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“Revise the Narrative”

At their start, fledgling nations have to struggle to find their place in the world. The Black American nation is no different. Starting as just a few persons and rising to nearly 50 million strong today, we have struggled over the past 500 years to find our identity and freedom in North America.

There is no question that we have stood at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder from the outset. We have suffered murder, slavery, rape, poverty, and discrimination. In a word, Europeans have waged WAR against us.

For so long, we have pleaded, literally begged, for mercy and justice. Without sufficient implements of war, we have used the only defense available to the unarmed in battle: Seek to distract the enemy. We have been the enemy’s clowns and buffoons. We have entertained them with song, comedy, drama, and sport. We have succumbed to provide them with the ultimate physical pleasures. We have given up ourselves to save ourselves.

But now, with swelling numbers and the world as an audience, we rise to turn the tide.

Now the entire story is slowly being divulged for the world to see. What the world will come to know is that Black Americans comprise a great nation on earth. Which other nation has been at WAR for nearly 500 years with one of the most powerful nations on earth—and the most powerful nation on earth for an extended period—has survived that war, has multiplied, and has prospered?

What we know is that, like our ancestors before us in Africa, we toiled in the heat of the day to bring forth food to sustain life for the broader nation, and substance from the earth to support the broader nation’s commerce. We invented various means of production from steam engines to computers. We built everything from shanties, to the White House, to the Capitol, to skyscrapers. We helped manufacture everything from bicycles, to what drives America, to missiles, to jets, to space shuttles. We have managed all types of enterprises: From cosmetic companies, to publishing houses, to manufacturing companies, to educational and financial institutions. We have engaged in politics and government at every level: From leaders of hamlets to president of the nation.

All of this we have done knowing that, one day, we would have to do it all over again for our own independent nation.

It is proper to continue to seek justice in America, and to extend the search for social, income, and wealth equality. However, we should know that the not so good ole US of A was never intended to deliver all of these things to us. It was only a testing and proving ground, so that we could learn again—reinforce our ancestral knowledge—the way to construct a heavenly nation without dissimilation.

Compared to many in the world, we are not poor and without hope. On the contrary, we have each other, considerable resources, and a rich history on which to draw to rise and move on into our own nation. We should take good advice: Abandon an abusive relationship before it destroys us forever. I assure you that if we do not depart America, then it will destroy us. Too many of the Europeans in America hate us; otherwise, they would not have treated us so badly for so long. It is not as if they did not know, which is something that so many of them contend today.

Let us view history from a long-term perspective, see our purpose in America, and see our future in our own independent nation.

We are a GREAT nation—one of the greatest on earth—when interpreted in this way! Let us live and act like it. It is time that we revise the narrative and chart a new course to our grand future. If we do not recognize this reality ourselves, then no one else will.

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