

**African Warriors of the Light:  
Nipsey Hussle**



**Poetry, Proverbs, & Words of Wisdom**

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**Loss of a Legend**

**Loss of a selfless warrior**

**Loss of a winner who had experienced  
his share of losses**

**Loss of a brother**

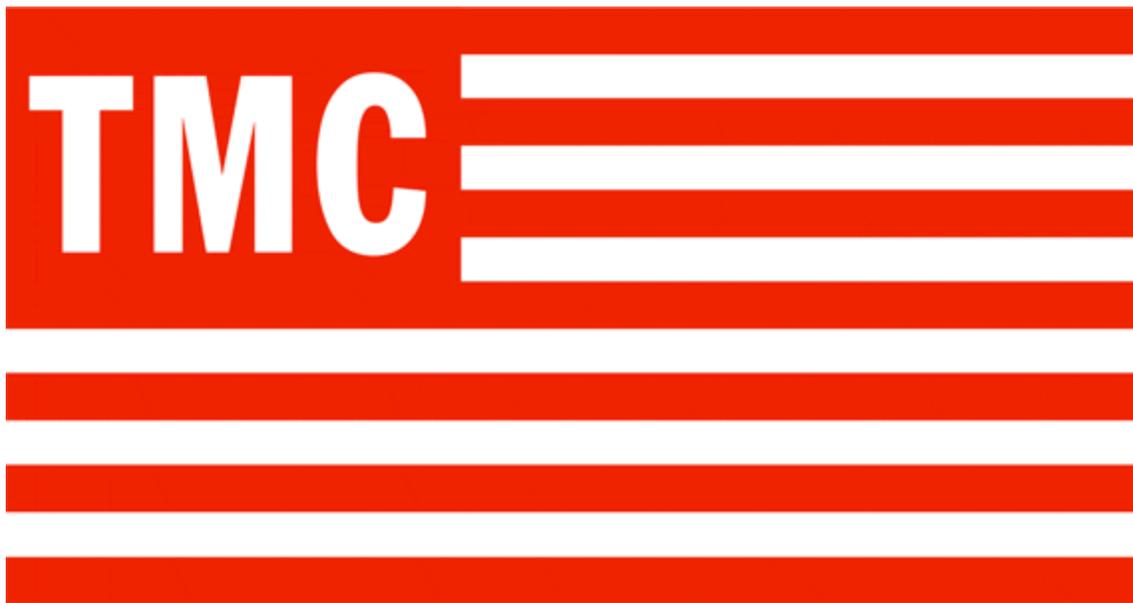
**Loss of a king**

**Loss of Nipsey Hussle**

**Loss of the positive, awakened black  
man, this loss hurts**

**This loss is a lesson for the culture**

# The Marathon Continues



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# Dedication

To my Uncle Daniel Tipayson,  
the OG African Warrior of the  
Light (Rest in Power)

## Notable Words from Nipsey Hussle

“The Marathon Continues”

“You’re not going to scare me into being somebody I don’t want to be.”

“On a mission, your worst enemy is idle time.”

“Without a game plan and without a strong sense of faith in what you’re doing, it’s gonna be real hard to accomplish things.”

“We got turned down, we failed, had setbacks, had to start over a lot of times. But we kept going at it. In anybody’s case that’s always the distinguishing factor.”

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## What is an African Warrior of the Light?

This is an individual called by the GUN (God, Universe, & Nature). KRS One calls it the connection with the motherland of Africa that is spiritual, biological & psychological. This is a mind, body, soul connection that intertwines the individual with the universal laws.

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 originally 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” This is the inspiration behind my series African Warrior of the Light.

The African warrior is called to wake up to a higher purpose & speak his or her truths.

This African Warrior of the Light shines through the darkness. He or she sees how to control their sense of self and move in the direction of their realities. This warrior wakes up the masses with his or her actions. The warrior's light can't go unnoticed. All African Warriors of the light seek a Pan African (unified Africa & diaspora) vision. They are chosen by the ancestors to carry on the torch.

There will be a series on African Warriors of the Light. Men & women, kings & queens, who exemplified the mission of being an African Warrior of the Light. They stood out despite all odds set against them.

Nipsey Hussle whose real name is Ermias Asghegdom was born on August 15, 1985 in Los Angeles, California. He is a master of perseverance, passion, and purpose.

As an artist and entrepreneur, he created his path “brick by brick.” Reinvesting in the Crenshaw (LA) community, Nipsey bought local businesses and made his own cryptocurrency. He was consistent on his mission.

The Marathon Continues & All Money In was his team’s slogan. Nipsey’s father is from Eritrea in East Africa, and his mother was born & raised in Los Angeles, CA. His name Ermias means “God Will Rise” in his father’s native language, Amharic. His experience was unique because of his father’s direct connection to Africa. Ermias spent 3 months in Eritrea when he turned 18, which changed his perspective from local to global.

As prophetic as his name was, Nipsey lived up to his purpose from very humble beginnings. He started in the streets hustlin as a Rollin 60s Crip gang member then rose as a leader amongst his peers within his community.

CRIP means community revolution in progress. He made music which defined his upbringing. His music personified his lived experiences in Crenshaw. His music was a revolution in itself. The idea of him breaking the mold of a street hustler to an award -winning hip hop artist, mogul, & community leader was unheard-of.

He broke it down story by story on each mixtape. From “Bullets Ain’t Got No Names Vol. 1” to the \$100 a copy “Crenshaw” mixtape.

He defined it as an entrepreneurial revolution by rebuilding his neighborhood from the ground up. His projects are a testament to this day. For example, Vector 90. This is a startup coworking space & incubator in partnership with David Gross that allows local youth and businesses to come together, thrive and create equitable and diverse STEM businesses. Vector 90 `helps these individuals and groups gain funding and provides networking & skill building.

Nipsey was innovative in the way he approached hip hop and the world. He remained Independent until his first album Victory Lap. He was able to change up the music industry with ideas that turned heads. In 2013 he dropped the “Crenshaw” mixtape which he sold out 1000 copies for \$100. This was the first time anyone had sold a mixtape for \$100. Many people doubted his idea at first, a lot of people hated on it, then when it came to life and people such as Jay-Z bought 100 copies. All of those haters became supporters.

Nipsey lived up to the brand The Marathon Continues. He continued to show that The Marathon Continues was more than a brand it was a real lifestyle. He exemplified the message of self-love, self-empowerment, & knowledge of self. Nipsey Hussle created a movement that still stands today as a testament to what it takes to bring something to life. He created a West Coast staple, with the Crenshaw (clothing brand).

Ermias was a family man. He created a bubble to protect the ones he loved dearly. He had a daughter and a son. His partner was actress Lauryn London. He was the first to leave his family, he is survived by his big brother, little sister, father, & mother. He was a legend taken away too soon. His legacy will live on thru his passion. The Marathon Continues.

As an African Warrior of the Light, Nipsey Hussle created a blueprint on how to love your family, love your self, & love your marathon(hustle). The goal is to highlight Nipsey Hussle through his words & to focus on motivating ourselves in memory of his life. The goal of this book is to keep the message of moving forward no matter what. An African Warrior of the Light never gives up.

**“Seasonal success scares me. My goal is longevity.  
It’s a marathon. The Marathon Continues”**

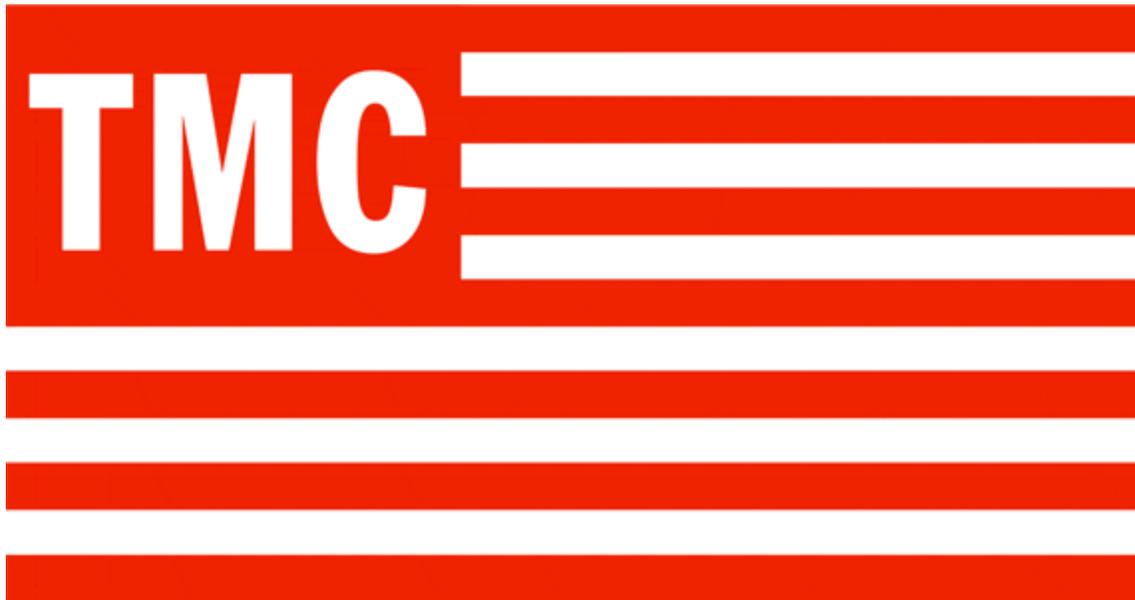
**-Nipsey Hussle**



What do you expect to do in your limited time on this earth? Life is a marathon, what spot are you in the race against yourself? At the end of the day you are in a race with yourself and no one else. How far did you get? Are you ready to keep running the marathon forever?

“Face the World”

-Nipsey Hussle

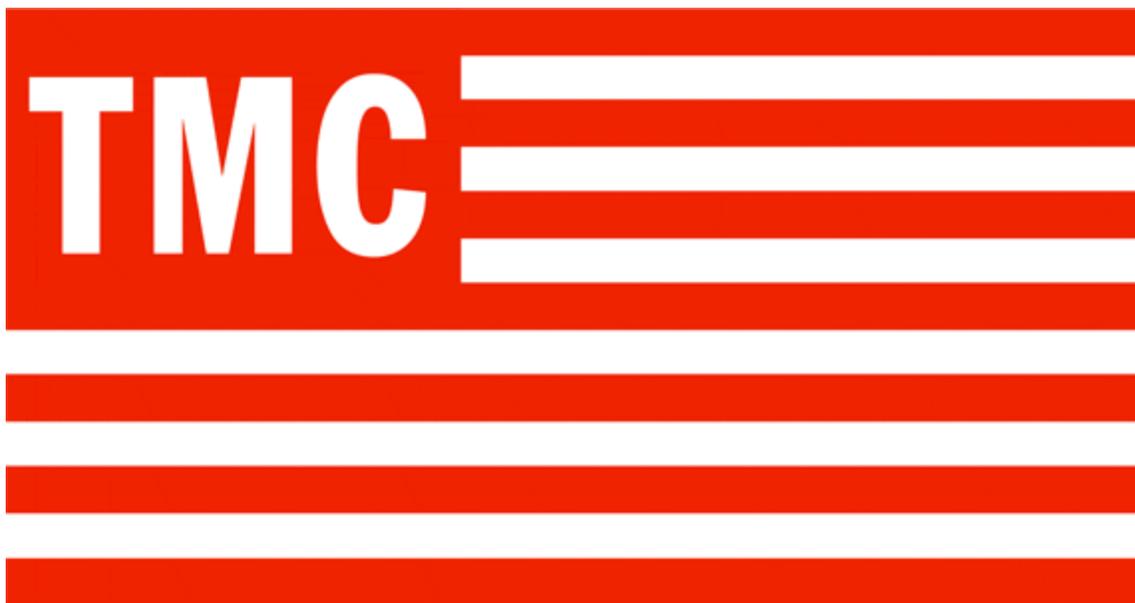


What decisions will you make to achieve your goals...It takes sacrifice in order to gain what you work for. It takes time & patience to move on to the next level of your life. What sacrifices are you willing to make to reach the next level of you? What are your goals? Are they REAL & can you be fearless in facing the world?

Get a sheet of paper & list your goals

**“It’s hard out here but I’m still breathin”**

**- Nipsey Hussle**



How have you lived your life.

Did you make the right or wrong decisions?

Would you go back and change anything?

If you can breathe then

there's still time to change

moving forward. Breathe and take in the air.

Breathe in & let it out. Just breathe, breathe,

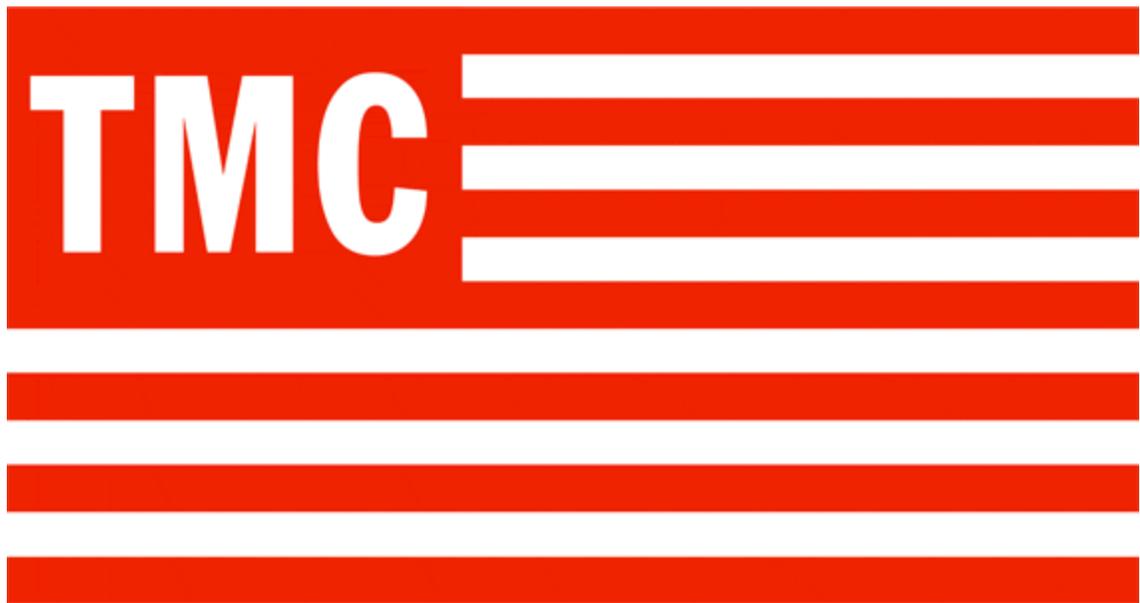
breathe. You are here now so what do you

plan to do?

Do you want to leave a legacy?

What will your legacy be...

**“Run a lap”**  
**-Nipsey Hussle**

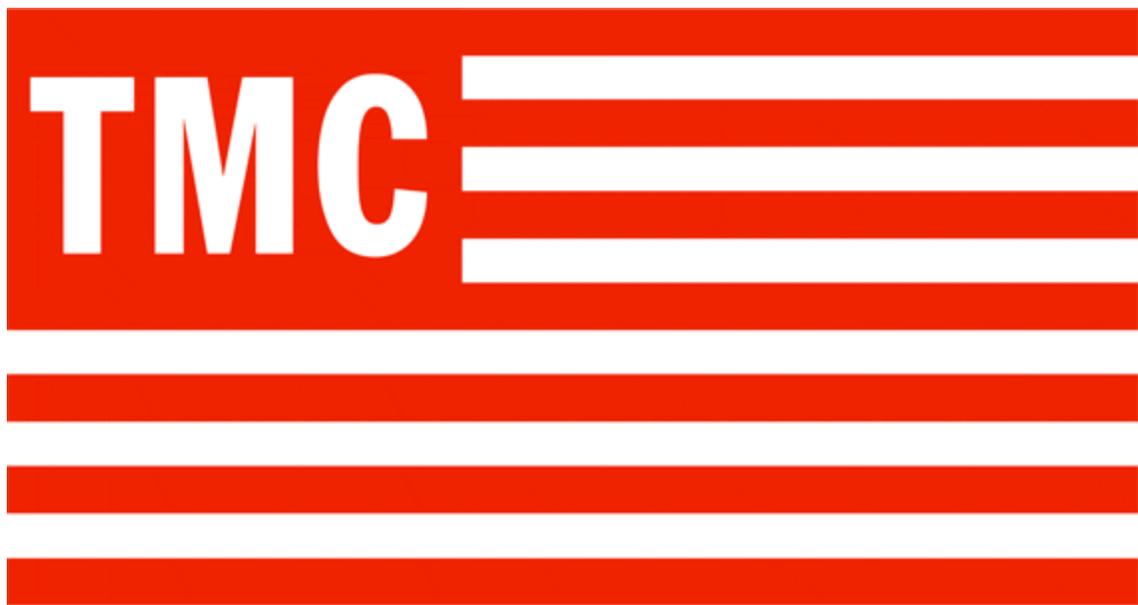


**We can't control everything in life. We have to control ourselves. In order to do that we must learn how we interact with our world around us and our world within us. There are distractions from all sides. People trying to take over our minds. You have to persevere through all of the battles that you face in life, when all is said & done how will you maintain your sense of self?**

“Spoke some things into the universe and they appeared I say it's worth it, I won't say it's fair

Find your purpose or you wastin' air”

-Nipsey Hussle

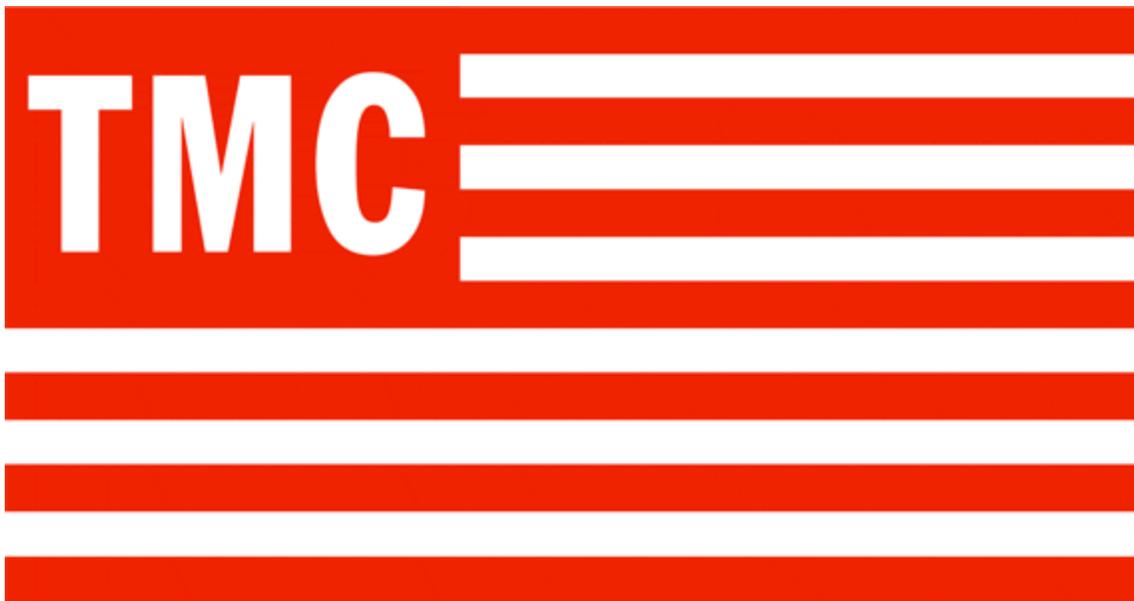


Manifestation is bringing your future into existence. Manifestation is recreating yourself into the future you. It leads you in the direction of your dreams. You think it then it comes to real life.

What is your purpose?

“Most important thing is to get rid of doubt. If you have doubt in what you’re doing. It’s not going to work”

-Nipsey Hussle



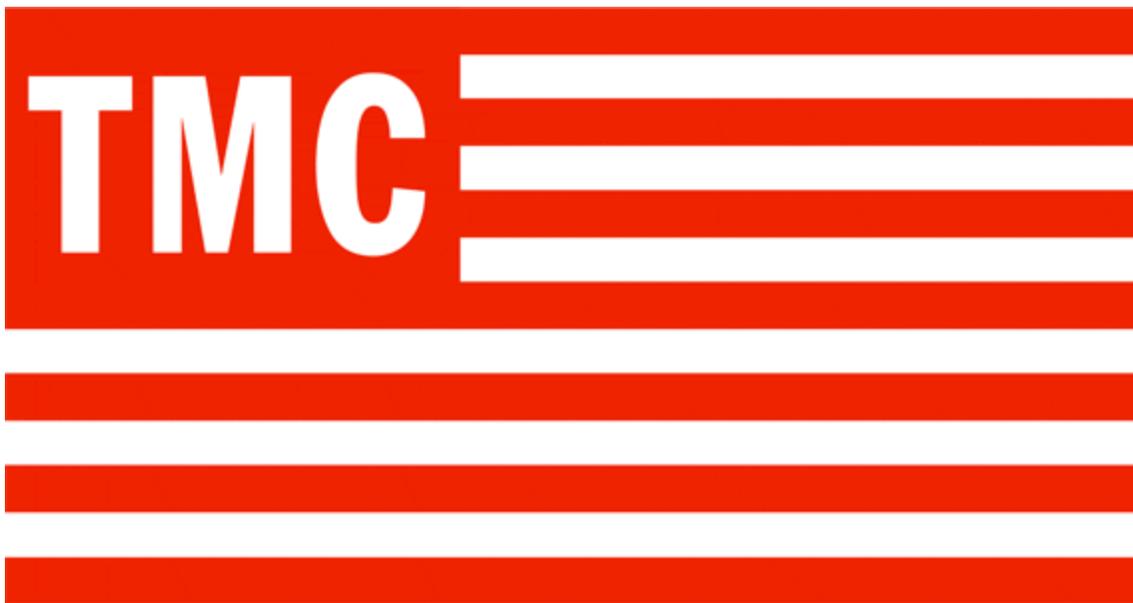
**Faith over Fear. Knowing that you know nothing  
is the first step to wisdom. You must keep  
pushing forward regardless of where you stand.**

**Keep faith over fear at all times.**

**What does that mean to you?**

**“I believe that we should own the fruits of our labor and the assets of our creations.”**

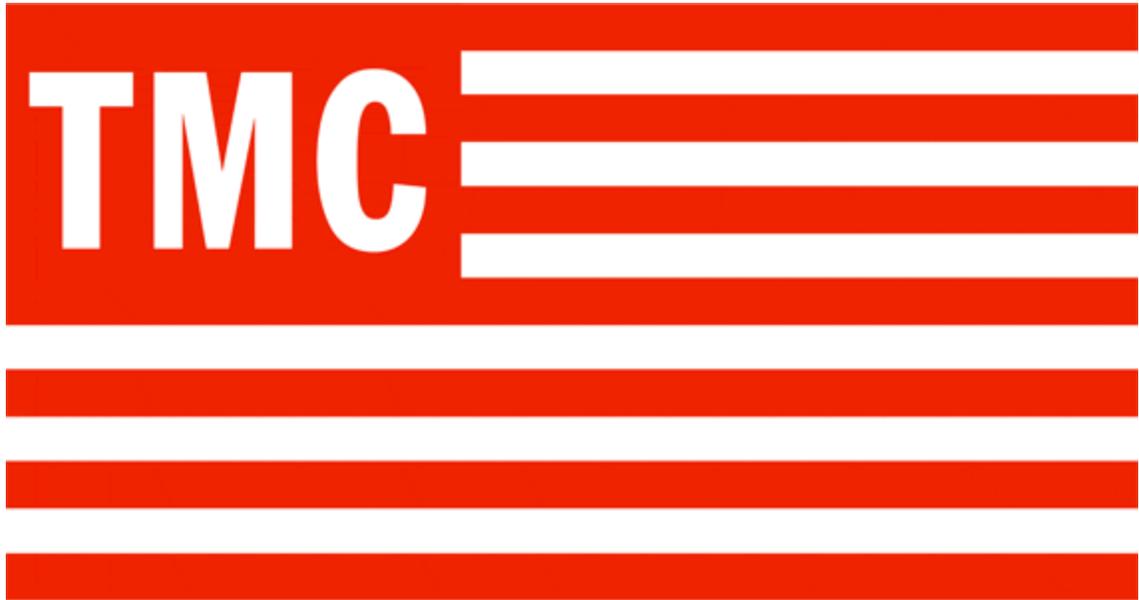
**-Nipsey Hussle**



**Ownership is key in the long run. You must own everything that is you. How will you start to take control over your life and your business? At the end of the day, you are the one in full control of your life. You determine what you do now so what will you create?**

“Sometimes you have to take two steps back to  
take ten forward”

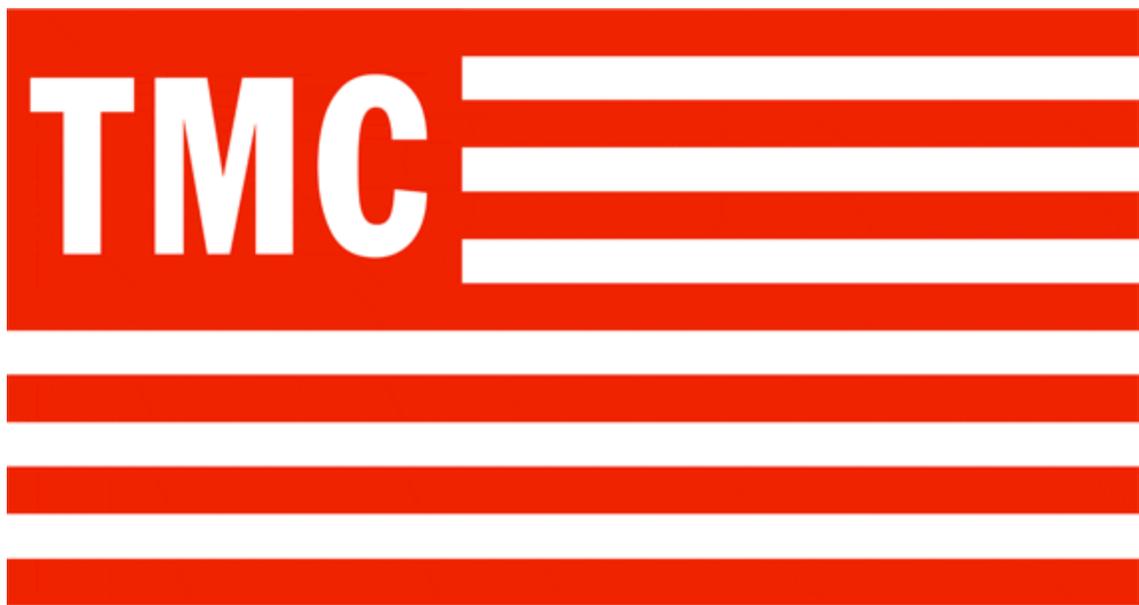
-Nipsey Hussle



For every setback there is a major getback. You have to fall down in order to get back up again. With every loss there is a lesson. For every lesson there is a blessing. Learn from the pitfalls of life. Not everything will go your way. It must come with patience and time. You will fail. That is when you just ask yourself, what is this trying to teach me?

“Instead of trying to lay a brick wall, lay a brick every day. Eventually you’ll look up and you’ll have a brick wall”

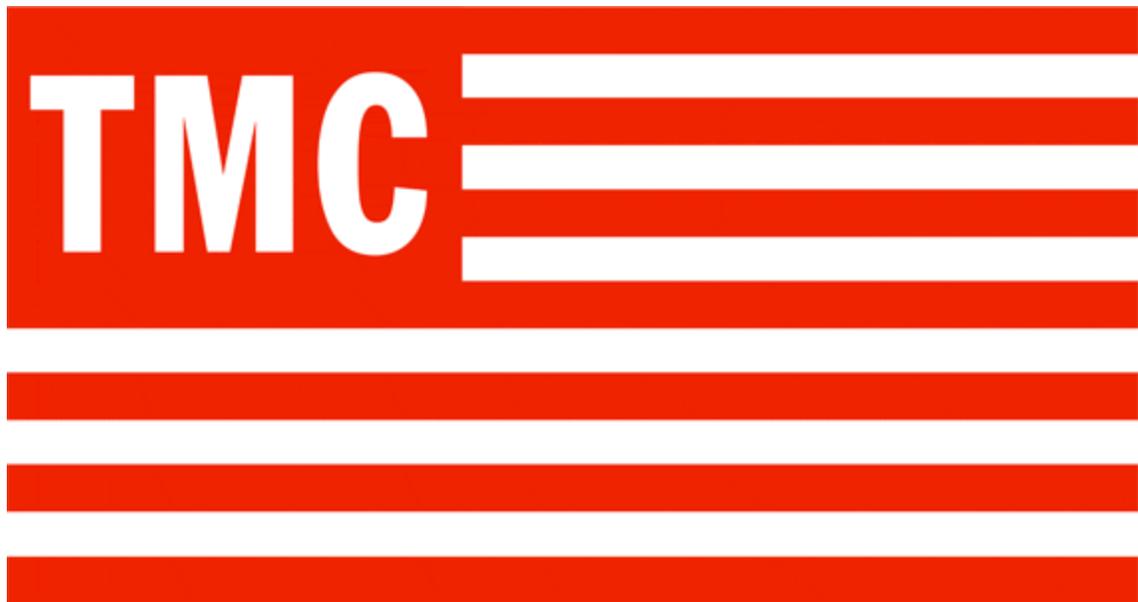
-Nipsey Hussle



It takes time to build a foundation. It must be rock steady and well grounded in order for a house to be built. You must work brick by brick. Each brick is important because with each brick lies the strength of the foundation. How will you lay your bricks? What are you building? What do you want to build?

**“Constant Repetition is the path to progression”**

**-Nipsey Hussle**



Reading the Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell, he speaks on the 10,000-hour rule. This rule states that 10,000 + hours of practice or everyday developing a craft leads to mastery. What have you put in the 10,000 hours for?

10,000 hours = 20 hours a week for 10 years

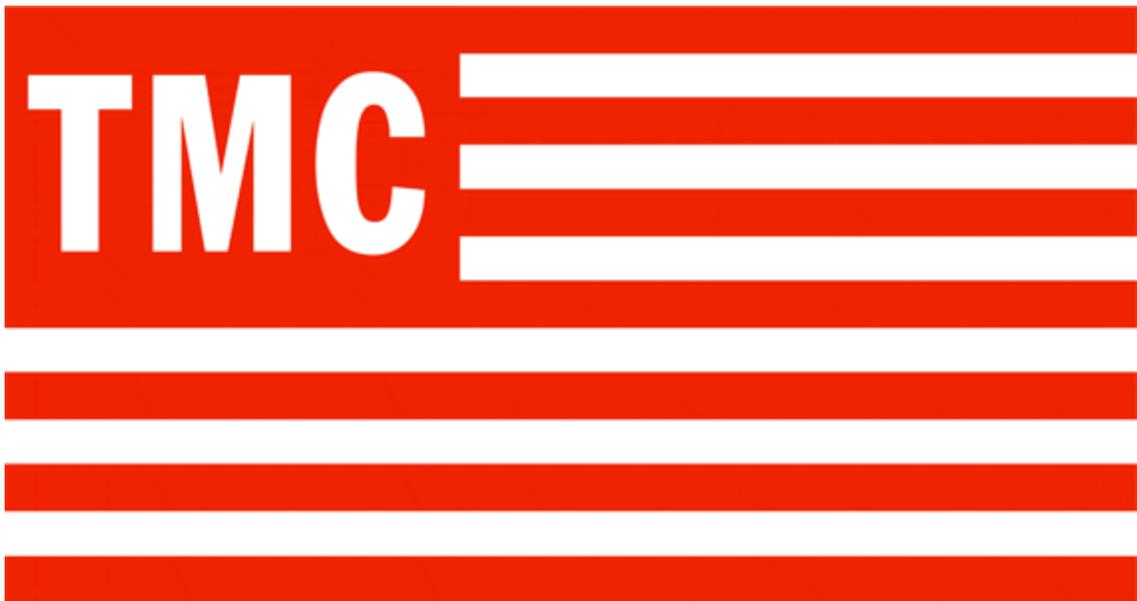
You can break it down in other ways as well.

How do you manage your time? The focus is to grow however we can in the time we have.

Evolution is key.

“When you let go of your pride, you’ll find a lesson in your pain”

-Nipsey Hussle



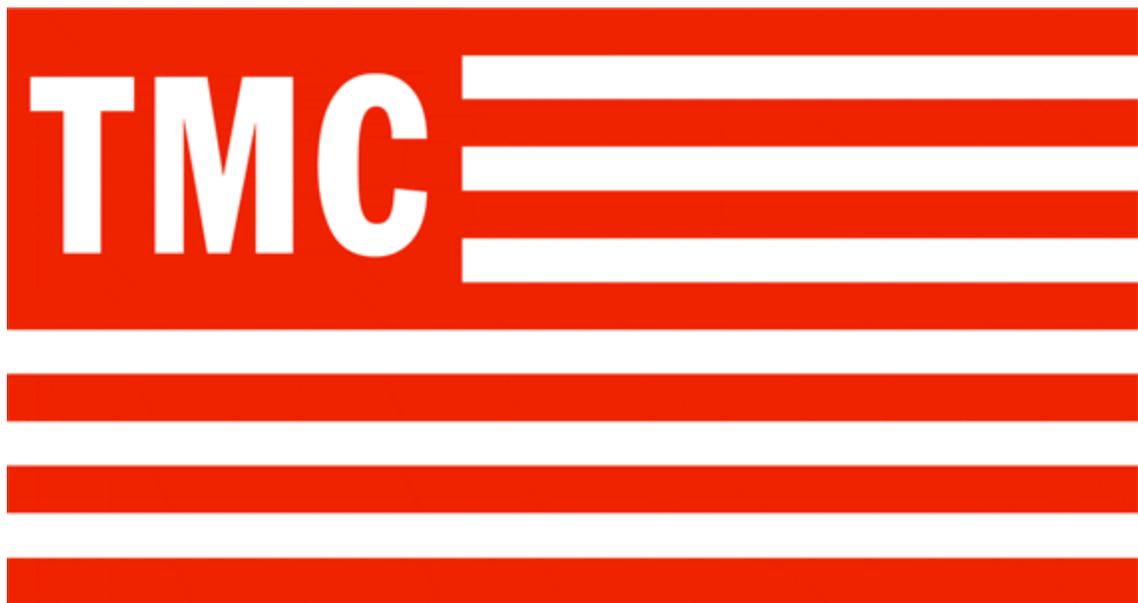
Being used will bring down anyone's pride, but to be empowered thru your actions will determine where you go. Most people go crazy, keep in mind body soul alignment. Stay in tune with yourself.

What wakes you up in the morning?

What drives you?

“Try to have more faith and less fear. Try to express it to your peers. I'm talking bout dreams. Better to do it and let it be seen, cause then it's so clear”

- Nipsey Hussle



**Do everything with full intention. Don't be afraid to live your life. Be real. Speak your truth.**

**Think then Manifest. Create your reality. Create your universe. Bring value to the world around you. Trust in faith over fear at all times.**

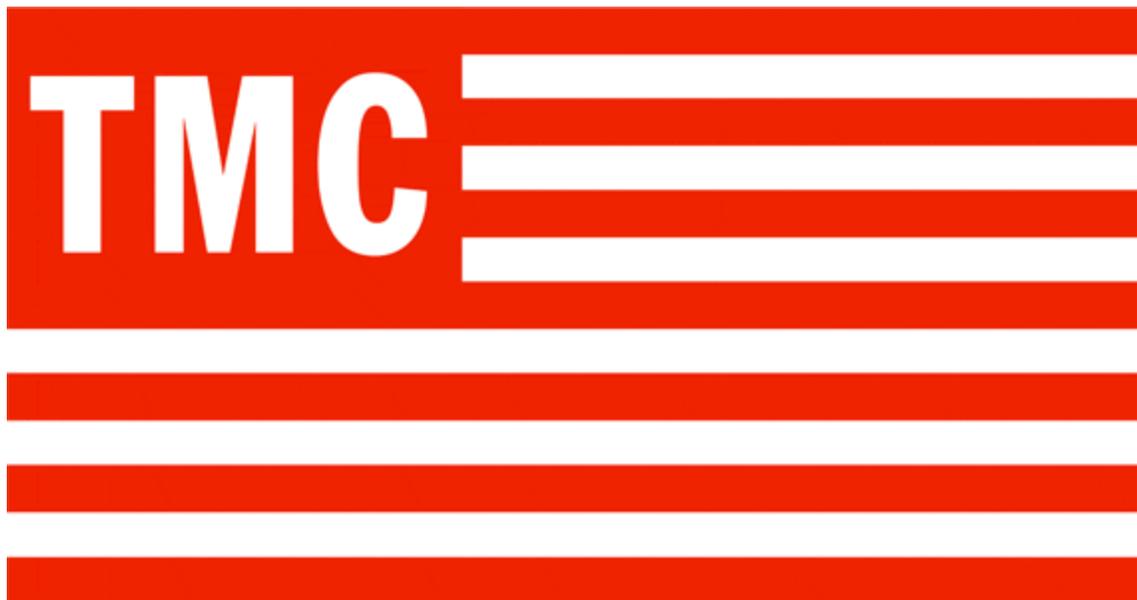
**What do you trust?**

**Who do you trust?**

“Just tryna get over, tryna not to get swallowed by locusts. Tryna stay focused, kinda like Moses.

Like somebody chose us, this weight on my shoulders, I feel these emotions but still I keep going”

- Nipsey Hussle

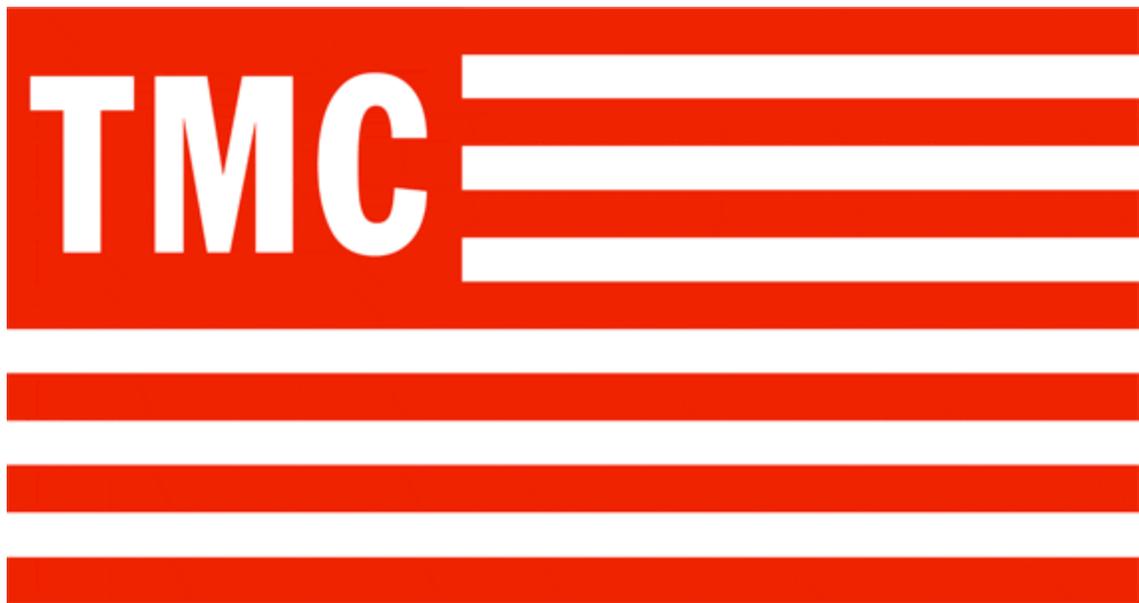


Are you a leader or a follower? The road that you travel is the path you choose. You must be in tune with the self so that you can lead your own way. It may not be clear at first but if you start moving, things will happen. Will you follow someone else's path or will you pave your own?

Do you intend to keep yourself stuck or do you want to grow?

You've got to have faith in what you're doing and  
not take no for an answer"

- Nipsey Hussle



When no one supports you, what will you do?  
When there is no where to go, where will you go?  
Those times will come and you must know how to  
handle it when it arises.

Do you trust yourself to make  
something out of nothing?

There is a long walk to freedom.

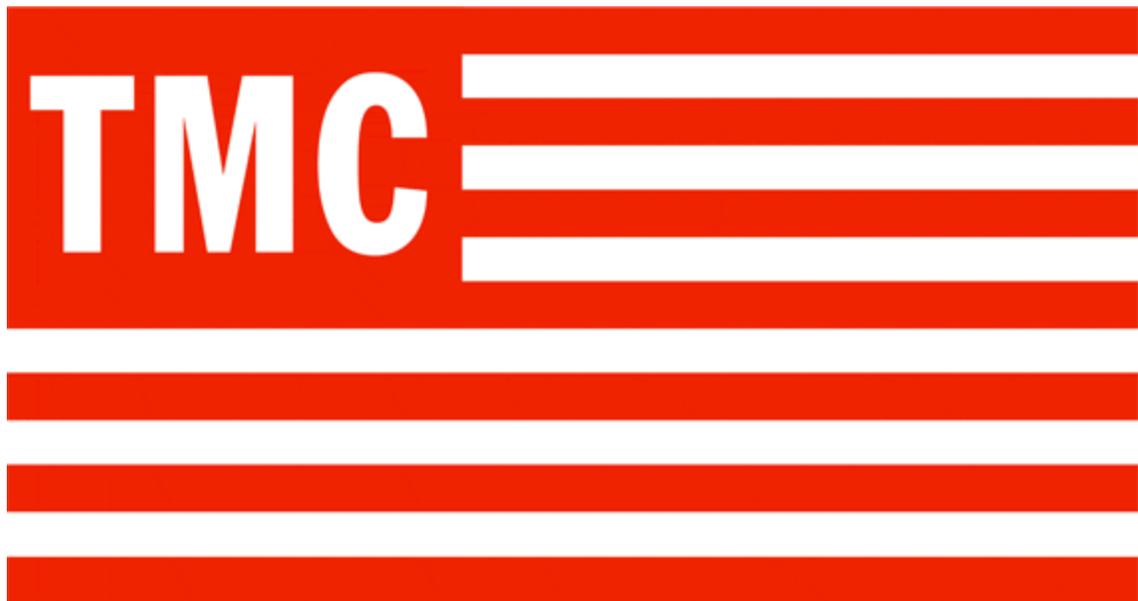
Freedom of choice. Freedom of movement.

You are the creator of your universe. Create your  
future with the Faith you have. Don't depend on  
the judgments of others because the ultimate  
judgment is in the hands of God.

You must keep your faith and say Yes to yourself.

**“We got turned down, we failed, had setbacks.  
Had to start over a lot of times. But we kept going  
at it. In anybody’s case that’s always the  
distinguishing factor.”**

**-Nipsey Hussle**



Life throws curveballs at us from every direction. You have to be able to grow through the obstacles placed on your path. Keeping in mind that these obstacles shape how we progress in life. The hustle is born but can also be created.

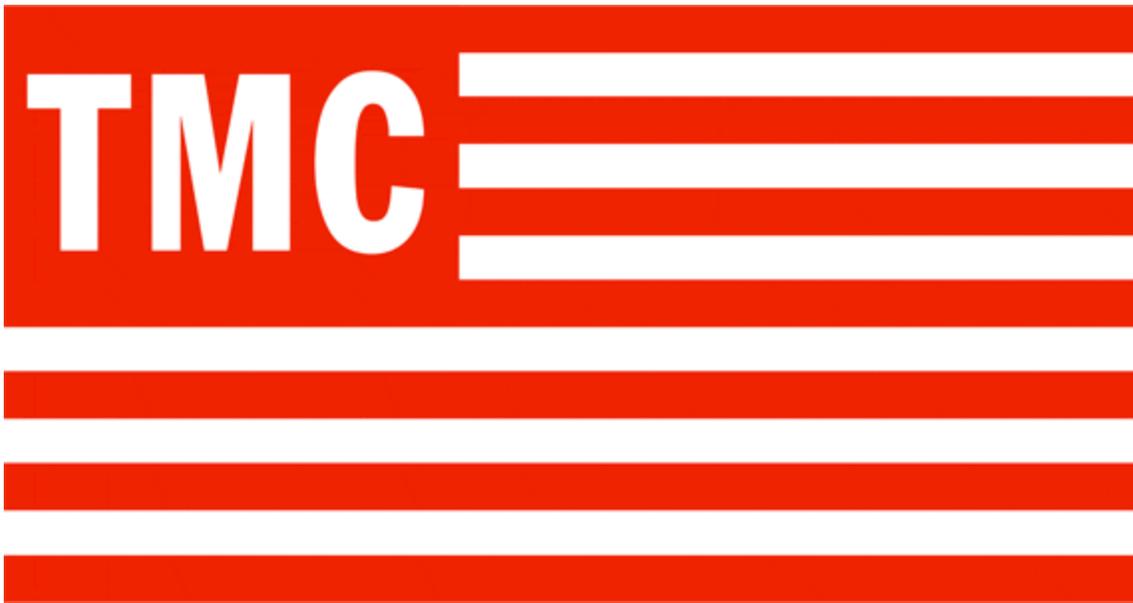
For every no, there will be a yes waiting for you.

“Hussle & Motivate”

What keeps you motivated when everything seems to be falling down around you?

**“Do your best to master your energy”**

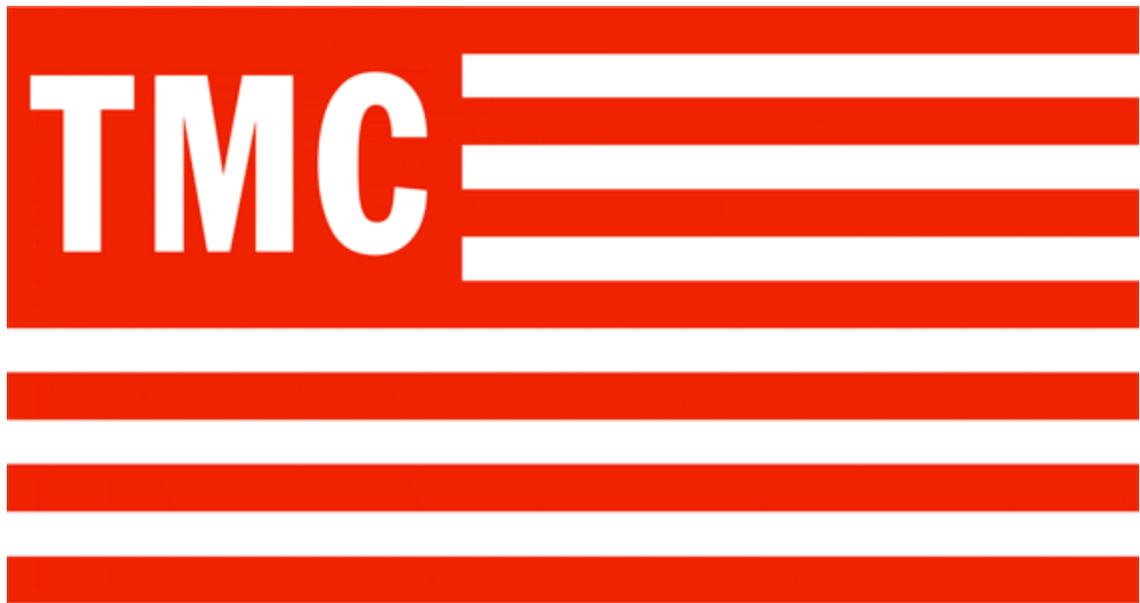
**-Nipsey Hussle**



It is up to you when it comes to creating what you want in your space. You decide what interferes with your temple. You are your temple. The energy is radiated from your mind and heart. You are the one who decides what to do with this energy.

How do you define energy?

I'd rather be at war with the world than at war  
with myself - Nipsey Hussle



## African Warrior of the Light:

### Nipsey Hussle

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of the African Warrior of the Light series. African Warrior of the Light is an ancestor who embodies the message of life & shines through the 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 Nipsey Hussle, & inspirational words to keep you committed on your path. It speaks on the life of Nipsey Hussle, and the impact he left on his LA (Crenshaw) community.



