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“Forget Equality: Demand and Take Independence”

Why should one opt for equality that someone else controls over independence that is limitless?

Think about it. Africans were taken prisoner and brought to the US to serve as free labor. After nearly 240 years, the nation decided that it would dispense with slavery of that kind and fought the Civil War over it.

However, because the nation did not take action (i.e., pass and enforce sufficient laws) to guarantee the freedom and equality of former slaves, the status of former slaves was fundamentally unchanged—they remained slaves in everything but name.

Regardless of the protests, movements, and political and social shenanigans that have transpired in the US since the Civil War, the simple fact is that Black Americans do not, and cannot, control our destiny here.

Our ancestors’ failure to demand independence after the Civil War was an enormous error. Given their economic, social, and political position in the country, why did they expect that equality could be achieved? Did they not realize that the powerful never give up control voluntarily? At that time, we were essentially powerless. We were outnumbered and had almost no wealth. To accept a game of chance at equality under those conditions was ignorance.

Similarly, when Black America had had enough during the 1960s and threatened to burn it down, White America played the “equality” game again. They offered Voting Rights, Equal Rights, Fair Housing, and even Affirmative Action. But they controlled completely the agenda—never permitting Black America to vote on topics of interest to us. They never enforced fully Equal Rights or Fair Housing. They made Affirmative Action illegal after just a short while. Again, Black American leadership was gullible and accepted conditions that they could not control. Consequently, we are further from equality today than we were 50 years ago.

It is 2020, and this promise of equality is being polished off and presented again. What will White America offer this time? Almost nothing! They have the technology and physical force to thwart uprisings. Their forked tongues will speak promises that they do not intend to keep. Then they will stall and attempt to lull us back to sleep. In a pinch, they may allow a few more Black Americans to be elected to Congress. They may allow a few more Black Americans to become millionaires even billionaires. They may facilitate our realization of joy when a few more Black athletes win

college or professional sports championships. A few additional Black musical entertainers or cinema stars may be extended top awards. What we know is that Whites will be real economic winners. In the grand scheme of things, what they will give will be a pittance compared to what they receive in return—Black America on a silver platter to be carved up and eaten economically, politically, socially for another 50 years.

How do we stop the madness? How do we halt the cycle?

Stop requesting equality! Demand and take independence! Nation formation now!

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