

Responses to the Commentary: “Learn to Hate.”

From Baba Amefika Geuka (051822):

I just read your latest special commentary titled "Learn to Hate." While I empathize with what you contend in the piece, my own experiences in life do not permit me to agree with your conclusion that what we need to do is learn to hate. We are all creatures of our experiences during the course of our lives and of course not all of us have the same experiences -- though they may have certain similarities. For example, I personally am a gun owner and believe that any *thinking* black person should own and know how to care for and use a gun and/or rifle. However, during the course of my life I have observed that blacks who do possess and use guns against other human beings invariably use them against other black folks. Seldom do they use weapons of any sort against those outside our race who very often are truly our enemies, especially white folks. As a result, I hesitate to urge blacks in general to arm themselves with guns or other means of killing or maiming people UNLESS they are *conscious* of and *conscientious* about the nature of the beast as it pertains to black people. Similarly, I have observed that as a general rule whenever a black person expresses or otherwise evinces dislike or hatred for an individual or group of people, such negative and potentially destructive emotions are more likely than not to be directed against another black person, and their feelings of contempt is directed not against whites or other non-blacks, but against other blacks.

In my book [*Building Bridges Over Troubled Waters*](#) on page 188 I state further that:

...We are as aware as anyone of the less-than-stellar history of white supremacy and the destruction it has heaped on people of African descent, and we harbor no fanciful illusions about 'brotherhood' between Black and white people. However, we reject the contention that to love Black people means we must hate white people. Hatred does most of its harm to the one doing the hating, often having no deleterious effect at all on the object of the hate. Black folks have suffered long and intensely enough already at the behest of white supremacy, and we do not need to turn that powerful emotion inward onto ourselves and one another. We put the past in proper perspective and get on with the business of rebuilding our people and their sense of self-worth. We are convinced that the best protection against continuation of past patterns of white supremacists and racists abusing Black people is for Black people to strengthen ourselves to the extent it would no longer be wise or safe for racists to choose us as their victims. Force them to look elsewhere for their next “patsies.”

From Attorney Avery Mcknight (051822):

Please consider asking: “How Allah allowed this to happen as well who is all benevolent and merciful?”

Also consider asking us [Black Americans]: “How we are conditioned to love black men who are killing other black men, women and children at an alarming rate?”

Also cite Deuteronomy 32:39: “See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.” (KJV)

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