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.... "Family Unity"

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Simply put we could say family is your bloodline, both its ascendants and descendants ... So what is an "immediate family" !?!?! Once more, simply put we could say: "MOM-POP-SIBLINGS-AUNTS-UNCLES-1ST CUZINS"!!
→ THOSE ARE THE MEANINGS BY "DEFINITION" !!

BUT WHAT IS THE "FEELING" OF A FAMILY ?! WHAT IS THE DUTY (IF) ONE AT ALL, OF UNCS FAMILY ?! WE CAN SAY AND I'LL AGREE THAT THE FEELING IS OF LUV-WARTH-CARE AND CONCERN BUT NOWADAYS (I) ASK → ARE THOSE FEELINGS JUST MENTIONED ANY LONGER RELEVANT IN A SOCIETY WHERE THE DAILY BUZZ IS ABOUT (SELF), ESPECIALLY IN OUR URBAN AND GHETTO AREAS !?!?!

→ THEN THERE'S THE QUESTION OF "DUTY" !... WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF UNCS FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY !?!? LET'S STICK TO THE: MOM-POP-SIBLINGS (AND) "PETS" !!

SURELY MOM IS THE NURTURER ! POP IS THE PROVIDER AND PROTECTOR WHILE THE SIBLINGS RALLY EACH OTHER ON AND VIE FOR EACH PARENTS FULL AND UNDIVIDED ATTENTION WHILE (ALL) SUPPORT THE BETTERMENT OF ONE-ANOTHER !.... DOES THAT SOUND ABOUT RIGHT !?!?! AT LEAST THAT'S HOW IT (USE) TO BE !....

BUT WHAT IF (ALL) YOU HAVE IS ONLY A MOM OR ONLY

A POP OR "MOTHER" AND ONLY SIBLINGS LEFT IN YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY BOTH YOUNGER AND OLDER !!!!! WHAT DO YOU DO FOR THE NURTURING OF A MOM - THE STRENGTH AND PROTECTION OF A POPS AND WHERE DO YOU GO FOR THE WISDOM OF THEM BOTH !!!!!

I'M SURE SOME OF YOU WILL SAY: "G-MA/G-PA" ... SOME WILL SAY: "TEE-TEE/UNC" AND THEN THERE ARE THOSE WHO'LL SAY: "IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A CHILD" !!! O.KAY - O.KAY! I GOT THAT THERE "SHOULD" ALWAYS BE SOMEONE AVAILABLE TO FILL MOMS DRESS OR POPS SHOES !!!...

JUST THE SAME, I'LL SAY THAT DUE TO BOTH RAW EXPERIENCE AND EYE WITNESS ACCOUNTS, THAT ITS (NOT) THAT EASY MY FRIENDS !!! I'VE SEEN CHILDREN ABANDONED BY MOTHERS! ABRUSED BY FATHERS AND REJECTED BY SOCIETY LET ALONE BY FAMILY! ... I BOTH EXPERIENCE AND WITNESS FAMILIES PLEAGUED BY THE: "OWN THANG" (SYNDROME)! ... YOU KNOW THE SYNDROME WHERE EVERYONES DOING THEY "OWN THANG" AND SO WHEN IT COMES TO (YOU) AND THE LOVE-COMFORT-SUPPORT AND ADVISE YOU NEED FROM "FAMILY" THERE IS NONE BECAUSE: "WELL.....EVERYBODIES DOING THEY OWN THANG" !!!

TODAYS SOCIETY HAS TAKEN THE CONCEPT OF "FAMILY UNITY" SO LIGHTLY THAT ITS ALMOST NON-EXISTANT, ESPECIALLY IN URBAN/GHETTO CITIES WHICH ARE SO PLEAGUED WITH FAILING ECONOMIES THAT NO ONE HAS TIME TO CONTEMPLATE ABOUT THE SUBJECT MATTER OR TRUE ESSENCE OF A "FAMILY BOND" !...

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ALMOST 93% OF Today's URBAN/GHETTO HOMES ARE SINGLE PARENTED OR HAVE NO SENSE OF "FAMILY STRUCTURE" AT ALL!... MOTHERS AND FATHERS ARE EITHER MISSING OR DON'T CARE - BROTHERS AND SISTERS AS TRANGED - FAMILY REUNIONS AND GET TOGETHERS ARE "WIERD" AND EVERYONES IN A RUSH TO..... "DO THEY OWN THANK" ^W!!.....

I'M IN PRISON AND THERE'S (NO) QUESTION THAT OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS I'VE BEEN VICTIMIZED BY MY LOVED ONES "OWN THANK" SYNDROME!... SURELY EVERY BLUE MOON (OR EVERY OTHER BLUE MOON ^W) SOMEONE'LL POP UP WITH THE: "HEEY NASIR - YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU! EVERYONE SAYS HI"..... AND I JUST SMILE TO KEEP FROM CRYING!! WHO'S TO BLAME THOUGH!?!? - MYSELF - SOCIETY - GOVERNMENT - MY FAMILY OR THE VILLAGE!?!? → THE LIST OF PEOPLE AND THINGS TO BLAME CAN GET QUIT LONG BUT WHEN WILL WE STOP PLAYING THE BLAME GAME AND START PULLING OUR FAMILY STRUCTURES AND BONDS BACK TOGETHER!?!? WHO WILL LEAD THE CHARGE!?!?

I'M TRULY CONCERNED FOR THE YOUNG MEN WHO ARE FILLING AMERIKKAS PRISON CELLS... 18-19-20-21 YEARS OF AGE WITH MANDATORY PRISON TERMS OF 20-30-40-50 YEARS (NO) PAROL ^W..... They lived lives with (NO) SENSE OF FAMILY - (NO) GUIDANCE - (NO) EDUCATION - EMOTIONALLY TENDER AND SPIRITUALLY/MORALLY STOIC! THEIR FATHERS WERE EITHER MIA - DRUG ADDICTED - IN THE STREETS - DIDNT CARE OR TOO ARE IN PRISON!... THEIR MOTHERS WERE CHILDREN WHO HAD A CHILD SO (SHE) HAD (NO) SENSE OF HOW TO MOTHERLY NURTURE A CHILD AND SO NO SENSE OF UNDERSTANDING OR CONTROL!... AND & THESE BOYS! THESE "YOUNG BOYS" FLOOD THESE CELLS: LOST-ANGERY - ILLITERATE AND CONFUSED!..... (SAD) ^W

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"Where"!! ... WHERE HAVE WE WENT WRONG AS A SOCIETY!?!
FOR THE AFRO-AMERICAN, WHAT HAPPEND TO THE COSBYS - GOOD
TIMES - A MAN AND THE LIKE!?! THOSE SHOWS THAT "MAGNIFIED
THE "FAMILY STRUCTURE" FOR US!... FOR THE WHITES THERES OR
THERE WAS - "AEVE IT TO BEAVER - AND THE BRADY BUNCH TO
NAME A FEW! AND FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITY THERE IS AT
LEAST - "THE LOPEZ SHOW"!!... BUT THEY (ALL) REPRESENT A "FAMILY
BOND"!!... TODAY THERE IS NO MORE "STICKING TOGETHER
THROUGH THICK AND THIN"!! EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT THE SAYING
OF: "TOGETHER WE STAND - DIVIDED WE FALL", ITS BEEN AROUND
FOR EONS YET WE USE IT LOOSELY - STAIR IT RIGHT IN THE
FACE AND DISREGARD IT WHILE "SCREAMING" (SELF)! WHEN
IT COMES TO THE AVERAGE URBAN/HOOD/GHETTO FAMILY,
THERS IS NO: "ALL FOR ONE - ONE FOR ALL" ANY MORE!! why!?!?

"family"!! (The word), where does it go from HERE!!
WILL THE "WORD" LET ALONE THE "CONCEPT" TURN INTO A "TERM"
LIKE THE WORD (NIGGER) DID!?! SURELY NOW PEOPLE USE NIGGA
AS IF THE WORD (AT)! ITS BEEN TURNED INTO SLANG OR AN
ERONIC AS IF IT NEVER MENT OR WAS A MEANS OF (DISRESPECT)
THE WORD NIGGER HAS BEEN SPINT INTO → Nigg - Nigga and
THE LIKE AND IS ACCEPTED AS THE NORM! I SAY THAT TO SAY
IT APPEARS (NOW) TO HAVE (NO) MEANING!! SO (TOO) HAS THE
WORD "family", NOWADAYS PEOPLE IN AT LEAST URBAN/GHETTO
COMMUNITIES USE "FAM - FAMO - FAM-FAM AND FAMILY" AS IF
THE WORD (THE)! PEOPLE CALL TOTAL "STRANGERS" BY THESE
"TERMS" (IF YOU WILL) SO "family" SEEMS TO OF LOST ITS
ESSENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES!! WHY AND HOW - I ASK! WHAT
HAPPEND!?!?!!

Personally, (I) Vow to do all (I) CAN to pull (my) family INTO ONE BUNCH - THE CLOSE-IMMEDIATE AND DISTANT SO THAT WE CAN FACE TRYING AND HAPPY TIMES TOGETHER, SO THAT WE CAN CLIMB THE ECONOMIC SCALE TOGETHER AND BUILD AN EMPIRE FOR OUR FUTURE DESCENDANTS TO COME!!.. FOR (NOW) I'VE NOTHING TO MY NAME BUT I WILL CONTINUE TO STAY MENTALLY - EMOTIONALLY - INTELLECTUALLY - SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY STRONG SO THAT I'LL HAVE (MY) HALF AT THE ROUND TABLE - AND SO THAT WHEN IT COMES TO "SELF VS. FAMILY" I WILL STRONGLY AND INTELLIGENTLY CHOOSE "US" !!... SIMPLE AS THAT !!..

UNTIL FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY IN OUR URBAN/GHETO COMMUNITIES START RE-UNITING AND BECOMING (ONE) WE WILL FOREVER AS (INDIVIDUALS) BE STUCK ON - WALKED OVER AND VICTIMIZED BY THOSE FAMILIES WHO HAVE UNITED AND WHO DOES UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE TRUE CONCEPT OF "FAMILY" !..... JUST LOOK AT SOME OF YOUR DAILY NECESSITIES BY NAME !.. THE FOODS - CLOTHES - CARS - BANKS - APPLIANCES - HYGIENE PRODUCTS - GAS STATIONS - HOSPITALS - ELECTRIC COMPANIES - PHONE COMPANIES - HOTEL CHAINS - TRANSPORTATION ETC... YOU THINK THESE ARE FOUNDATIONS AND MAJOR INCORPORATIONS WITH (NO) "BLOOD-LINE" EFFECT !?!? THINK AGAIN BECAUSE THEY MOST ALWAYS HAVE THEIR INTIRE FAMILIES HEADING THE BOARDS OF EXECUTIVES, TOP OFFICES AND SEATS, EVERYONE ELSE ARE SIMPLY (SUBMISSIVE) TO..... "THE FAMILY UNIT"..... WHERE DID (WE) GO WRONG !?!?!?

I AM:

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"JUST TRYIN' TO BE A FAMILY"..... "MAN"!!

* Inspired By My Sister I-Jas! you know who you ARE! ♥