

On Edge

*"Don't push me/Because I'm close to the edge/I'm
tryin' not to lose my head/It's like ah jungle/Sometime
it makes me wonder/How I keep from goin' under!"*



Upon the completion of an apparently hasty and biased "investigation" by State Officials in Houston, Texas, regarding to circumstances surrounding the mysterious "death" (i.e., MURDER?, BY THE INSTRUMENT OF CALLOUSLY JAILING OUR SISTER), of Sandra Bland, a most vivacious and deeply ambitious Black/New Afrikan woman whom was active in the "Black Lives Matter" movement as an expression of concern which she held for her people, it was concluded that she committed "suicide;" and that no evidence implicated any Officer as being culpable for her death, i.e., that she ALONE was to blame and responsible for her demise while in the custody of fascist-oriented PIGS who devalue Black folks lives by virtue of the nature of the CULTURE they're awashed in.

This most convenient finding - - obviously DETACHED from any realization or serious critical analysis as regards the interrelated factors involved as to the circumstances LEADING UP TO OUR SISTER'S PROVOKED CONFRONTATION AND SUBSEQUENT PUNITIVE MOTIVATED JAILING - - got me to thinking, isn't it a fact a person can actually be DRIVEN to resort to extreme measures in order to extract him/herself from what are for them, totally unbearable forms of TORTURE; in terms of the emotional and psychological PAIN suffered based on circumstances of CONSTANT subjugation via repressively dehumanizing forces?

As has been reported in just the last decade alone, an alarming amount of people in this nation (e.g., Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans, victims of the 2008-09 Economic "Warfare," etc.) resorted to the finality of "suicide" due to having grown unable to any longer endure or cope with the severe level of...TRAUMA, i.e., desperate circumstances beleaguering their psycho-emotional worlds.

Just as warfare and economic deprivation such as under (un)employment, debts, inability to provide adequately for self and loved ones, the loss of a home, loss of a vehicle for necessitated transportation, inability to afford quality health and dental care, etc., etc., causes people to escape what are for them, very depressing circumstances by either attempting or succeeding via the act of "suicide;" logically, the same is no less true in the case of Black/New Afrikan people - - i.e., people of color - - as regards the unavoidable and quite palpable TRAUMA inflicted and experienced as a direct result of what are a myriad of forms (subtle and blatant) of RACISM or INSTITUTIONAL-BASED EXPRESSIONS OF WHITE SUPREMACY, in which we are perpetually subjected to.

Yes, an individual can obviously be DRIVEN OVER THE EDGE by a combination of social, economic, political, cultural and psychological-emotional factors which induces one to...IMPLODE as a source of immediate relief.

So no, it's absolutely incorrect and a definite expression of Official Indifference for our beautiful sista'z "death," to simply be viewed and treated as the result of "her own doing;" as an evidentiary nature to go irresponsibly, and indeed unprofessionally; ignored as such was/are ever done or conducted in total void of, what are actually interrelated dynamics at play, i.e., Sandra Bland's "death-by-suicide" - - EVEN IF SHE ACTUALLY PLACED THE "LYNCH ROPE" AROUND HER OWN NECK AND "JUMPED" IN SEARCH OF RESCUING HERSELF FROM THE BRUTAL PSYCHO-EMOTIONAL TRAUMA INFLICTED BY THE AGENTS OF HER TORTURE - - CANNOT and nor SHOULD NOT, be examined or considered in "ISOLATION;" since it is enormously important for US to ever view and treat such "incidents" in the context of OUR SUBJECTION UNDER A WHITE MALE SUPREMACIST SYSTEM.

I mean, really, WHAT WOULD MAKE OUR SISTER - - and others like her, who've resorted to the desperate act of "suicide" in order to ESCAPE THE CONSTANT TORMENT and RACIST DEHUMANIZATION IN WHICH OUR PEOPLE ENDURE - - so desperate, that she'd PREFER DEATH; over the vindictive mistreatment in which she was subjected from the moment that POPO pulled her over?

As her family has emphasized, she had absolutely NO REASON and NOR DESIRE to "take her own life," as not only was she in good spirits regarding the prospects of receiving employment (the very reason she was driving through the notoriously racist TEXAS, in the first place), but her life was one of happiness and filled with a sense of profound meaning and purpose. So, what is to be discerned is like MANY of our brothaz/sistaz throughout our history in this country, SHE WAS LITERALLY PUSHED OVER THE EDGE BY CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WERE/ARE OUT OF CONTROL, JUST AS THEY ARE IN YOURS AND MINE AS WELL.

Indeed, every aspect and dimension of our lives must be understood within the context - - historically speaking, as well as on a contemporary day-to-day basis - - of a thoroughly RACIST MATRIX, as otherwise the analysis in which we bring to our

societal experiences won't function to afford an accurate or completely developed conclusion.

No, ^{this} isn't hardly to discount that degree of "responsibility" we each must assume, or those "responsibilities" which are certainly incumbent upon us to assume. Yet, as white male, and yes, even that of female, however subordinate they may be in relation to the white male power structure, SUPREMACY actually pervades this country, hence touches our lives in a myriad of ways, any-and-all circumstances in which we're "confronted" - - e.g., unemployment on an inordinate level, inordinate infant mortality, mass incarceration, homicide, suicide, insanity, homelessness, drug addiction/overdose, heart-attack, stroke, police brutality, etc., etc., RATES; MUST ever be approached and explicated with this reality in mind, i.e. it is the PRIMARY CAUSE of most of the ~~problems~~ ^{problems} which beset our lives on an endemic level.

We're obliged to VISUALIZE our sister TRAPPED in a CAGE after having been forcibly thrown to the ground by a white man, whom probably devalues her (OUR) very Afrikan being, and whom had threatened to "light her up" with a potential lethal dose of electricity (i.e., a jolt from a taser-gun), emotionally distraught by the fact that she was being forced to endure circumstances manufactured to make her suffer purposeful indignities, humiliation, a fine, bail, and even the real possibility of losing an employment opportunity for being "HELD UP" by the law from participating in a much anticipated job interview.

So, I ask, under such circumstances - - THAT NEED NOT HAVE BEEN - - whom wouldn't have grown justifiably infuriated and impacted quite severely, psycho-emotionally; and especially as regards an individual who've had to never bear the abrupt and arbitrary loss of her "freedom?"

"She left home excited by an opportunity..."

- Sandra Bland's Mother

Probably "an opportunity" she'd awaited for most of her life or one in which she desperately needed to realize for purposes of general survival. It was "her," who was charged for allegedly "assaulting" an Officer - - a standard pig tactic so as to COVER UP the real facts which usually involve THEM having abused their authority by harming/murdering someone without due cause - - after having been DRAGGED from her car for... DARING TO SMOKE A DAMN CIGARETTE IN ORDER TO TOLERATE THIS PIG'S SHIT!

To my mind, what happened to Sandra Bland was nothing more than what many of our folks experience regularly across this nation: "DRIVING WHILE BLACK!" In fact, I'd think it safe to conclude that one of the real motives behind the Officer pulling her over is the result of an overriding concern in fulfilling a "TICKET QUOTA" in which our folks are commonly "STUCK UP FOR." We all know, what actually "pissed him off," was the fact that you had a Black (a woman with Assata Shakur's qualities) in just and bold defiance of his arrogant and retaliatorial commands, which in his white male supremacist/patriarchal complex - unconscious or conscious - he just couldn't

permit since each of these ideological tendencies DEMANDS PASSIVE and IMMEDIATE...OBEDIANCE.

Those Officials across the country - - Black, White, Brown, Green, or what have you - - who'd attempt to persuade us to accept as fair and conclusive, their internal or so-called "independent" investigations and "grand juries" into the conduct of THEIR FELLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, are dead-wrong that somehow our Sandra Blands of their own volition took their breath.

This ^{is} the face of entire system-schemes which are obviously built upon and geared towards oppressive domination of particularly people of color - - THE DELIBERATELY TARGETED AND PROFILED. You see, to willy nilly accept such preposterous assertions and thinking, would be tantamount to our also accepting as true, that our young brother, Kalief Browder, whom "took his own life" after having been repeatedly brutalized and degraded by Officers on a typical "power-trip" while in their custody, for simply refusing to "confess" to crimes he hadn't committed; did so without the complicit involvement of these Officers operating within the context of a white supremacist authoritarian structure, i.e., it is actually these repressive institutional frameworks which as a matter of procedure serve to ensure and promote conditions which are manufactured towards OUR DISCIPLINARY MISTREATMENT.

It is precisely and surely THESE manufactured conditions which CAN and DOES CAUSE some people to seek relief in the FINAL ACT, rather than go on enduring dehumanization at the hands of PIGS - - THOSE WHOM ARE INDIFFERENT AND IMMORAL IN PURPOSEFUL BRUTAL ABUSE AND MISUSE OF AUTHORITY - - in any capacity of the society.

From the ghetto-hells (e.g., Watts/~~Nickerson~~ South Central) to the tombs, I've seen with my own eyes people reach their limit or grow so fed up, that they resolved in their hearts that ^{it's} better to be dead; than to live a life constantly besieged by a merciless racist society and those whom eagerly or dutifully conform to the dictates of white male, ruling class supremacy. This is so, and applies to "even our own" whom are absorbed in these type^{of} authoritarian, and indeed even apparently "developmentally requisite," institutions across^{the} socio-economic, political and cultural spectrum.

What drove Christopher Dorner to say "enough-is-enough?" I guess his death and the death of other sisters and brothers by the hands of those who BANG the "Blue" & "Green" Wall GANGS, was "suicide by Cops," huh? Upon the Officer having slammed Sandra Bland to the ground and her informing him of a serious medical history related to her suffering from "epilepsy," his depraved-heart's response was: "GOOD!"

Is there any real wonder folks like Lovell Mixson and Ismaaiyl Brinsley "blew a fuse" or "snapped" in the face of being "boxed-in" and "suffocated" by a racist societal order - - JUST WITNESS DONALD TRUMP AND THE UNABASHED

SUPPORT HE'S RECEIVING - - which conspires to undermine Blacks developmental potentials, interests and our very futures?

In conclusion, I'd ask US to give a moment here to PICTURE those brothers and sisters held in shackles beneath the SLAVESHIPS made to endure MONTHS of quite brutally horrible and despicable treatment and conditions (e.g., seeing, hearing and smelling RAW DEATH, STARVATION, SICKNESS, INSANITY, ETC.) everywhere around them. Now, I ask, WOULDN'T, and as history confirm - - DIDN'T this lead to many to "take their own lives" or "throw themselves" - - BABIES, CHILDREN, ETC. into SHARK-INFESTED OCEANS, rather than go on enduring the human denigration and barbarity by the hands of white-male supremacists???

Peace be to our Sandra Bland and the many others whom sought solace by escaping this HELL...called Amerika.

"She stood up for herself. She evoked the rights that were due to her and that makes me proud of her..."

*- Sandra Bland's Sister,
during an Interview on 'NPR',
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