONSISTENT BASIS

# **BECAUSE EVEN WITH ALL OF THAT SURGERY**

YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO CHANGE THE 23RD CHROMOSOME...

THEY WILL LIE TO YOU **SAYING IT WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY BECAUSE LYING IS PROFITABLE** THEY WILL DECEIVE YOU SAYING IT WILL MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE **BECAUSE DECEIT IS ADVANTAGEOUS** THEY WILL EVEN MANIPULATE YOU SAVING THIS CHANGE IS THE ANSWER TO ALL OF YOUR PROBLEMS **BECAUSE MANIPULATION IS LUCRATIVE** WHY NOT START WITHIN AND END WITHIN? WHY NOT LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND SAY I AM THE PROBLEM AND THE SOLUTION TO ALL OF MY ISSUES **BECAUSE IN THE END** YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO CHANGE THE 23<sup>RD</sup> CHROMOSOME. **SOMEONE HAS TO DOING THINGS THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE** NO ONE I KNOW HAS EVER SEEN BEFORE I HAVE TO DO IT

SOCIETY WANTS THINGS

WE FIEND FOR THINGS WE DON'T NEED

**EXPENSIVE CUISINES AND LIMOUSINES** 

WHILE GOING PLACES WE'VE NEVER SEEN...

# **INSPIRED BY MOVIE SCREENS**

#### SO WE LIVE FAST TRYING TO INCREASE THE SPEED OF SUCCESS

# WHILE WE UNDRESS TEMPTATIONS

# WHICH LEAVE US MOTIONLESS

# TRYING TO NUMB THE PAIN OF REGRET

# WHEN REALITY SHOWS AND

#### THE TOTALITY OF CIRCUMSTANCES REVEAL

#### THAT WE HAVE WHAT WE NEED

#### SHELTER, FOOD AND FAMILY

# STILL THAT SEEMS BLEAK WHEN WE SEE THE HYPE OF BUYING A YACHT

# **BUT THEN I STOP AS I REALIZE**

#### SOMEONE HAS TO.

# THE MIRROR

# **AS I LOOK IN THE MIRROR**

# WHO AM I?

# WHAT DO I STAND FOR?

#### OTHERS DIED FOR ME TO BE HERE AM I DOING THEIR DEATHS JUSTICE?

# **OR AM I WASTING TIME AND RESOURCES?**

# **AS I LOOK IN THE MIRROR**

# WHERE WILL I BE IN FIVE YEARS?

#### AND WHAT AM I DOING NOW TO GET THERE?

#### AM I UTILIZING TIME MANAGEMENT AND BEING EFFICIENT?

#### OR AM I WASTING TIME AND RESOURCES?...

**AS I LOOK IN THE MIRROR** WHAT IS MY HISTORY? WHERE DO I COME FROM? **MY LOVED ONES WHERE AM I LEADING THEM? TOWARD PROGRESSION OR TOWARD REGRESSION? BECAUSE THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND AS I LOOK IN THE MIRROR** I REALIZE THAT I AM DYING SO WHAT AM I LEAVING BEHIND? HOW WILL I BE REMEMBERED BY MY COMMUNITY? AND MOST IMPORTANTLY BY MY FAMILY? WHAT AM I INFLUENCING WHETHER PROGRESSIVE OR REGRESSIVE? **BECAUSE THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND AS I LOOK IN THE MIRROR** I REALIZE THAT I AM EGOTISTICAL AND PRIDEFUL WHILE FOCUSED AND DOWN TO EARTH I AM ACCOUNTABLE AND DISCIPLINED WHILE INCONSISTENT AND INSECURE

**AS I LOOK IN THE MIRROR** 

#### I REALIZE

THAT I AM JUDGEMENTAL AND LACK CONFIDENCE

WHILE EMPATHETIC AND UNWAVERING

I AM THE SEA TO THE MOUNTAIN...

AND THE MOUNTAIN TO THE SEA **AS I LOOK IN THE MIRROR** I DISCOVER THAT I AM EVERYTHING AND MEANINGFUL WHILE NOTHING AND MEANINGLESS THE MIRROR. **THE PORT IN THE STORM** THE PORT IN THE STORM MY HOW YOU'RE NEEDED THE PORT IN THE STORM I WONDER IF YOU EVER FEEL CONCEITED **KNOWING YOUR IMPORTANCE I AM SURE YOU HAVE AN EGO KNOWING YOUR NECESSITY I AM SURE YOU ARE PRIDEFUL** YET THE PORT IN THE STORM YOU ARE SO PRACTICAL AND SO DOWN TO EARTH **NEVER DRAWING TOO MUCH ATTENTION UNLESS NECESSARY** THE PORT IN THE STORM YOU ARE MEANINGLESS YET SO CONSISTENT AND RELIABLE YOU COME THROUGH WHEN PEOPLE NEED YOU THE MOST AND ACCEPT THAT LIVES DEPEND ON YOU DOING YOUR JOB ACCURATELY SO THANK YOU THE PORT IN STORM THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO BUT CURRENTLY THERE IS NO STORM SO WE WON'T BE NEEDED YOU ACTUALLY THE PORT IN THE STORM YOU ARE NOT IMPORTANT YOU ARE INSIGNIFICANT UNLESS THERE IS MAYHEM SO ONE COULD SAY THAT YOU ARE ONLY USEFUL...

AMIDST DESTRUCTION AND DYSFUNCTION SO THE PORT IN THE STORM LET ME ASK YOU WHEN THERE IS PEACE AND TRANOUILITY WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE? WHEN THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT IN THE SKY AND AS THE BIRDS CHIRP THEIR SWEET SONGS WHAT IS YOUR USE? I BET YOU HAVE SELF ESTEEM ISSUES AND FEEL NEGLECTED BECAUSE NO ONE NEEDS YOU AND NO ONE LOOKS FOR YOUR HELP WHAT'S FUNNY IS THAT NO ONE EVEN NOTICES YOU **I BET YOU LOOK FORWARD TO TUMULTUOUS SITUATIONS** SO YOU CAN FEEL IMPORTANT AND SO YOU CAN FEEL SIGNIFICANT **BECAUSE THEN PEOPLE WILL NEED YOU** SO THE PORT IN THE STORM I ASK YOU **HOW DO YOU DO IT?** HOW ARE YOU SO PEACEFUL IN YOUR ISOLATION? AND IN YOUR UNDISTURBED MOMENTS? YET SO ATTENTIVE AND DILIGENT WHEN CALLED UPON? HOW DO YOU RISE TO THE OCCASION ON A WHIM WHILE STAYING SO PREPARED AND DILIGENT? **HOW DO YOU REMAIN CONFIDENT** AND SURE FOOTED EVEN WHEN ALL OTHERS WAIVER? THE PORT IN THE STORM I HATE YOU...

# I DESPISE WHAT YOU STAND FOR

# YET AT THE SAME TIME I CHERISH YOU

#### AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEPENDABILITY

#### THE PORT IN THE STORM I PRAY YOU NEVER LEAVE

# WHILE AT THE SAME TIME I WANT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU

# AND WANT YOU TO CEASE TO EXIST

#### **PROMISE YOU WILL NEVER LEAVE ME**

## GET AWAY FROM ME AND NEVER COME BACK

#### **UNTIL I NEED YOU**

#### BUT

# I WILL ALWAYS NEED YOU WHILE NEVER NEEDING YOU

# THE PORT IN THE STORM.

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

# DON'T YOU DARE LET NOBODY SAY THEY WANT YOUR BODY

# **BECAUSE IT LOOKS GOOD**

# AND YOU FEEL SO ELATED BECAUSE SOMEONE HAS STATED

#### THAT THEY WANT YOU

AND YOU THINK YOUR SPECULATIONS ARE ONLY HESITATIONS

# **TO RESTRICT YOU**

# SO YOU TAKE A CHANCE IN A HURRY AND TRY NOT TO WORRY

# WHAT TO DO

# TALKING ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

## PEOPLE AND THE WAY WE THINK...

#### **BE CAREFUL CHANGES COME QUICK AS A BLINK**

# LOVE

# HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT IT'S TRUE?

#### WHEN THEY SAY TO YOU THAT MY LOVE IS STRONGER THAN GLUE?

# LOVE

# WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

#### IS IT WHEN THEY TRY TO GET IN BETWEEN

#### **OR WHEN THEY COME TO WATCH YOUR TEAM?**

#### LOVE

## **IS TIME WITHOUT RUSHING**

#### SUPPORT AND LOVE WITHOUT LUSTFULLY TOUCHING

# WHEN MOMENTS ARE ENORMOUS AND THE WORLD SEEMS SO DORMANT

#### INTENTIONS

#### WHAT ARE YOURS?

# BECAUSE EVEN FAMILY CAN BE A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD

#### SO ADORE AND LOVE EVERYTHING ABOUT YOURS

## **KEEP THE MIND AT HOME AND NOT ON WORLD TOURS**

#### LOVE

# IS STAYING TRUE AND WANTING MORE FOR THEM

#### THAN YOU WANT FOR YOU

#### LOVE

#### HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT IT'S TRUE?

#### WHEN THEY SAY TO YOU THAT MY LOVE IS ONLY FOR YOU?...

#### LOVE

#### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

# IS IT WHEN THEY BUY EXPENSIVE THINGS

#### **OR WHEN THEY SUPPORT YOUR DREAMS?**

# TALKING ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

# PEOPLE AND THE WAY WE THINK

#### **BE CAREFUL CHANGES COME QUICK AS A BLINK**

#### LOVE

#### HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT IT'S TRUE?

# WHEN THEY SAY TO YOU THAT MY LOVE IS LOCKED LIKE A ZOO?

#### LOVE

#### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

#### IS IT WHEN THEY WANT TO SEE ME

#### **OR WHEN THEY WANT TO SEE THE WHOLE FAMILY?**

#### SO YOU RUSHED INTO A RELATIONSHIP

#### AND NOTICED LOVED TURNED JUST LIKE A COIN FLIP

#### NOW YOU FEEL BAD BECAUSE YOU FEEL HAD BUT BE KIND

#### EVEN THOUGH WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND IS ANGER

#### **BECAUSE YOU FEEL THE SHAME ON YOUR NAME IS IMPORTANT**

#### REMEMBER

#### THAT THIS WORLD IS ENORMOUS

# LEARN FROM THE PAST THAT LOVE ISN'T FAST

#### LOVE IS SOMETHING MEANT TO LAST...

#### LOVE

#### HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT IT'S TRUE?

#### WHEN THEY SAY TO YOU THAT I NEED YOUR LOVE LIKE FOOD?

#### LOVE

#### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IS WHEN IT'S JUST YOU AND ME OR WHEN IT'S NOT YOU AND ME IT'S WE?

LOVE.

### **NO WEAK LINKS**

**IN THE CHAIN NO WEAK LINKS** SADDEST MOMENTS BECOME THE HAPPIEST **I WONDER** SINCE THE WORLD IS WASTE THEN WHAT'S THE PLUNGER? **GOD IS DEEMED A FACADE** BY THOSE WHO DODGE RIGHTEOUS ACTS AND ACT BACKWARDS WHAT DO YOU DO? WHEN PEOPLE WANT TO SPEAK THE RECIPROCAL OF TRUTH AND LET TEMPTATIONS JEOPARDIZE THE VIEW **OF OPTIMISM. POSITIVITY AND LOVE FOR YOU?** THINGS THAT HELP FIGHT EVIL OFF WHILE GETTING LOST IN A WORLD WHERE HELP AND LOVE COSTS **YOUNG ONES KEEP FOCUSED THEY WANT TO FAIL YOU** WATCH ACTIONS AND BE WEARY OF WHAT THEY TELL YOU **CAUSE PEOPLE BURN BRIDGES THEN BEG FOR A CANOE** BECAUSE THEY SEE THE THINGS THAT YOU ABOUT TO DO MAD AT YOUR SUCCESS WHEN YOU STAYED TRUE

AND LOOKED AT SUCCESS FROM A KEYHOLE'S VIEW...

NOW THEY WANT A FAVOR OR TWO WHEN THERE WERE SIMILAR CHANCES LOOK TO THE SKY AND ALWAYS STAY TRUE BECAUSE IT'S A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY COME FOR YOU TOO.

### **LONG-TERM DECISIONS**

FAME IS IT IMPORTANT? LUSTING FOR MODELS WHO SEEM GORGEOUS AND LIVING IN HOUSES THAT ARE ENORMOUS **I DON'T BLAME US WHY LIVE DORMANT? BAD HABITS WE ALL FACE I'M NOT PERFECT** I WON'T WAIT **I'M IMPATIENT I'M JUDGMENTAL** I DON'T LIKE RADIO **I'D RATHER LISTEN TO INSTRUMENTALS** I'M STILL FIGURING OUT WHAT TO DO WITH MY LIFE **DO I STAY WITH GOD OR CHASE DOLLARS AND FAST CARS?** SHOULD I LEAD THE WAY **OR LET THE OTHERS TAKE CHARGE?** ALL THE SAME WE ALL DIE **CHILL AND DIE OR DIE WHILE I TRY TO CAUSE CHANGE?** WHILE WORKING THIS SHIFT THINKING WHEN WILL ALL THIS CHANGE? **GOT ME THINKING** TIME TO GO SLANG UNTIL I THINK ABOUT **LONG-TERM DECISIONS.** 

**STEPS OF SUCCESS** 

**ONE STEP** 

**TWO STEPS** 

THREE STEPS

#### REACH

I WONDER MY GOD I WONDER

**IF WE SEE WHAT'S IMPORTANT** 

**RATHER SEEM WEIRD THAN LIVE DORMANT** 

**RATHER LIVE PRACTICAL THAN LIVE ENORMOUS** 

WHILE BLESSING THOSE WHO NEED IT

#### I MEAN

WHY BE NERVOUS BE READY? DEATH KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR BEATING STEADY PRAYING YOU ANSWER WHILE BREATHING HEAVY DEATH

I ANSWER WITH NO FEAR

FEAR ONLY WHEN GOD IS NEAR AND WHISPERS IN MY EAR THAT MY TIME IS HERE MY FAMILY DON'T SHED A TEAR KNOW THAT MY PURPOSE WAS CLEAR AND THAT THE DECISION FOR ME WAS WRITTEN TO GO BACK HOME NOW HAS ME HITTING THE STARS WITH ACCURACY AND PRECISION BECAUSE MY MISSION HAD ME GOLD FISHING ANY KINGS OR QUEENS? WE GOT HUNDREDS IN THIS CIRCLE KNOWING INTERNAL HATE WILL HURT YOU IT WILL LOCK YOU UP LIKE A STRICT CURFEW TEMPTATIONS... WANTING US TO DODGE RIGHTEOUS ACTS THAT TAKE US FAR WHILE WE CHASE FOREIGN CARS BIG HOMES FOUR CAR GARAGE GOLD, FASHION AND FAME BE YOU KEEP INTENTIONS TRUE AND KNOW THAT ONLY GOD WILL STEER YOU THROUGH THE STEPS OF SUCCESS.

### THE PLAN

WALK STRAIGHT AND LIVE YOUR LIFE **BE DEDICATED AND LOVE PERSISTENTLY KNOW THAT THINGS GO AS PLANNED NO EXCUSES ONLY ACTION** LOOK TOWARD THE HEAVENS ABOVE **ONLY IN GOD I TRUST** YET MY DEMONS TRY TO LOVE AND TEMPT ME TO BUST, RIDE AND STEAL FOR A FASTER MEAL THAN WHAT GOD IS COOKING **BUT STAND TOUGH AND TRUST KNOWING ONE POWER WANTS YOU TO SUCCEED** AND THE OTHER WANTS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR PRIDE AND GREED DON'T FEEL LOST LOOK UP AND PRAY EVERYDAY GOD WANTS YOU THIS WAY WHILE EVIL WANTS YOU TO LOSE FOCUS AND STRAY **IF YOU FEEL LOST LOOK UP** THAT'S WHERE WE ARE HEADED **MOVING FORWARD WITH PRAYER YOU WON'T REGRET IT** AS LONG AS YOU FOLLOW THROUGH ON THE PLAN.

## **FEELINGS**

#### **HOW I FEEL?**

#### I FEEL OVERWHELMED AND DISORGANIZED

#### **BUT I AM NOT**

I FEEL LIKE I AM PATIENT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MOVING TOO FAST

#### I FEEL LIKE I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE

WHILE GOING PLACES I'VE NEVER BEEN

#### **DOING THINGS I'VE NEVER DONE**

DON'T FEEL TOO MUCH AND DON'T FEEL TOO LITTLE

#### **KEEP DOING THE SAME THINGS BETTER**

#### WHILE DOING A PLETHORA OF DIFFERENT THINGS

#### I FEEL LIKE I AM NOT SURE HOW TO FEEL

#### I FEEL THAT I NEED TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP WORK, PLAN AND SCHEME

#### AND TO KEEP DOCUMENTING HOW I FEEL

#### **MY FEELINGS.**

### **THE BIRTH OF A MAN**

#### I SEE HER

#### I SEE HOW HARD DAMALI WORKS AND HOW SHE CLOCKS A DOUBLE SHIFT

#### YET

#### STILL HAS THE ENERGY TO COME HOME AND CARE FOR US

#### I SEE HOW SHE PLANS

#### I HEAR THE PENNIES BOUNCING IN HER ROOM

#### SO I STAY AWAY GIVING HER SPACE...

#### **I SEE HOW SHE SCHEMES**

#### I SEE IT ALL

#### I SEE HOW SHE IS MISTREATED AND HOW SHE IS BELITTLED

#### I SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BOY AND A MAN

#### I SEE HOW THE WORLD INTERACTS WITH HER WHEN A MAN IS AROUND

#### WHEN KALA IS AROUND THEY ARE KIND AND CARING

#### THEY SHOW HER RESPECT AND ATTENTIVENESS

#### BUT WHEN A BOY IS AROUND THEY DEMEAN AND DISREGARDS HER

#### WHEN I AM THERE THEY NEGLECT HER WHILE BERATING HER

#### SO FOR YOU I WILL BE A MAN

#### I SEE IT ALL

#### I SEE HOW LONELY SHE IS AND I SEE HOW MUCH SHE IS HURTING

#### I SEE HOW SHE COPES WITH IT

#### I SEE THE LOOK ON THEIR FACES AS THEY SEEK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

#### **BUT THERE IS NO MAN AROUND**

#### IF ONLY A MAN WAS HERE

#### IF ONLY HE WAS HERE TO STOP THEM

#### IF ONLY HE WAS HERE TO KEEP THINGS UNDER CONTROL

#### I LOOK AT MY BROTHER BUT NKOSI LOOKS TO ME

#### I ASK HIM

#### WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TO STOP THEM?

#### BUT HE LOOKS TO ME FOR THE ANSWER

#### AND AT THAT MOMENT I ASK MYSELF

#### WHAT AM I GOING TO DO TO STOP THEM?...

# AND MY ANSWER COMES ABRUPTLY AND FORCEFULLY FOR HER I AM GOING TO DIE AND FOR HER I AM GOING TO KILL THERE ARE NO OPTIONS AND THERE IS NO FLEXIBILITY THERE IS NO COMPROMISE AND THERE IS NO AGREEMENT THERE IS NO DOUBT AND THERE IS NO HESITATION THERE IS ONLY INITIATIVE AND THERE IS ONLY ACTION THERE IS ONLY FORCE AND THERE IS ONLY VIOLENCE THERE IS ONLY DEDICATION AND THERE IS ONLY COMMITMENT THERE IS ONLY ACCOUNTABILITY AND THERE IS ONLY RESPONSIBILITY AND I MADE THEM STOP

AS I BECAME WHAT I NEEDED THE MOST

THE BIRTH OF A MAN.

### **BY DESIGN**

#### I WAS A FATHER AFTER BEING A HUSBAND BY DESIGN

BECAUSE I REFUSED TO GIVE MY CHILD THE SAME THOUGHTS I THOUGHT

#### **BY DESIGN**

AND REFUSED TO PUT ANOTHER WOMAN THROUGH THE THINGS

#### I SAW MY MOTHER GO THROUGH

#### **BY DESIGN**

OUR FAMILY TREE HAS PLENTY KIDS BUT FEW FATHERS

#### THERE ARE PLENTY MALES BUT FEW MEN

#### THERE ARE PLENTY BABY SHOWERS AND MOTHERS

**BUT FEW WEDDINGS AND WIVES** 

#### **BY DESIGN...**

# SO WE MADE IT HAPPEN WITH FAITH AND CONSISTENT ACTION AND AS IT MANIFESTED WE BROKE THE GENERATIONAL TREND AS IT MANIFESTED WE SHATTERED THE CULTURE NORM BOTH OF WHICH WERE PASSED DOWN FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

#### **BY DESIGN**

#### WE OVERWROTE THE DYSFUNCTION PORTRAYED IN THE MEDIA

WE DISASSEMBLED THE THOUGHTS AND BEHAVIORS INDOCTRINATED IN US

#### **BY OUTSIDE COMMUNITIES**

**BY DESIGN** 

#### **BUT ME?**

#### AND MY FAMILY?

#### IT WAS BY DESIGN.

### THE LIGHT OF DARKNESS

# IN LIFE IT SEEMS THAT WHEN WE ARE SUFFERING THE MOST WHEN OUR RESOURCES ARE DWINDLING AND WHEN WE CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE ANSWERS WE PUSH THROUGH AND ENDURE WE SOMEHOW FIND THAT STRENGTH TO PERSEVERE TO SUBJUGATE ADVERSITY AND TURMOIL NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES NO MATTER THE OBSTACLES AND AS WE BECOME SHROUDED IN THE DARKNESS AND FEEL PETRIFIED AND UNSURE WE WITNESS THEM COMING WE WITNESS THE CLAWS OF THE SHADOWS SURROUNDING US AND AS THEY INCH CLOSER & CLOSER...

WE REALIZE THAT IF THEY POSSESS US IT COULD BE THE END YET THEY GET CLOSER AND CLOSER AND AS WE BECOME MORE AND MORE ENGULFED IN THE DARKNESS OUR FAITH IN THE LIGHT GROWS STRONGER AND STRONGER INTERNALLY WE KNOW THAT IF WE ARE TO SAVE OURSELVES SOMETHING MUST CHANGE BECAUSE THE ENDING OF ONE PATH BECOMES THE BEGINNING OF ANOTHER AND AS WE LOOK TO THE HIGHER POWER FOR GUIDANCE, LOVE AND SUPPORT WE SEE THE LIGHT OF DARKNESS.

### **BELIEVE**

**BELIEVE AND YOU SHALL ACHIEVE** 

DO YOU BELIEVE? OR ARE YOU BLIND AND CAN'T SEE? MAYBE THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO SEE NO BLINDERS OR PRECONCEPTIONS NO DISTRACTIONS OR DELUSIONS NO EXCUSES OR JUSTIFICATIONS JUST THE ENERGY TO BELIEVE WILL YOU FOLD? WILL YOU FEEL RESENTFUL WHEN THEY DON'T ANSWER? OR FEEL ASHAMED WHEN THEY DON'T RESPOND?

MAYBE YOU WILL BE PRIDEFUL AND CUT THEM OFF?...

**BUT WILL YOU GIVE THEM TIME AND BELIEVE? BELIEVE AND YOU SHALL ACHIEVE** THEY WILL HATE AND THEY WILL DEBATE AND THEY WILL EVEN CONGRATULATE EACH OTHER WHEN YOU FAIL **KNOW WHO YOU ARE MEANT TO BE AND BELIEVE BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON** AND THAT SOMETIMES IT'S NOT OUR JOB TO UNDERSTAND **SO WILL YOU CONTINUE TO BELIEVE?** THAT YOU ARE EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE? LOOK IN THE MIRROR WHAT DO YOU SEE? **DO YOU BELIEVE? I BELIEVE WITHOUT QUESTION** I BELIEVE THAT IF I BELIEVE THEN I WILL SUCCEED

AND SO

I BELIEVE.

### **THE REFLECTION OF FATE**

WHO ARE YOU?

WHAT IS YOUR PURPOSE?

WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR WHAT DO YOU SEE?

THE TRAVELER IN THIS STORY

STOPS BY THE RIVER WHILE ON THEIR JOURNEY...

# AND AS THE MOON REVEALS THEIR REFLECTION THEY GLIMPSE UPON THEIR WORTH THROUGH THE EYES OF HEAVEN THE MOON SYMBOLIZES DIVINE INTERVENTION WHICH LIGHTS THE TRAVELER'S PATH WHILE GUIDING THEM THROUGH DARKNESS AND UNCERTAINTY THE WATER SYMBOLIZES THE NOURISHMENT AND BLESSINGS **BESTOWED ONTO THEM FROM THE HIGHER POWER** SO TO YOU THE TRAVELER REALIZE THAT EVERYTHING YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH AND EVERYTHING THAT YOU WILL GO THROUGH HAPPENS NOT BY ACCIDENT BECAUSE THERE ARE NO ACCIDENTS LOOK AT YOURSELF WITH CONFIDENCE AND LOVE WHILE WITNESSING THE REFLECTION OF FATE. RESERVATIONS WAIT

WAII

**IS WHAT THEY SAY TO ME** 

WAIT DON'T GO

**BUT BEFORE YOU LEAVE** 

LET ME SHOW YOU THIS VIDEO

AND TEXT MESSAGES PROVING TO YOU THAT I GOT THOSE

I HAVE TO GO

SUCCESS IS CALLING MY PHONE

BEATING AT MY DOOR THAT OMARI IT'S TIME TO GO...

WAIT A COUPLE OF SECONDS? THAT'S ALL I ASK LOOK AT THIS VIDEO OF THESE CARS AND CASH ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU DON'T LEAVE I LOVE YOU MAN I REALLY DO BUT THERE'S SOME THINGS THAT I HAVE TO PURSUE SOME DETRIMENTAL THINGS THAT I HAVE TO DO I HAVE TO LEAVE MAN WAIT! WHERE WILL YOU GO? IT'S A BIG WORLD YOU KNOW

HOW WILL YOU MAKE IT ON YOUR OWN?

HOW WILL YOU STAY WARM IN THE COLD?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEAVE

YOU ARE SELFISH FOR LEAVING YOUR FAMILY

WHAT ABOUT US?

WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO EAT?

WELL SINCE YOU'RE GOING TO FALL LIKE AN AUTUMN LEAF

JUST GO

**BUT BEFORE YOU GO PLEASE STAY** 

DON'T LEAVE

**RESERVATIONS.** 

## <u>YOU</u>

#### **YOU YES YOU**

IT'S TIME TO SHOW THE PEOPLE YOU IT'S TIME TO OPEN UP AND LET THE PEOPLE IN IT'S TIME TO BE DOCUMENTED ON CAMERA TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT YOU AREN'T READY IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT YOU DON'T LIKE THE ATTENTION AND IN REALITY IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT YOU WANT UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR ENERGY AND SWAG IS UNMATCHED THAT YOUR PURPOSE AND DRIVE IS CONTAGIOUS AND THAT YOUR SPIRIT AND STABILITY IS UNWAVERING YOU YES YOU IT'S TIME TO SHOW THE PEOPLE

YOU.

### THE BLUE-EYED DOLL

MY CHILDREN SAY THIS ONE

**BUT I MUST TELL THEM NO** 

**TODAY THEY WON'T UNDERSTAND BUT IF THEY DID** 

#### I WOULD SAY

PRIORITIZE YOU AND THOSE WHO LOOK LIKE YOU

FIND YOU A DOLL THAT RESEMBLES YOU AND CLING TO IT

KNOW THAT IT IS THE PUREST FORM OF BEAUTY FOR YOU...

# **BECAUSE YOU WILL SEE MILLIONS OF BLUE-EYED DOLLS** MILLIONS OF PALE SKIN BLONDE HAIR DOLLS AND MILLIONS OF OTHER DOLLS THAT LOOK LIKE OTHER PEOPLE AND THAT IS OK **IT'S OK THE BE AROUND PEOPLE WHO LOOK DIFFERENTLY THAN YOU** BUT WHAT'S NOT OK IS THAT YOU WILL ALSO SEE MILLIONS OF DISFIGURED AND DERANGED DARK SKIN DOLLS AND A MILLION MORE DOLLS THAT LOOK LIKE THE BLUE-EYED DOLL BUT ONLY WITH DARKER SKIN FEW DOLLS WILL POSITIVELY REINFORCE YOUR VISION OF BEAUTY FEW DOLLS WILL SHOW YOU YOUR NATURAL HAIR AND SKIN AND YOUR NATURAL BODY SHAPE FEW DOLLS WILL GIVE YOU A HEALTHY EXAMPLE **OF WHAT IT MEANS TO LOVE YOURSELF UNCONDITIONALLY** MOST DOLLS THAT LOOK LIKE YOU WILL SHOW YOU DYSFUNCTION AND DEBILITATION WHILE TEACHING YOU THAT BEAUTY IS EVERYTHING BUT YOU AND WHEN YOU GET TIRED OF LOOKING AT SO MANY OF THOSE DOLLS WHICH ARE INTENTIONALLY CREATED TO BE UNSIGHTLY THAT BLUE EYED DOLL WILL BE THERE WAITING WAITING TO SHOW YOU WHAT BEAUTY SHOULD BE WAITING TO SHOW YOU WHAT YOU AREN'T THAT BLUE EYE DOLL WILL TEACH YOU...

THAT YOUR NATURAL HAIR SHOULD BE STRAIGHTENED AND PRESSED THAT BLUE EYED DOLL WILL TEACH YOU THAT YOUR BROWN EYES SHOULD BE BLUE OR AT THE WORST GREEN THAT BLUE EYED DOLL WILL TEACH YOU THAT YOUR SKIN IS TOO DARK AND NEEDS TO BE LIGHTER THAT BLUE EYED DOLL WILL TEACH YOU THAT THE SHAPE OF YOUR BODY IS SOMETHING TO BE ASHAMED OF THAT BLUE EYED DOLL WILL TEACH YOU THAT BEAUTY IS EVERYTHING **BUT WHAT GOD HAS BLESSED YOU WITH** THAT BLUE EYED DOLL WILL TEACH YOU THAT HER MATE SHOULD BE YOUR MATE AND AS YOU GET OLDER SOCIETY WILL DO IT'S BEST TO CONFIRM AND REINFORCE THE TEACHINGS OF THE BLUE-EYED DOLL IN THE MEDIA AND ON BILLBOARDS IN PICTURES AND IN MOVIES THAT BLUE EYED DOLL WILL BE THERE TO REMIND YOU TO REMIND YOU OF WHAT YOU LEARNED AT THIS AGE AND WITHOUT REALIZING IT YOU WILL BEGIN TO PRESS YOUR HAIR **OR WEAR WEAVE FOR IT TO BE STRAIGHT** YOU WILL WEAR CONTACTS **OR GET SURGERY FOR YOUR EYES TO APPEAR BLUE** YOU EVEN WILL GET YOUR SKIN BLEACHED **OR APPLY SYNTHETIC CREAMS FOR IT TO APPEAR LIGHTER** ALL TO LOOK LIKE THAT BLUE EYED DOLL...

#### SO NO MY CHILDREN PUT THAT DOLL BACK

#### I DON'T MIND IF YOU PLAY WITH IT FROM TIME TO TIME

BECAUSE I FEEL THAT THE BLUE-EYED DOLL DESERVES RESPECT

#### JUST LIKE ANY OTHER DOLL BUT NO

#### I WILL NOT BUY IT

#### I WILL NOT ALLOW IT IN MY HOUSE

#### AND I WILL NOT ALLOW IT TO POLLUTE YOUR MIND IN ANY WAY

BECAUSE ONE DAY YOU WILL UNDERSTAND AND REALIZE

#### **THE POWER OF**

#### THE BLUE-EYED DOLL.

### THE DIFFERENCE

## IN OUR COMMUNITY WE HAVE TWO TYPES OF POLITICAL REPRESENTATION THE PARASITE AND THE LEADER WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PARASITE AND THE LEADER?

A PARASITE IS ONE WHO TAKES TO THEIR ADVANTAGE

#### BUT TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

A LEADER IS ONE WHO GIVES FOR THE ADVANTAGE OF THE COMMUNITY

BUT MOST TIMES TO THE DETRIMENT OF THEMSELVES

A PARASITE PROVIDES LITTLE WHILE DEMANDING MUCH

WHILE GETTING AMPLE LOVE, SUPPORT AND RESOURCES

A LEADER PROVIDES MUCH WHILE DEMANDING LITTLE

WHILE GETTING AMPLE SCRUTINY, HATE AND SLANDER

A PARASITE MISLEADS AND DECEIVES...

THEY ABUSE AND NEGLECT CAUSING TRAUMA **A LEADER GUIDES AND UPLIFTS** THEY LOVE AND SUPPORT CAUSING MEMORIES **A PARASITE TALKS** WHILE THEIR ACTIONS EXPOSES THEIR INTENTIONS A LEADER WALKS WHILE THEIR ACTIONS REVEAL THEIR INTENTIONS A PARASITE SAYS IT'S NOT MY FAULT THEY CONSISTENTLY DEFLECT BLAME ON OTHERS WHILE A LEADER SAYS I HAVE TO DO BETTER AND CONSISTENTLY TAKES RESPONSIBILITY A PARASITE DESTROYS AND MANIPULATES THEIR COMMUNITY FOR THEIR PERSONAL GAIN A LEADER BUILDS AND ORGANIZES THEIR COMMUNITY FOR THEIR PERSONAL LOSS A PARASITE AND A LEADER CAN BE THE SAME AGE THEY CAN EVEN LOOK IDENTICAL **TURN ON THE T.V. YOU WILL SEE AMPLE PARASITES** SOME ARE HALF NAKED DANCING IN VIDEOS SOME ARE DISPLAYING EXPENSIVE LIFESTYLES AND SOME EVEN TEACH YOU DESTRUCTIVE WAYS TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS AS THE SAME ACTIONS LEAD YOU TO YOUR DETRIMENT SOME ARE EVEN COLLEGE EDUCATED AND WEAR A SUIT AND TIE...

ALL WHILE ADVOCATING DYSFUNCTION AND VANITY THE LEADER WILL RARELY BE SEEN OR SUPPORTED BECAUSE THEY WILL EVENTUALLY STOP THE SYSTEM THE SYSTEM WHICH SPONSORS AND ENDORSES THE PARASITE AND IF THE LEADER IS SEEN IT IS MOST LIKELY A CHARACTER ASSASSINATION TACTIC **USED TO PERSUADE THE MASSES** INTO THINKING THAT THE LEADER ISN'T HELPING THEM WHATSOEVER **BUT THEN WE ASK THEM** WHAT IS THE PARASITE DOING FOR OUR SYSTEMATIC PROGRESSION? WE WILL BE BACK AFTER A SHORT COMMERCIAL BREAK MOST PEOPLE WILL NOT WANT TO SUPPORT OR LISTEN TO THE LEADER AND MOST DON'T CARE ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BUT THE DIFFERENCE IS INTERNAL AND THE RESULT IS EXTERNAL THE DIFFERENCE IS PROGRESSION VS REGRESSION THE DIFFERENCE IS SUCCESS VS FAILURE THE DIFFERENCE IS LOVE VS HATE THE DIFFERENCE IS A STABLE FAMILY VS SINGLE PARENTING THE DIFFERENCE IS CONSTRUCTION VS DESTRUCTION **SO AFTER LEARNING THE DIFFERENCE WHICH ARE YOU?** AND WHICH WILL YOU SUPPORT? THE PARASITE OR THE LEADER? FROM NOW ON JUST DON'T PRETEND THAT YOU DON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE.

## **TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE**

IT MUST BE A FACADE BECAUSE THERE IS NO WAY THERE IS NO WAY YOU LIVE THE LIFE YOU PORTRAY HOW DID YOU MANIFEST IT WHILE DODGING YOUR FATE? **IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE** YOU AREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE THIS WAY YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD OR IN JAIL WITH YOUR FAMILY LIVING IN PERPETUAL DYSFUNCTION IS WHAT THEY THINK YET THEY WON'T SAY **BECAUSE THEY KNOW BETTER IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE** THEY ARE UPSET THAT I AM AMAZING THAT I MAKE SUPERB DECISIONS INSTEAD OF ATROCIOUS MISTAKES **IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE** ENVIOUS OF MY MATURITY AND ENVIOUS OF MY SOLIDARITY **BOTH OF WHICH I EXUDE DAILY** 

THEY HATE THAT I STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE

**IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE** 

**TWO DEGREES?** 

NO WAY

THREE KIDS AND A WIFE WHO LOOKS LIKE HIM?

NO WAY

**BECOMING A HUSBAND BEFORE BECOMING A FATHER?...** 

#### **NO WAY**

#### **IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE**

#### **COMMITTED TOWARD BUILDING UP HIS COMMUNITY**

#### **INSTEAD OF FEEDING ON IT FOR NOURISHMENT**

#### LIKE A PARASITE OR A VULTURE

#### **NO WAY**

#### **IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE**

#### **A CRIMINAL LAW FIRM?**

#### **A NON-PROFIT?**

#### A PODCAST AND AN ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY?

#### WHY DO YOU OWN SO MANY BUSINESSES ANYWAY?

#### **IT'S NOT LIKE THEY WILL SUCCEED**

#### **IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE**

#### THERE IS NO WAY HE IS THIS RELIABLE

#### THIS CONSISTENT AND THIS DEPENDABLE

#### **IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE**

#### THEY ARE UPSET

#### **UPSET THAT I AM ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL**

#### BOTH INTELLECTUALLY AND SPIRITUALLY

#### **IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE**

#### HOW I DON'T WANT OR NEED THEIR CONFIRMATION

#### AS THEY DESPERATELY SEEK MINE

#### **IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...**

HOW I DON'T WANT THEIR LOVE OR THEIR HATE HOW I DON'T WANT THEIR COMPLIMENTS OR THEIR CRITICISMS HOW I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK TO OR INTERACT WITH HOW I CONSISTENTLY STAY OUIET LETTING MY WORK SPEAK FOR ITSELF AS THE CAMERA RECORDS AND TELLS THE STORY **IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE** SO THEY KNOCK ME AND THROW SLICK JABS **IF I REACT THEY WILL PRESS CHARGES** THEY WILL CALL ME UNPROFESSIONAL AND THREATENING THEY WILL EXPLAIN HOW THEY FELT INTIMIDATED AND THAT MY ACTIONS WERE UNWARRANTED **IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE** THEY WILL EXPLAIN HOW THEY WERE THE VICTIMS OF MY VISCOUS ATTACK AND THAT I AM A PREDATOR A DERANGED ANIMAL LACKING DISCIPLINE AND INTEGRITY **BUT WAIT I ASK MYSELF** WHY? **BECAUSE THEY FEEL OVERWHELMED BY YOU** THE WAY YOU SPEAK THE WAY YOU DRESS THE WAY YOU WALK

AND YOUR DOMINEERING PRESENCE...

#### **IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE**

YOU SHOULD CHANGE IT AND DO IT THIS WAY YOU SHOULD BE MORE OPEN AND BE MORE VOCAL

#### WHEN I AM VOCAL THEY SAY

#### I DON'T LIKE THAT AND I DON'T LIKE THIS

#### THE WORK I PRESENT THEY QUICKLY DISMISS

SO I ASK

WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE?

THEY ANSWER

I DON'T KNOW

WHY ARE YOU QUESTIONING ME?

YOU ARE MAKING ME FEEL PRESSURED AND UNCOMFORTABLE

THE ONLY IDEAS THEY HAVE ARE THINGS THAT I SHOULD CHANGE

INSTEAD OF PROVIDING ORIGINAL THOUGHTS ABOUT PROGRESS

ALL THEY HAVE IS REGURGITATED POLITICALLY CORRECT STATEMENTS

THEIR FOCUS IS ON TEARING ME DOWN

**INSTEAD OF BUILDING ALL OF US UP** 

**IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE** 

THEIR FOCUS IS WHY IT WON'T WORK

**INSTEAD OF WHAT WILL MAKE IT WORK** 

THEIR FOCUS IS ON HOW AND WHO INSTEAD OF WHAT AND WHY

**ALL BECAUSE** 

**IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...** 

#### **AND I ACCEPT IT**

# SOCIETY AND THE MEDIA HAS PROGRAMMED US THEY HAVE PROGRAMED US TO THINK CERTAIN WAYS TO ASSUME INSTEAD OF INQUIRE TO BE PESSIMISTIC INSTEAD OF OPTIMISTIC TO BE HATEFUL AND JUDGEMENTAL INSTEAD OF UNDERSTANDING AND EMPATHETIC SO MAYBE JUST MAYBE THEY ARE RIGHT MAYBE I AM TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE. AIYANNA~BASHIRI~ISRAEL UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL

#### THE WORLD SEES YOU AND THEY SEEK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

#### WHAT WILL STOP THEM?

INTEGRITY, SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE, DIGNITY, SELF-RESPECT & FAITH

#### THEY WILL WANT YOU TO DEGRADE YOURSELF

THEY WILL EVEN GIVE YOU ATTENTION AND RESOURCES FOR DOING SO

THEN CAST YOU ASIDE AND MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PERSON

YOUR MOTHER AND I PLANNED FOR YOU

WE CAME TOGETHER

AND TOLD EACH OTHER THAT WE WOULD BREAK THEM

THAT WE WOULD BREAK

THE GENERATIONAL TRENDS AND CULTURE NORMS...

# THAT OUTSIDE COMMUNITIES HAVE INSTILLED IN US TO HATE OUR MEN AND TO DEGRADE OUR WOMEN TO SABOTAGE OUR YOUTH WHILE LIVING IN DENIAL THEY SEEK TO SEPARATE THE MALE USING HIM FOR PRIVATE LABOR THEY SEEK TO MAKE THE WOMAN ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT **BUT ONLY ENOUGH TO NOT NEED THE MALE MY GOAL IS FOR YOU TO STRIVE TO BETTER THAN US** AND WHEN THAT BECOMES TRUE YOUR MOTHER AND I WILL HAVE SUCCEEDED **ALL WE WANT FOR YOU** IS TO FOLLOW OUR LEAD AND TO DO BETTER THE WORLD WANTS TO TEACH YOU THAT **BEING A MAN OR A WOMAN IS OVERRATED AND UNNECESSARY** AND THAT A MAN IS SUPPOSED TO DESTROY HIMSELF FOR VANITY AND PRIDE AND THAT A WOMAN IS SUPPOSED TO FREQUENTLY OPEN AND EXPOSE HERSELF FOR RESOURCES **THOSE ARE LIES** YOUR PEERS WILL ENVY YOU FOR YOUR TRADITIONAL VALUES EVEN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY AT TIMES WILL RESENT YOU THEY WILL RESENT YOU FOR YOUR STRENGTH AND CONSISTENCY **BUT MY CHILDREN A FAMILY IS IMPERATIVE** A MAN REPRESENTS STABILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY...

HIS JOB IS TO KEEP HIS FAMILY SAFE, ORGANIZED AND SECURE A WOMAN REPRESENTS LOVE AND PROGRESS HER JOB IS TO KEEP HER FAMILY LOVED, SAFE AND HEALTHY THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE, ARE DOING AND WILL DO JUST CONTINUE TO BE YOURSELF AND TO STAY TRUE TO YOU REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU GO THROUGH REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOU GO THROUGH REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEY SAY JUST DON'T LET UP AND CONTINUE TO PROGRESS EVEN WHEN IT SEEMS BLEAK AND UNREALISTIC JUST CONTINUE TO PUSH AND REMEMBER THAT PEOPLE DIED FOR US TO BE HERE SO IF IT'S TRULY IMPORTANT TO YOU DIE FOR IT AIYANNA~BASHIRI~ISRAEL.

### **SHARIFA**

I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION THAT YOU HAVE BEEN PUT IN YOU ARE ATTACHED TO THE VERY THING SOCIETY DESPISES THE MOST A MAN IN SOCIETY A MAN HAS ONLY CAUSED PAIN AND SUFFERING HE HAS ONLY CAUSED NEGLECT AND TRAUMA HE HAS ONLY CAUSED PAIN AND BETRAYAL DUE TO HIS ACTIONS THE WOMEN HAVE HAD TO TAKE ON HIS ROLE FOR GENERATIONS THEY HAVE TAKEN CARE OF EVERYTHING AND I UNDERSTAND...

# I UNDERSTAND THAT A CULTURE HAS BEEN CREATED THE CULTURE'S PURPOSE IS TO KEEP US SEPERATED BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT MAKES OTHER PEOPLE FEEL COMFORTABLE THAT IS WHAT MAKES OTHER PEOPLE FEEL SAFE AND SECURE AND I UNDERSTAND I UNDERSTAND THAT I CAUSE A RIFT IN YOUR FAMILY I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY DO NOT WANT ME TO EXIST OR TO EVEN BE PRESENT I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE INTIMIDATED BY MY ENERGY AND BY MY PASSION I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WANT ME TO BE SUBSERVIENT AND TO FALL IN LINE LIKE ALL OF THE OTHER MALES IN THE FAMILY TO EVEN SEEK REFUGE AND CLING TO THEM FOR SAFETY AND SUPPORT I UNDERSTAND THAT OUR FAMILY TREE STRAYS AWAY FROM WHAT THEY ARE USED TO WE HAVE A STABLE, PROVIDING, DISCIPLINED, AND LOVING MAN WHO CAUSES MEMORIES INSTEAD OF TRAUMA WHO IS COMMITTED TO BOTH HIS FAMILY AND TO HIS COMMUNITY WHO IS DEPENDABLE AND RESPONSIBLE I UNDERSTAND I THANK YOU FOR BEING MY WIFE AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR STRENGTH AND UNDERSTANDING YOU STAY COMMITTED TO ME WHILE SUPPORTIVE OF THEM...

# **EVEN AFTER THE MANY INCIDENTS AND MANY THREATS EVEN AFTER MY BANISHMENT FROM THEIR FAMILY GATHERINGS** YOU STILL CARE FOR THEM AND HELP THEM AND FOR THAT I ADMIRE YOU I ADMIRE HOW YOU STAY SO GRACEFUL AS YOU KNOW THEY SEEK TO SABOTAGE OUR UNITY THEY BRING GOSSIP TO YOU IN THE GUISE OF KEEPING YOU INFORMED THEY SLANDER MY NAME IN THE GUISE OF CARING FOR YOU THEY EVEN TRY TO HOLD YOU BACK IN THE GUISE OF KEEPING YOU SAFE THE MOST DISAPPOINTING THING FOR ME IS HOW THEY ENVY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN **CHOSEN TO DO MORE CHOSEN TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND I ADMIRE YOU** I ADMIRE YOU FOR YOUR STRENGTH AND YOUR FLEXIBILITY AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THESE BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN US FOR BELIEVING IN SOMETHING **NEITHER ONE OF US HAS EVER SEEN** FOR BELIEVING IN SOMETHING **NEITHER ONE OF US HAS EVER EXPERIENCED** A STABLE FAMILY TO MY WIFE, TO MY QUEEN AND TO THE MOTHER OF MY CHILDREN SHARIFA.

## SUPPLY AND DEMAND

**EVERYONE DEMANDS IT BUT NO ONE CAN SUPPLY IT** THEY CAN ONLY HELP YOU ACQUIRE MORE BUT THE RISK IS LOSING WHAT LITTLE YOU HAVE LEFT **BECAUSE THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES** THE YOUNG THINK THEY HAVE PLENTY AND THE OLD THINK THEY HAVE LITTLE **BUT THE MORE YOU HAVE MEANS THE LESS YOU HAVE BECAUSE NOW THERE IS ANXIETY BECAUSE NOW** YOU ARE DESPERATELY SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO ACQUIRE MORE YOU ARE AT WAR INTERNALLY KNOWING THAT THE AMOUNT YOU HAVE WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH YET THE LESS YOU HAVE MEANS THE MORE YOU HAVE **BECAUSE NOW THERE IS NO WORRY BECAUSE NOW** YOU AREN'T FRANTICALLY SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO ACQUIRE MORE YOU ARE AT PEACE KNOWING THAT THE AMOUNT YOU HAVE WILL HAVE TO SUFFICE THEN WE REALIZE THE TRUTH THE AMOUNT OF TIME WE HAVE IS ALWAYS MORE THAN SOMEONE ELSE WHILE ALWAYS LESS THAN SOMEONE ELSE SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

## **FLOWERS**

#### BUY FLOWERS WHILE SOMEONE CAN STILL SMELL THEM

#### SPEND UNINTERRUPTED TIME WITH THEM

#### **INSTEAD OF BEING DISTRACTED ON YOUR PHONE**

#### ACCEPTABLE

#### SPEND THOUSANDS ON GIFTS DURING DECEMBER

#### **GETTING THINGS YOU DON'T NEED OR WANT**

#### WHEN YOU STRUGGLED TO FINANCIALLY STAY AFLOAT THE WHOLE YEAR

#### UNACCEPTABLE

#### **BUY BALLOONS AND DECORATIONS**

#### AND GET A CAKE WITH PRESENTS FOR ONE DAY

#### THEN DO LITTLE TO NOTHING THE OTHER 364 DAYS

#### UNACCEPTABLE

#### PULL UP

#### **BECAUSE YOU KNOW WHERE THEY STAY**

#### DON'T TELL THEM YOU ARE COMING

#### JUST ARRIVE THEN GIVE THEM AMPLE TIME AND ATTENTION

#### ACCEPTABLE

#### ASK THEM HOW THEY ARE DOING IN PASSING

#### THEY WILL SAY GOOD AND ASK YOU AND YOU WILL SAY GOOD

#### NOW THE CONVERSATION IS OVER

#### UNACCEPTABLE

#### **BE CONSISTENT AND KEEP THE SAME ENERGY...**

WHEN THEY OWE YOU VERSUS YOU OWING THEM

#### ACCEPTABLE

IF YOU THINK ABOUT THEM

#### CALL THEM INSTEAD OF TEXTING THEM

#### **IF YOU WANT TO TELL THEM SOMETHING**

#### TELL THEM NOW AND DON'T WAIT FOR THE RIGHT TIME

#### **BECAUSE THE RIGHT TIME DOESN'T EXIST**

#### ACCEPTABLE

JUST DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE DRESSED IN ALL BLACK

DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THEM LOWERED INTO THE GROUND

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THEY ARE NO LONGER BREATHING

#### WHATEVER YOU DO

JUST DON'T WAIT UNTIL YOU ARE BUYING THEM

#### FLOWERS.

### WHY I DO IT?

I DO IT FOR THE KIDS WHO HAVE LITTLE HOPE

**BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS STAY STRUNG OUT** 

#### **ON THAT DOPE SMOKE**

I DO IT FOR THE KIDS WHO CAN'T WASH THEIR CLOTHES

SO THEY WASH THEM IN THE SINK WITH A BAR OF SOAP

#### I DO IT FOR THE KIDS WHO HAVE GREAT GRADES

#### **BUT CAN'T FOCUS IN CLASS**

FRIENDS BURIED IN A GRAVE...

# I DO IT TO LEAD MY PEOPLE BY EXAMPLE **DISPLAYING POSITIVE ACTS THAT WILL CARRY ON AND TRAVEL** WE NEED HOPE SOMEONE WHO KNOWS WHAT TO DO ACTS OF INTEGRITY THAT WILL CARRY THROUGH CHANGE THE WAY WE THINK, ACT, PRAY AND MOVE WHILE TAKING TIME TO PROVE THAT WHAT WE DO HELPS US IMPROVE **INSTEAD OF DOING WHAT THEY SHOW ON THE NEWS** AND ON THE TUBE THAT PAINTS A PERSPECTIVE OF WHO **DESERVES TO LOSE THEIR LIFE AND WHO DECIDES WHO GOES FREE CRIMINAL LAW THAT'S ME** I AM GETTING THAT JD **SCHOLARSHIPS NOT THE NEWEST WHIP BUSINESS FUNDS** NOT ICE THAT WEIGHS A TON **DESTROY THE MIND DESTROYS THE TIME** NOW BECOME A PUPPET WHO HAS NO GRIND

PASS THAT ON...

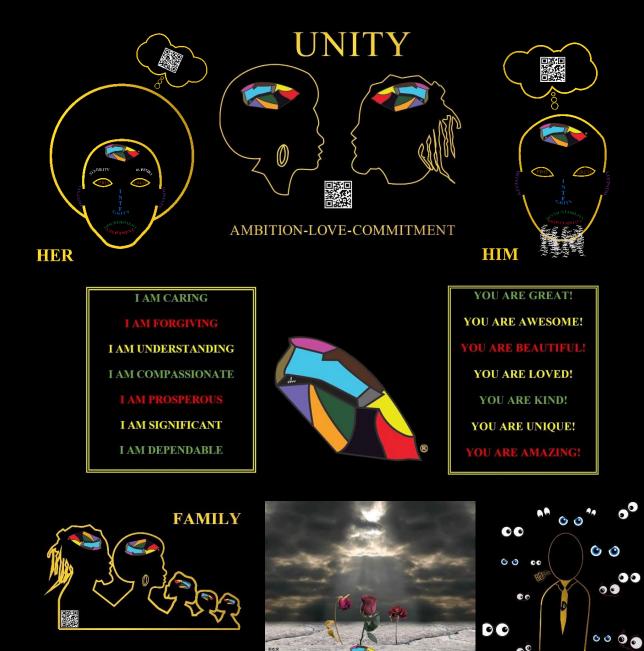
AND YOU WILL FIND A GENERATION WHO RATHER MIND **A PRISON YARD THAN FAMILY TIME CREATING BROKEN HOMES INSTEAD OF A FAMILY WHO IS SHOWN WHAT TO DO CELEBRITIES CLAIM TO LOVE THEIR OWN** WHILE LEADING THE YOUTH DOWN A TUMULTUOUS ROAD **CELEBRITIES CLAIM TO LOVE THE STREETS BUT MONETIZE VIOLENCE, MURDER AND BEEF** I DO IT FOR THE KIDS WHO HAVE LITTLE HOPE **BECAUSE THEIR PARENTS STAY STRUNG OUT ON THAT DOPE SMOKE** I DO IT FOR THE KIDS WHO CAN'T WASH THEIR CLOTHES SO THEY WASH THEM IN THE SINK WITH A BAR OF SOAP I DO IT FOR THE KIDS WHO HAVE GREAT GRADES **BUT CAN'T FOCUS IN CLASS** FRIENDS BURIED IN A GRAVE I DO IT TO LEAD MY PEOPLE BY EXAMPLE **DISPLAYING POSITIVE ACTS THAT WILL CARRY ON AND TRAVEL** WHY I DO IT.

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Many issues in the African American/Black Community go unresolved and unspoken which leads to trauma and unnecessary collateral damage. This podcast addresses those issues as we listen and learn from our diverse group of guests. We will as we listen and learn while finding solutions internally as a community.

#### Season 1 Topics:

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# **The Homicide Hotline**

Considering taking the life of another? Considering taking your own? <u>Contact: 405-254-6557 ~ Hotline is open to the public 24/7</u>

The Homicide Hotline was created to be a free preventative resource toward lowering both homicide and suicide rates in the community. By offering a calm respectful voice of reason we feel that we can counteract and avoid the unnecessary loss of life one person at a time. The intent is **prevention** and the result is **hope**.



#### **Criminal Justice Navigation**

Guides the community through and gradually out of the criminal justice system.

# **The People's Criminal Law**

#### **Legal Research**

Helps the community identify and understand laws that apply to the facts of a case. This includes, but is not limited to statutes, regulations and court opinions.

### **<u>Crime Scene</u>** Examination

Assists the community with analyzing and understanding the crime scene, the significance of evidence, the chain of custody and other facts that are paramount to their case.



# The Peace 1<sup>st</sup> Association

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The education that prepares the community for work; email, google drive, microsoft word, communication skills, etc.

#### **Mental and Emotional Counseling (unlicensed)**

Guiding and assisting the community with their personal, emotional, mental and spiritual difficulties.

### **Career Development**

Helping the community plan and execute their life's work and purpose.

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