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“Why Afrodescendants Must Survive”

There is plain view evidence that Afrodescendants as we are known today could disappear from the American landscape in the distant future.

The potential scenario is that Afrodescendants who prepare ourselves to merge with mainly white America will, while those who do not prepare ourselves for such merging will be lost to disease, drugs, incarceration, and obsolescence.

Because Afrodescendants' disappearance could be considered a natural evolutionary process, some might argue that it should transpire.

This essay lodges the argument that the loss of Afrodescendants would constitute a loss to the world that is too great and too painful to bear.

Why? Because Afrodescendants serve as a moral compass for the world.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, when the quintessential moral issue of the modern era (slavery) was being debated, Afrodescendants were at the center of that debate. It was the action of Afrodescendants and our cry for freedom that led the world to end the debate on the side of morality, justice, and freedom. What would the nation be today without the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution?

Freedom for Afrodescendants led women in America and around the world to raise their claim to equality during the early 20th century. As a result laws were changed to honor the rights of women. Imagine what the world would be today without the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution.

In the mid-20th century, seeing that Afrodescendants were legally free, but not free indeed, Afrodescendants agitated again for change and opened the door to many new economic freedoms. Where would the world be today without the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision and the *Civil Rights Act of 1964*?

Those new economic freedoms and further action by Afrodescendants in America, caused the walls of apartheid to come tumbling down in South Africa during the 1990s.

In addition, it was the action of Afrodescendants in North America that motivated Afrodescendants in Latin America to agitate for recognition of their rights.

Even today, certain Latin American nations are implementing Affirmative Action laws and opportunity expanding provisions of the sort that were fought for by Afrodescendants in the US.

Ignoring for a moment Affirmative Action's legality, recognize that people elsewhere around the world have continuously benefited from North American Afrodescendants' efforts to bring freedom, justice, and equality to light.

If it were not for the successful struggles of Afrodescendants in North America, working conditions in Africa's oil fields and gold, silver, and diamond mines would remain unimproved.

Without the history of Afrodescendants in North America, there would be no basis for textile workers in Bangladesh to call for improvements in their hazardous working conditions.

Afrodescendants' historical fight for freedom, justice, and equality have even helped improve conditions for prisoners in a communist Peoples' Republic of China.

If it were not for the experiences of Afrodescendants in North America, no people or group anywhere in the world would have a reference point from which to call for change that ends on the right side of morality, justice, and freedom.

Therefore, Afrodescendants who serve as champions of morality, justice, and freedom, must survive. We must remain!

Without Afrodescendants, the world would have no benchmark setters against which to judge. Therefore, the world would sink into a dark and cold hole of materialistic despair where there is no light of morality, justice, and freedom with which to return the warmth of hope, life, and peace.

That loss would be too great and too painful to bear.

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