

## Am Not A "Nigga", by: Myron E. Edwards, Sr.

So, you call me an "Uncle Tom"... well, that's better than being called a "Nigga". You wonder how I figure, let me tell you, so you'll get the picture. "Nigga" is an acronym that stands for: Not Into God Given Attributes. That means a "Nigga" is a herd animal... his ignorance is absolute.

An "Uncle Tom" is used for some Black man whose behaviour & thinking is not like the rest of the "niggas" - he doesn't like the same foods, same music, and same clothes... he doesn't refer to Black women as ho's. His demeanor & make-up is not toddler-like... calling his house his crib, while sagging his clothes. His likes & dislikes are not confined to the rest of the herd. He is generally and often referred to as a nerd. He cannot be considered as "cool" because he doesn't fit in... practicing or specializing in acting a fool. His interest doesn't revolve around: basketball and/or football; rap, R&B, or Hip-Hop; video games; victimizing his community & people; refusing to accept responsibility for the bastards he has sired and living off the back-bone of women, while running from a job. Uncle Tom's world just doesn't consist of his block, his building, his hood, his set, his street, his small part of the city or the ghetto.

No, that "Uncle Tom" utilizes all of his God given attributes... all 99 of them. Everyday he is striving to improve himself, his situation, his condition, his people... he is not content with struggling to be treated as or referred to as equal, because to him, he thinks: Who are they to be equal to? He realizes his behaviour is a reflection of his once proud & mighty people. "Uncle Tom" is about striving to better everything around him, being a mentor... being a leader. "Uncle Tom" is an Alpha Black man, because anything less would be a mess!

So, yeah, you can call me an "Uncle Tom" - just don't fix your mouth to call me a "Nigga". I am a human being with love, apathy, empathy and sympathy... I have a conscious mind, I have a bright soul... I am not a herd animal... I have positive & real goals. You get the picture... I'm not a "Nigga"! And if you still call or refer to yourself as one, well... it figures... Nigga!

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