

# "A message to the Youth: A Letter from Prison"

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This, I offer my condolences to the families who have lost loved ones and became victim to the violence. I offer my apologies for having been absent in my duties and responsibilities as a man in not being the guardian, educator and leader my communities needed in order to be vital and life affirming. I want to inform you that it is my goal to counteract the insanity of the destructive mind set and I do not embrace those who prey upon my people, but particularly my people.

I want my voice to be heard, let the violence, drug dealing, physical and spiritual abuse of the communities STOP... As a man, I want it to be known that I have come to value and recognize that the children need and deserve a safe and secure environment in which to grow and develop, be educated, have access to equal opportunities to excel and become who God intended them to be. I ask that everyone coaching or mentoring this looks at a child - whether at home, school, at play, in church or mosque and consider these words: "I am the African child"

The whole world awaits my coming, all the earth watches with interest to see what I shall become. Civilization hangs in the balance; for what I am, the world of tomorrow will be.

\* I am the African child \*

You have brought me into this about which I know nothing, you hold in your hand my destiny, you determine whether I shall succeed or fail. Train me I beg you, a world where I can walk tall and proud. Train me, as is your

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unto me. To love myself, and my people.  
And to build and maintain a great nation.  
It is I who pro-claim:

\* I am the African Child\*

The whole world awaits my coming, I  
shall not delay it... For I Too Have A Dream.

## "The Art of Solidarity"

Teachings people. First allow me to explain the true and real meaning of "Solidarity". It means unity based on shared interests objectives or standards. However, to put it in so called layman terms, Solidarity to come together, people in motion towards the world and together they're like "a solid movement of authentic cause" which leads to a movement of love, a gift of self, the ultimate stage of what by common accord is called solidarity.

To all the young people of the world, we as a whole must strive to improve the very existence of all people at all cost. So, in calling for solidarity, it must be on the basis of a shared perspective. No outsider is expected to understand, because it is to broadly inclusive perspective that the concept of solidarity has come to be applied in recent years, but one might say that this is only for people of color, no, the solidarity is also shared in the conventional understanding only unique to oppressed people, and if we want the outsider to appreciate and share in this very sensation of solidarity, then we must change our past structure and composition of the sense of always looking at oneself through the eyes of the others, and of measuring one's existence by the by the standard of the world that

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looks upon oppressed people in amuse, contempt, and in pity.

This we do not. We must place all our emphasis of the need for people's total solidarity. We must master the art of solidarity for our youth, in order for us to to achieve, and for us to make this solidarity encompass even with the youth.

In at least, it must be symbolized by those most undiluted forms of the people proletarian experience, which everybody can claim his/her heritage, and to give it a positive balance. Weakness must be turned into strength; for this very reason we must teach our youth unity and complete solidarity, and to practice it without the lies and distortions of the government, because if we don't come to a complete understanding of our need to take ~~the~~ initiative to help our youth, because believe it or not, we are at the last stages of a fight into our culture neurosis.

Love, Peace and Happiness

Bro. Reggie...

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