

**African Warriors of the Light:
Malcolm X**



**Poetry, Proverbs, & Words of Wisdom
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Dedication

To my Uncle Daniel Tipayson,
the OG African Warrior of the
Light (rest in power)

Notable Words from Malcolm X

***People don't realize how a man's whole life
can be changed by one book.***

***The ability to read awoke inside of me
some long dormant craving to be mentally
alive.***

***Education is our passport to the future, for
tomorrow belongs to the people who
prepare for it today***

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What is an African Warrior of the Light?

This is an individual called by the GUN (God, Universe, & Nature). It is a term created by hip hop legend KRS One. He used this to describe a person's method of protection from all ills, external and internal.

It is the connection with the motherland of Africa that is spiritual, biological & psychological. This is a mind, body, soul connection that can't be described at times. It is a feeling of oneness. It is consciousness in tune with the ancestors. It is nature & nurture at work within a warrior being reborn. It is blackness in its full experience. We honor all African warriors of the light.

The Warrior of the Light is a book written by best-selling Brazilian author Paulo Coelho. It speaks on the individual who is “capable of understanding the miracle of life, & of fighting to the last for something he believes in-and of hearing the bells that the waves set ringing on the seabed.” Coelho’s work of art is a major inspiration behind my series, African Warriors of the Light. Coelho speaks on a fearless individual who is self-aware and courageous, this warrior of the light. He also wrote the bestselling book focused on finding your personal legend, The Alchemist.

Determined to express a Pan African perspective, I’ve envisioned the African Warrior of the Light who is born from a spiritual belief that he or she must understand the miracle of life & return to the original

source. The African warrior must fight to the last for what he or she believes. The African warrior is called to wake up to a higher purpose & speak his or her truths out loud. Everyday the world works to force our truths out of us.

This African Warrior of the Light shines through the darkness no matter what.

He or she wakes up the masses with his or her actions. The warrior only flexes when necessary. The warrior is calm, cool, & collected. The warrior's light can't go unnoticed. All African Warriors of the light seek a Pan African (unified African & diaspora) vision. They are chosen by the ancestors to carry on the torch.

These men & women are spread throughout Africa and the diaspora. The

African Warriors of the Light are fighting every day for the betterment of their current situations. These warriors are individuals who are always ready to speak their truths to enlighten others. The warriors are works in progress, as we all are.

This is my first book of the series on African Warriors of the Light. The first in this series is Malcolm X. There are so many men & women, kings & queens, who exemplified the mission of being an African Warrior of the Light. He is an original example of what it means to be an African warrior of the light.

**We need more light about each other.
Light creates understanding,
understanding creates love, love creates
patience, and patience creates unity.
– Malcolm X**



Happy 96th Birthday Malcolm X

(May 19, 2021)

You will always be remembered as a remarkable king who caused a paradigm shift in our world. Malcolm X your name still rings bells and sparks fear in those who don't love African progress. Thank you for your service to the cause of Pan African liberty.

This book is a collection of poetry honoring your 96th birthday. This book is dedicated to all of those who are still dying after you spoke so eloquently on issues that we still face today. Police brutality is one of those persistent issues. The value of an African life is another one of those issues. This book is dedicated to your image. This book is dedicated to all those we have lost in

the struggle for African freedom. This book is in honor of all the ancestors.

It is a never-ending process which you so willingly gave up your life for. You told us:

"We declare our right on this earth to be a human being, to be respected as a human being, to be given the rights of a human being in this society, on this earth, in this day, which we intend to bring into existence by any means necessary."

– Malcolm X

Malcolm X was born May 19, 1925 in Omaha, Nebraska. He had 7 siblings and lived with his Southern born father and Grenadian born mother. As a child he witnessed the death of his father at the hands of a local white supremacist group and his mother going mad shortly after this incident. He was

defined by these traumatic memories but was always intelligent & resilient.

These were adverse childhood experiences (ACE) before the label was given in the world of psychology. After gaining the street nickname “Red”, Malcolm X spent 7 years in jail. He was molded on the streets & later in prison.

During this time he converted from a life of mental servitude to a life of spiritual awakening. He converted to Islam with the Nation of Islam. Malcolm learned how to help others on their journey to spiritual health and mental wellness. He worked to convert crackheads, pimps, prostitutes, & drug dealers into reformed Muslims.

He adapted to the Nation of Islam’s program and converted hundreds if not

thousands of black people in the streets of Harlem and across the country. Religion was his call to God. He was reborn in discipline and spirituality through Islam.

Malcolm X brought others out of the darkness and into the light through the Nation of Islam. He influenced the world with his courageous spirit. He visited, lectured and was a guest to royalty, universities/colleges, government, and sovereignties across the globe.

X was a Pan African diplomat always speaking on the need for Black freedom in the US & African freedom abroad. This mindset persisted even after he parted from the Nation of Islam. He had a Pan African vision of bringing together Africans from all over. He was a family man who loved speaking and

acting on issues affecting Africans during the Civil Rights/Black Liberation Movement.

Malcolm X was an African warrior of the light. He was called to religion after witnessing the death of his father at a young age, the mental diagnosis of his mother, a life of pimping & hustling, and 7 years spent in prison. While incarcerated, he converted under the Honorable Elijah Muhammed & the Nation of Islam.

He was fearless in his approach and spoke with a mirror held up to the hypocrisies he witnessed. Where others saw a problem, Malcolm created a solution. He saw how important the human aspect of life was beyond the color line.

After his pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia, he gained higher insight on what it

meant to be Muslim and how he could impact the world through human connection. He grew from a black nationalist, to a Pan African humanist Sufi. He saw the world from a new point of view and wanted to work towards the rebuilding of African communities in the US & abroad.

Unfortunately, he wasn't given the full opportunity after being assassinated during a speech on February 21, 1965.

His legacy lives on through his organization (Organization of Afro American Unity), religious organization Muslim Mosque Inc., and of course through his name. You can Google, Malcolm X and find so many resources on who he is and the impact he has left on the globe.

You can also YouTube, Malcolm X to listen to any of his countless speeches and interviews. You can go to the library or bookstore to rent/buy his bestselling autobiography or any of the books written about him. Fashion carries his face and his quotes, from buttons, shirts, jackets, etc. His message is powerful and cannot be watered down. Rest in Power Malcolm X

“Stumbling is not falling.”
— *Malcolm X*



No one is responsible for your life except for you. You are not at fault but you are responsible for making it better and taking care of you

Change your trajectory, where you came from isn't where you are going, but you must know where you came from in order to know where you're going

The future depends on your decisions of today. Even when you are dealt a bad hand of cards you must change how you play the game

C'est La Vie

That is life

Such is life

Everything happens for a reason

You don't have to know the reason at that particular moment, but in time you shall understand

You mustn't get discouraged, just wait for a guiding hand.

Remain persistent through all of the adversity and life will grant you many rewards

Education is an important element in the struggle for human rights. It is the means to help our children and thereby increase self-respect.

-Malcolm X



Letter to my Little Brother

Dear Young King,

The little boy who I have seen grow before my eyes

Thus allowing me to realize how fast time flies

The months that you were hidden, I remember so vividly

The day that you crawled, I was a happy big brother

The day that you walked, I became the proudest out of all the others

The moment you uttered your very first words, I entered the gates of heaven

The little boy who I have seen grow before my eyes

You must remember to be different

You should always be your own person

You should never be afraid of anything

No matter how difficult life may seem you must persevere

To the little boy who I have seen grow before my eyes

I love you

P.S Always follow your instinct.

**“A man who stands for nothing
will fall for anything”
— Malcolm X**



The Process

Understanding the new world around you

Making a stand for yourself as a man

Looking at everything from a different lens

Disconnected from mental slavery

Placed in a maze of uncertainty.

Spirit Reborn

Tuning In

Nature is everything

Tapped in

The World works in mysterious ways

We are all just vessels

God is everything

Who are Y'all to judge another one

Staring in the barrel of a gun

We are all just learning to be one

**“We cannot think of being acceptable to others until we have first proven acceptable to ourselves.”
— Malcolm X**



Radical Self Love

I'm manifesting that radical self love that makes you say all you need is your health & wealth love

I'm saying that radical self love that you only focus on yourself love

I'm manifesting that radical self love that makes you grow in love

I'm manifesting that radical self love that other people may call me selfish love but self love is the best love

If you see me against the world, it's all out of love for the universe

Love is love

Self-love is everything

You are the world

You are everything

Love is everything

Black love is Radical Self Love

“My alma mater was books, a good library... I could spend the rest of my life reading, just satisfying my curiosity.”

— *Malcolm X*



Trauma

The hurt you feel lasts longer than expected

The pain you've experienced lasts longer than expected

The residual effects of what has happened to you, don't go away

You have a lot to gain thru understanding

The World You have perceived is deeper than anything else

You see what you don't know

You must train your mind

You must regain your tribe

You must regain your mind

It takes time to find yourself thru yourself

Trauma

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It's the pain that never goes away

It's the pain that always tends to stay

Sometimes you think you can wash it away

It comes right back and leads you astray

See the real

Feel the real

Speak on the real

“Don't be in a hurry to condemn because he doesn't do what you do or think as you think or as fast. There was a time when you didn't know what you know today.”

—Malcolm X



No Regrets, Just Lessons

I don't regret my own suffering, I only regret the suffering I may have caused others in not knowing myself. Self forgiveness is key to growth. Self forgiveness is a product of Self Love. Everyday is a lesson on how to be better than you were yesterday.

Education is Self Empowerment.

“It is a time for martyrs now, and if I am to be one, it will be for the cause of brotherhood. That’s the only thing that can save this country (USA)”

**— February 19, 1965 (2 days before he was murdered in New York City by Nation of Islam followers)
— Malcolm X**



NYS Thruway: Empire State of Mind

Dangerous route

Traveling in & out of the empire state molding my
empire state of mind I've experienced a drought,
the lack of creativity is killing me

Copying you and copying me

There is a need for originality

Now you see The New York Scene

Always gone but always seen

Far and wide going for miles and miles

My mind has traveled across the state
encountering many fake smiles

Witnessing the real and embracing the truth

I've been enlightened by the word of others

I've been enlightened by the actions of my
brothers

New York New York

The Empire State

Home of the Greats

Home of the Snakes

NY marks the spot where legends are made

I come from a place where legends are slayed

By any means necessary

I will carry on the mission of the predecessor

Continuing the Empire State of style and grace

Remaining a representative for our human race

Rest in peace Malcolm X

No one will ever take your place

New York New York

Such a rebellious state where subtle changes are
occurring

Upstate & downstate this is still New York

The wonders of green

The awes of the colorful cities

Apples of all flavors

Apple seeds have been sown

Apple seeds have grown

The big apple is here

The big apple is home

“You don’t have to be a man to fight for freedom. All you have to do is to be an intelligent human being.”

— Malcolm X



Refusal to be Another Member of Society

Find solace in uncertainty

Refuse to be another member of society

Be who you are so you can truly see

Find yourself in an unpredictable situation

Conformity is nothing but society's way to
stop your dreams

Complacency is only procrastination

Nothing is what it seems

Blind eyes can't see their destination

Keen eyes envision a better nation

Always take what they said wasn't ours

Mind over matter is still at large

Free to do as we please never will we be
contained in Captivity

Once again we have returned to the struggle
Doing our very best to remain out of trouble
Storming through the door of opportunity
No one will ever keep us out again
We have Overcome but there still is more to
accomplish
Refuse to be just another accomplice
The key to be different is found within our
inner Compass
The north star guides us home

Self love is the best love

Patriarch

He watched me grow

He guided me through all of my decisions

He made me who I am today

He knew me as I was yesterday

He never let me down

He kept a smile in his heart even when his face
showed a frown

Stern in his actions

Fair in his reactions

Great man always setting higher goals

Great man marching without soles on his feet
unable to beat his work ethic

Great man is beyond all holds

Ambitions of my father allow me to keep an open
mind towards self-enrichment while attaining a
sense of purpose setting higher goals

Building an unmatched work ethic beyond all
holds

I am my father's son

**“They believe that all people are also One,
and that all our brothers and sisters is One
Human Family.”**

(1964 Letter from Mecca, Saudi Arabia)

- Malcolm X



A Love Letter to Mankind

Dear Family,

You make us who we are.

One in one we cannot become undone

There are some words that sound better in an
articulate conversation

There are some words that mean so much more
to others when it is tattooed in the skin

This Family that we have is precious

Worth much more than expensive dreams.

We are unlike any other family, We are sculpted in
a divine image. We use love to build happiness

The bond of love unifies us creating an
untouched force

In each other's presence we wish we never had to
leave

Comforted by your company for all of eternity

The moments we have together last forever in our memory.

We love unconditionally

We fight unconditionally

United against all odds

Fading into the future

We faced many hardships

Picturing the past

We faced many hardships

We are Family. When one of us suffers, we all suffer as one

We are bound to everlasting love

When one benefits we all benefit as one

Family isn't just a word, it's action

“I believe that there will ultimately be a clash between the oppressed and those that do the oppressing. I believe that there will be a clash between those who want freedom, justice and equality for everyone and those who want to continue the systems of exploitation.”

— Malcolm X



Forged in Hell, Forgiven in Heaven

The beast is the hate that burns internally at rest
Until at once it awakens filled with pain, greed,
suffering, & distrust

Drifting into the night sky
fading away as the morning comes
Look as it approaches nearby

As it departs the heart,
It still burns with fierce flames
Smoldering everything that ever stood in its way

Without mercy unleashed tearing up suburban
streets
Sadness adorns our hearts as we stand to witness

Such terrible tragedies that occur as often as we
inhale the air of earth by which we only inherit
the dirt

As the world rotates on its axis

Oh let us breathe

YES!

It is in each breath a man becomes bold

In the potential power of our souls what never
shined before is now glistening gold

“It’s just like when you’ve got some coffee that’s too black, which means it’s too strong. What do you do? You integrate it with cream, you make it weak. But if you pour too much cream in it, you won’t even know you ever had coffee. It used to be hot, it becomes cool. It used to be strong, it becomes weak. It used to wake you up, now it puts you to sleep.”

– Malcolm X



Related to a Stranger

My brain becomes bombarded with insane thoughts

Witnessing two brothers grow apart

One becomes a worthless junkie trapped in the perils of his own prison

While the other becomes a high achieving student of society trapped in his own success

One struggling to maintain his sense of purpose

While the other knows his purpose is a natural birthright

The differences between the two brothers may strike you as odd

But the differences of these two brothers are similar to us all

**“You can’t separate peace from freedom
because no one can be at peace unless he
has his freedom”**

– Malcolm X



Unity Pt. 2

What do you expect from me

All I ever wanted was to be free

I am trapped in my own sea

Swimming in all directions but I can't see

I was locked up when all I ever wanted was to be
free

All I ever needed was tranquility

The unity of peace & freedom is all I need

I am still looking for peace

I still long to be free

As I count my blessings, at least I can still breathe

In all our deeds, the proper value and respect for time determines success or failure.

– Malcolm X



No matter what you do, keep moving on
Because Time moves on with or without you
Only you know what success means to you
Only you know what failure means to you
You must respect you first before anyone else
Define success
Define failure
Define time
It's all in your mind
Keep moving on in time

Foundation is the most fundamental piece of any concrete plan

It keeps the building set in place, so that it can grow & expand from the bottom to the top

**You have to wake the people up first, then
you'll get action.**

– Malcolm X



Running into the Storm

As I plow through the pouring rain

All I can feel is pleasure mixed with pain

Pondering the question: am I sane or insane?

Thoughts running in and out of my mind

Thinking too much

Thinking all the time

The cold air fills my lungs with life

Reviving the resolute spirit

Reawakening the retained mind

I come alive only to find my soul has been refined
through the tunnels of time

**If something is yours by right, then fight
for it or shut up.**

– Malcolm X



Stay on my grind

Keep Hustling for what is mine

Focus on making the best out of my time

No man can take away my shine

**They cripple the bird's wing, and then
condemn it for not flying as fast as they**

– Malcolm X



Stand your ground at all costs

Defend your worth

Defend yourself

Stay Respected, Loved & Feared

Promote Positivity

Build Reputation

Be Authentic at all Costs

Create your Future

Build your Destiny

The media's the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent, guilty and to make the guilty innocent, and that's power. Because they control the minds of the masses.

-Malcolm X



Power is in your Mind

Power comes from the willingness to control
your actions & to move fearlessly in the
face of danger

“There is no better than adversity. Every defeat, every heartbreak, every loss, contains its own seed, its own lesson on how to improve your performance next time.”

— Malcolm X



God is the Highest Power

Blessed beyond measure

This is more than me

Preparing myself for all the trials & tribulations

Blessed to be fearless

Blessed with gifts that are unmatched

I didn't do this to myself

I didn't do this by myself

Now I'm here

Everything can be attributed to God

Everyday of my life is a blessing

Plans don't always work so its important to leave
it to God

God's Plan is a divine plan



African Warrior of the Light: Malcolm X

This is the 1st book of the African Warrior of the Light series. African Warrior of the Light is an ancestor who embodies the message of life, & shines thru darkness no matter what.

These warriors are individuals who are always ready to speak their truths to enlighten others. The warriors are works in progress, as we all are.

This book includes poetry, quotes from Malcolm X, & inspirational words to keep you committed on your path. It speaks on the life of Malcolm X and the words he shared through his experiences.