

REFLECTIONS TO THE UNIVERSE

[IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE?]

WILL YOU RECIEVE THIS MESSAGE

THE READERS DIGEST JUNE 2013

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THE TOP TEN PERSONS ON THE LIST ARE
FIVE ACTORS [EXAMPLE: NO. 1 TOM HANKS]
AND ONE MOVIE DIRECTOR [STEVEN SPIEL-
BERG], WHOSE JOBS, AS ACTORS AND
DIRECTOR, IS TO CREATE ILLUSIONS
[I.E. PRETEND].

NO WONDER ITS ARGUED THAT
AMERICA IS DECLINE.

BUT AHA! DESPITE A TOTAL MASS
MEDIA BLACK OUT ON HIM, AMERICA STILL
FOUND ILLUSTRIOUS NOAM CHOMSKY AT NO.
20, LINGUISTIC PROFESSOR AT MIT!

THERE IS STILL HOPE FOR AMERICA.

BY: LEON IRBY,
DATED JUNE 06, 2013

and I am the daughter of the first human—the African woman.

So on behalf of myself and my brothas and sistahs who feel as I do, we cordially invite you and your friends to "Kiss our collective happy African-American, Black-American Asss...she!" (Ashe—(pronounced) Ah-shay—is an ancient West African spiritual command that means, "so be it.")

In conclusion, brothas and sistahs, I appreciate your support. I can hear your voices in my head saying, "preach; tell it! Tell it well!" You are more than welcome, and it was my pleasure to swat the gnat. I must now wash the carcass from my hand.

Ashe
Big Sistah Pat
Atlanta, GA

Hey Miss Jamie,

Thanks for the latest issue with Eddie Murphy and Tracey Edmonds. I'm still saddened that things didn't work out for Babyface and Tracey. I thought they made such a beautiful couple. Seems like Eddie has been getting around since his divorce. His newborn baby is beautiful! Hope things work out for Tracey and him. She's a classy lady.

Thanks for the interview with Young Buck. That is a talented man, and he's so intelligent. I wish him continued success with his career.

Okay Jamie, it's time for me to go there with you. I've been waiting and asking for a "couples" issue. When are you going to make that happen? It's loooooong overdue,

so Jamie, work your magic and get that issue out. Loll

Thanks for having the hottest magazine out, Jamie. I've been a subscriber for years, and honestly, your magazine is the only one I look forward to reading every single time. Keep doing ya thang, Jamie, because *Sister 2 Sister* magazine is and always will be...untouchable. Much love to you all,
Miko
Lancaster, CA

To Ms. Jamie Foster Brown,
RE: May 2007 issue, *Sister 2 Sister*
Please welcome these considered comments from the grass roots:
There were many pregnant words



of universal wisdom in the above issue that must be called upon in productive motion to save our African-American community. On page 96, the extraordinary Harold Perrineau commented, "I was a little mad because

suddenly they were the same cats who were sticking up people, and now they had record deals. So they were talking about it. 'Yeah, I robbed you and sold drugs,' and I was, like, 'You're killing our neighborhood and now you're selling the song, and I am supposed to buy it?'"

Then on page 107, in your last word, the too-gentle critique of so-

called Black men in drag. Your heartfelt comment: "But I don't like it when our men make fun of Black women." Why does John Ridley write "The Manifesto of Ascendancy for the Modern American Nigger" essay in *Esquire* (12/2006)?

Why does Mr. Ward Connelly advocate, with some success, an end to affirmative action in education and the elimination of any reference whatsoever to "race" in general?

Why do one million African-American men exist incarcerated in legalized slavery?

Why is AIDS on the highest rise among African-American queens?

Why do so-called "gangsta rappers," gang members,

Couldn't CALVIN KLEIN find any Black models?

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MAY 2007

EXCLUSIVE
HOLLYWOOD'S NEW "IT GIRL"
TRACEY EDMONDS
on balancing motherhood, her hot relationship with EDDIE MURPHY and an even hotter filmmaking career.

S2S in JAPAN with
MICHAEL JACKSON

MARQUES HOUSTON
Is he really dating Kim Kardashian?

BABYFACE
Who's his new love?

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Beauty tips, workout plan, celeb family photos and more.

HAROLD PERRINEAU
WENDY RAQUEL ROBINSON
NAOMI CAMPBELL

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pimps, rapists, robbers and drug dealers make a loud noise degrading African Americans, selling it almost exclusively to Caucasian males?

While doing her show on the evils of "gangsta rap" Ms. Oprah said, "I need help! I can't do it by myself!" (April 2007)

Ms. Jamie, please help save our African-American community!

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends." ~MLK Jr. Amen!

Leon Irby
Boscobel, WI

Sistah Jamie,

I am doing something that I thought I'd never do, and that is write to a magazine. But after reading your *Sister 2 Sister* from cover to cover, I'm addicted. I was given the July, August and January issues, and I had to let the sistahs know that there is still at least one brotha around who still respects the beauty of a sistah.

I had to respond to those sistahs that commented on that idiot who calls himself "Mr. Johnny Harlem."

First of all, you only eat from the plate where you place the meal, brotha. With that type of mental preference, no sistah owes you anything. A real man would never think of taking money from a woman.

Second, I'd like to encourage my sistahs to avoid that type of mentality in any man. It doesn't matter if it's your brotha's feelings toward women or if it's your son's. As long as there is a strong woman in a man's or boy's life, there will be a woman to do what some men refuse to do and that is, "Teach and preach, not talk and walk."



Finally, Sistah Jamie, I admire your touch of class, something that is rare in your line of work. You are definitely real. You bring out the class in your readers.

Dwain A. Moore Sr.
Dalhart, TX

Dear Ms. Jamie,

First off I would like to give you your props on what you have achieved. You are much more than a fantastic journalist; you're a mothering one as well. When I read your interviews with the artists, you can hear the respect they have for you. Every month I look for *Sister 2 Sister*, *Not Vogue*, *Ebony*, *Vanity Fair*, or *Essence*. Just y'all.

I just read June's "Peaches & Firecrackers." A writer named "S. Cormier" responded to a lady who said she was tired of Black men. I, as an African American and female, could relate to both sides. I am just 17 years old, but I feel as though I am responsible to say what I feel is right.

I feel as though both sides are being overdramatic. Ms. Sykes had every right to say that she was finished with Black men because that's her business and her opinion. My only problem with it was, why give up all hope on all Black men? What about all the good Black men?

My second problem was with Mr. Cormier. I am Black and get very upset when men are anti-Black women. I feel like it went too far. He said that, "We don't need White people; they need us." That was a very ignorant comment. No, we don't need White people and they don't need Black people. We need each other as a whole human race, as one family celebrating God's gift of life.

Too many of God's gifts are never opened because of racism. I love all of my brothers and sisters including the brown, red and yellow, and have had the opportunity to meet with all

of these wonderful people. I grew up with White and Black people. I work in a grocery store where some days there are White people who are more respectful to me than Black people. You cannot make every White person pay for something his or her ancestors did. What about a Black (man) that's raped a little White girl? Is that your fault? It's not mine and I'm not going to pay for it, nor will I make a little White boy pay for his great-great grandfather's mistakes. I just have a low tolerance for racism.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and God bless.

Gratefully,
Kiara O'Neal
Longview, TX

Dear *Sister 2 Sister*,

My name is Izzat Davis. I am currently incarcerated but I decided to write in regard to child abuse.

I am truly concerned for the future of our children because they're being let down on every side, and it seems nobody cares unless it is their child. Then that person wants the whole world to know. This is a serious situation and we as people need to stand together for the future.

I myself can speak on this subject because of being both abused and abuser, and being on both ends is nothing to be proud of. I've come to grips with who I am and do whatever to help these children so they don't end up where I am. I look in the magazines and all I see are stories about the lives of the singers and the stars. Instead, there should be some ideas to help these children. I just want you to think about it. What if that was your child being abused sexually, mentally or physically?

The children need to know that there is help for them. I do hope and pray that you and your staff will take this situation and what I said into consideration.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,
Mr. Izzat Davis
Gatesville, TX