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It was difficult for me to reconcile taking the time to weigh in about race in the year 2016, as I would almost swear that we've been here before. Coming of age in the 1980's, I am more than familiar with the black consciousness renaissance that gave us hip-hop and black entrepreneurship, and which unofficially culminated in the L.A. riots. I heard the twin cries of 'Fuck The Police' and 'Fight the Power' blaring from boomboxes and cars every day, my own included. Those years were exciting for me as a young, mixed kid, and it would be no exaggeration to state that without that fertile period I would not be here today. I absorbed it all and was convinced we were on the right track. So recently, as the new wave of black American malaise began insinuating itself everywhere, I felt a sinking in my stomach, as I realized nothing had fundamentally changed in the last 30 years and we were about to go over all of the same territory once again.

I was torn, because on the one hand, I believed that to enter the debate at all was to agree to play the game as it was being set up by the media outlets, which I could foresee ultimately leading into the rut of distraction and diversion. On the other hand, as my frustration grew, the glaring omissions from the discussion forced me to reflect back upon the legacies left behind by the pioneers of the struggle; those that gave their love, talents, and lives for me to have the privilege of deciding precisely what I wished to do with my own life. I am forever grateful and thankful for their sacrifices. Seen from their vantage point, I never had a choice at all; as it is the duty of every black American to continue to push forward with a *positive* vision of the future, rather than succumb to the ennui currently defining black American discourse. Therefore, my pledge in writing this is to try and dig down below the surface and not run from the uncomfortable truths, for it is only when we are well armed with the truth that we might then rightly begin the process of changing our lives for the better. My hope is that we will finally recognize that the enemies are not out there, attacking us and keeping us down, but within our own minds. The *fact* is that there are no limitations and no excuses for the black American of today.

We are here at the dawning of the exponential new age; an age which will be defined by the blurring of the line between science-fiction and science-fact. What is most needed now are new ideas. Moonshot ideas. Fearless ideas that take into account the infinite potentiality of our imaginations and our capacity to make our visions real. It is from the seed of our ideas that the fruit of our future harvest depends. Change and evolution cannot be stopped. I believe in the possibility of a new black American transformation. I believe this transformation will be instigated by individuals who are willing and able to stand with the truth and not be thrown off course by the din of the media and those who would prefer to cling to a sinking ship. I am not suggesting it will be easy, quite the contrary. What will be required of us is nothing less than real effort; effort bolstered by inspiration, commitment, courage, sacrifice, discipline, faith, delayed

gratification, and improvisation. A veritable cornucopia of all the things modern culture surreptitiously instills in us to avoid. Know that we have been misled, for these are the very attributes which give our lives meaning. We have been sold a false ideal of leisure and luxury. It's time to reconnect with that drive and purpose for being alive.

And even as the theme of this particular writing is focused on the black American and African situations, it should in no way be read as exclusionary. Ultimately my views are universalist, with the emphasis being on the building of cooperative endeavors of all peoples, from all fields, from all parts of this planet. The future is a global mind. This is not a fantasy story, or 'virtual reality', this is the real, flesh and blood thing. To say that racism does not exist would be foolish. To say that racism is the cause of the *current* situation in black America would be false. We have other options now.

Street View

The main point of contention in the current race debate centers on the street view. The street view in this context is synonymous with life in the ghetto. At street view, the ghetto appears to be the entire world, but it certainly is not. The inhabitants claim they are oppressed and demand change, but they do not properly identify their perpetrators. The street view mindset, fuelled by the media, continues to locate the most acute point of confrontation as coming from the police. The power structure uses this to its advantage by willingly sacrificing their pawns in law enforcement to ensure that the ghetto remains confused as to where the front line truly is. The front line is never the street. The street is the dumping ground in the war for the black American mind. The fact that black Americans living with the street view continue to react in ways that would make Pavlov proud, shows the power structure that it has nothing to fear whatsoever. Marches, protests and violence indicate precisely the degree to which the thinking of the people has or has not evolved. Old tactics will produce no new results.

The unofficial motto of the street view is to 'keep it real'. This 'keeping it real' came to prominence as the result of the gangster rap movement of the 1980's, where it was used as a smokescreen to hide the fact that what they were peddling was negativity and violence. What is now painfully obvious, is that in 'keeping it real' we have the perfect modern symbiosis of destruction and profit, or as Naomi Klein so aptly put it, 'disaster capitalism'. The key operatives of the 80's and 90's entertainment industries discovered that black Americans would literally pay for their own destruction. This is nothing short of a brilliant insight. In the wake of N.W.A., corporate masterminds like Jimmy Iovine swooped in, luciferian contracts in hand, to make offers the young black artists couldn't refuse, and set upon flooding the market with poisonous product intended to collapse the black community in on itself, while at the same time

generating massive wealth for himself and his overseers.

Even more insidious, 'keeping it real' became internalized, solidifying into a lifestyle with its attendant values, through the contagion in the form of a musical soundtrack played over and over, which hardwired the darkest themes of the street directly into the pleasure centers of the brain through song. This is neuroscience. These are psychological techniques that have been exhaustively researched by the best and brightest minds in the field and tested in myriad scenarios, from university campuses to nursery schools. The street view is a case study in biological engineering. The internal conflicts, contradictions, and complexities are the result of the applied science of psychological warfare, spanning generations, thereby making it difficult to extricate one's mind from the seeming oppression. The efficacy of this strategy lies precisely in its invisibility, but, once recognized, its results can be neutralized.

The pulling up of solitary members of the street view community, as examples of the changing status of black Americans, would be used as a ruse and repeated again and again, right up to the present day. For those left behind who were idealistic and hopeful, seeing others like themselves achieve mainstream success provided a new way of looking at black freedom. During this phase Black Power came to mean black *economic* power. But the cards of the financial system have always been, and always will be, stacked against those who do not control its mechanisms. In saying that this system is not designed with black agency in mind is simply stating a fact. Let's be honest, if you took the necessary time of hundreds of years of concerted, focused effort to develop and institute a plan for your own welfare, and it was absolutely working, would you be keen to change it? I think not. This particular system benefits its makers and administrators precisely. There is no denying the genius of that. But they do not hold the patent on genius. Trying to force new legislation from Washington and its agencies is not the way forward. Take heart, free market capitalism was not created and instituted by God; it is an invention of man.

Grasped as a whole, the present day American system is merely an idea. All of us are its effects, but it does not change the fact that it is still only an idea, and as such, is susceptible to a different, better idea. We can liken the it to a company or corporation. The deal is this, if you start a company, you get to run it as you wish, and as an employee, if you don't like the rules of the company, you are free to leave. This is America. The only option for black Americans who do not like this company of a system, and feel that it is keeping them down, is to realize that they have the right and the ability to build their own, to their own specifications. This is what every self respecting civilization has done. Why is this so complicated? In essence, it is not complicated, it is correct and it is just. Today, no matter how many excuses black America wants to drum up, we are free. God bless America.

The simple truth for those currently inhabiting the street view is that no one is coming to give

you anything. *You are the only ones in control of your destiny.* If the black American on the street continues to refuse this, there will be no fundamental change, rather what can be expected is more shuffling of the cards to create the illusion of progress, while in reality, what is ultimately created, are more distractions and confusion. In order for the black American to evolve, s/he must grasp the scepter of right thinking and accept that the only way forward is to have a clear, progressive vision of the future and the discipline to build it. And there is the rub. The process of seeing an idea from conception to reality is something most people are not willing to do. We've been lulled into thinking it should be easy. Success is always hard. It is failure that is easy. The foundation upon which every great culture rests is work. There is no more time for coddling. Black Americans ought to resent coddling. It is a drug. Stand up and stand out. Face the fact that it is going to take vision, effort and sacrifice, and all limitations quickly fall away. Whoever cannot handle this fact will be left behind.

So why is it that instead of offering up very simple solutions, some of our best minds continue to try and solve the problems by dealing with effects? If we boil it all down, the one and only barrier the black American faces is mental. All of the black American's supposed ills exist solely in the mind. Without complicating things unnecessarily, the focus of our initial work then must be on developing the correct mental condition which shall unlock the door to the future. It's common knowledge that to have a healthy body one needs to eat the proper foods. What is less discussed, and which is eminently more important, is that the exact same principle exists for the mind. Quite simply, we are what we ingest mentally. If the street view believes it can feed the mind the equivalent of McDonald's three meals a day, which is what the news media, television, posting, blogging, tweeting, FB profiles, video games, virtual reality, etc. represent, and expect to have strong, healthy, self-reliant thoughts, they are kidding themselves.

I am well aware that society is in the midst of technological addiction. And, like all addictions, kicking the habit can be difficult if you're not convinced that you have a problem. Obviously it's not the technology that is the problem, rather it's what we choose to spend our time doing with it. From my vantage point there is a serious problem. But this technological addiction is not a disease; *it can be stepped away from instantaneously once given the proper motivation.* It's time to go cold turkey. Let me clarify what I mean, it's time to radically reduce our involvement with those online activities that distract us. None of us has anymore time to lose, so it is imperative to be aware of how it is wasted in today's world. Distractions should be rooted out and avoided wherever possible. Our mental nutrition is the master key. Once this simple truth is fully apprehended, we will see precisely what we need to do. We must feed our minds only the best information. We must be vigilant where this is concerned. Read all the best books. Listen to the greatest music. Watch the timeless films. Be discerning. Hold everything that enters your mental domain up to the light of the highest standards. Oh, and travel...

EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND YES, THAT MEANS YOU TOO BLACK

AMERICA, HAS THE RIGHT TO A PASSPORT. Armed with said United States of America passport, you can go anywhere in the world you so please. Let's look at some numbers for a moment. From the street view perspective I'm going to make a couple of general assumptions. The first is that nearly everyone has a smart phone. The second is that nearly everyone has a pair of Beats headphones. Taken together, we might come up with a figure near \$500, give or take a little. The cost of a passport is about \$100. A plane ticket to Aruba can be found for \$400, probably less. So for the price of a pair of headphones, and an iPhone, you could literally be in paradise, a thousand miles away from the ghetto you claim is oppressing you. And if paradise doesn't strike your fancy, how about a stroll down the street of a major European city, only stopping occasionally to try on a sweater or sip a coffee. These are the facts. I can hear the excuses already, 'But what am I going to do when I land?' Figure it out. Have an adventure. If the black American is expecting to get everything without risking anything, I call that delusional. If you did happen to only have enough to get somewhere, then you must call upon other forces. And there are other forces much more potent than cash. Besides, with a minimum of planning, I'm quite sure most people could scrape together more than \$500. You might have to get creative, but if you are sincere in your desire to create a new life for yourself and others, you will find a way. I promise. It's time to stop making excuses.

The Talented Tenth

Slavery and racism. Arguably the two most emotionally charged words in the black American lexicon today. In every strata of black American life they seem to lurk just below the surface, threatening to leap out at the slightest provocation. The anger and resentment are historically well justified. But in 2016, does it do any good? I say that it does not. As long as black America continues to focus on slavery and racism as the causes for their *present* condition, evolution is not possible. The fact is that *every black American should be thanking God for slavery*. I mean no disrespect to my ancestors who were forced to endure its hell, I merely wish to point out that as a black American today, I absolutely recognize that I am blessed with more resources than I could possibly ever fully use in my lifetime, and it is because of slavery. There seems to be a law within nature that proves the existence of cycles of polarity, and that out of the most negative circumstances comes the fresh shoots of a positive transformation. Every disadvantage carries within it the seed of a corresponding advantage. Instead of viewing slavery as a blemish on our race, we can transmute it into the new force of our evolution. Slavery and racism actually endowed us with special gifts that await our activation.

Granted, racism and slavery are woven through and through with complexities, not least of which are the benefits to be had by making them the subjects of constant debate. Racism and slavery are also lucrative. Perhaps here is the nexus that reveals the true reason for their

perennial recurrence. Slavery and racism provide a bottomless well of subject matter, as whole courses, careers, lives, books, films, and artworks are dedicated to retelling, repackaging, and, more tellingly, reselling, these twin injustices over and over and over. And miraculously, there just so happens to be a booming market for them. This market is not owned and operated by black Americans. So who owns it? Who acts as gatekeeper and curator of black American culture? Who is in a position to hand out the rewards? Those who are in a position to bestow rewards are the people creating the conditions in the world today. Why are we not willing to see this? Because if we allow our thinking to coalesce around the truth, we run the risk of falling down the rabbit hole. We would look back over our lives and see how we have been manipulated every step of the way. Or, worse still, we might also realize that there is only one way out; and that is to build an alternative. The reality is, perpetually being the victim may provide certain perks in the short term, but it ultimately prohibits access to our higher faculties and talents. The time has come to face our demons.

W.E.B. DuBois famously called for the education of a black talented tenth percent of the population that would be entrusted with leading the rest of the community toward self-reliance. Statistically, as of 2008, 19.6 % of all black Americans over the age of 25 held a college degree. Du Bois' dream is now a reality. Back in 1903 he was speaking primarily of the need of *black* colleges, where black Americans would teach their own, but today the talented tenth can, and do, attend any institution in the country. And while it is common, and certainly acceptable, for today's talented tenth to routinely weigh in on the injustices of racism and slavery, there seems to be a fundamental problem. What DuBois did not foresee, or simply did not elaborate, was how our modern day talented tenth would be able to reconcile the inherent contradiction of receiving their educations from the universities of the establishment. The unspoken assumption perhaps is that the university is somehow detached and independent of the larger structure or system which otherwise shapes our modern world. This notion must be abandoned immediately. Every top tier institution has long been regarded as a major front in the war being waged for the American mind.

Howard Zinn quotes the Church Committee report on the infiltration of U.S. campuses by the CIA in the 1960's in 'A People's History of the United States': "The CIA is now using several hundred American academics (administrators, faculty members, graduate students engaged in teaching) who, in addition to providing leads and, on occasion, making introductions for intelligence purposes, write books and other material to be used as propaganda purposes abroad... These academics are located in over 100 American colleges, universities and related institutions. The CIA considers these operational relationships within the U.S. academic community as perhaps its most sensitive domestic area and has strict controls governing these operations..." In 1961 the chief of the CIA's Covert Action Staff wrote that books were "the

most important weapon of strategic propaganda.” If this report is from the 1960’s what kind of situation might we expect to see today?

This is not a criticism of knowledge acquisition. Nothing can be expected without knowledge. This is a criticism of the way in which the talented tenth have traditionally gained this knowledge. Looking ahead to the coming cycle reveals that the present day university system is out of date, even antagonistic, toward the skill sets and mentality that will be most necessary and effective. As technology and the Internet continue to grow exponentially, the responsibility of the next generation will be to educate themselves, without university intermediaries. We can take what we need from the accomplishments of the old system while plotting a new course for the future. All it takes is discipline. We will not be earning degrees to compete for the limited positions of ‘first-world’ academia or established corporations. We will be acquiring knowledge that is broad and functional for real-time, real world applications and service. We need new mastery for the new era. We need exceptional standards. We need new concepts and ideas that inspire and open up inside the mind, revealing the infinite potentialities of the human imagination. It will be from these inspired ideas that our activity derives its structure. Innovation and progression do not hide in the dark, they show themselves boldly. *What you do speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say*, and everyone’s cards are on the table now.

The main source of our modern day frustration stems from the creatively limited assumption that the current system is the only one that is possible. It is not. But we do not need revolution. Revolution is a rotation, a turning about an axis or center, as that of a planet around an orbit. An orbit is a path described by one body or object in its revolution *around* another; cyclical. The real word we must adopt is *evolution*. Evolution is the process by which, through a series of steps, something attains its distinctive character; a process of change in a particular direction. ‘The Power of Won’ predicts the emergence of a ‘frequency’, so resonant as to be capable of changing a person intellectually, spiritually and biologically. This fundamentally changed individual will then become the catalyst for a shift so profound that it represents a rupture in the fabric of human history.

The African Futurity

This is the point of the essay where I must come clean and admit that I have been illustrating certain negative tendencies within the black American community in order to set up what I believe is the true positive step across the next frontier. But before we move across the great divide, I have to open one last seemingly negative door to provide context for the next cycle, by talking about the Africa of today. It is time that we all, all races, all cultures, all backgrounds, see ourselves reflected in the global mirror and realize that what is happening in Africa is also happening to us and therefore is our responsibility. We are all directly linked, even if we try to

convince ourselves that it is not true.

The 'Fragile States Index', formerly the more aptly titled, 'Failed States Index', is a list compiled of twenty nations that are currently deemed collapsed or teetering on the brink of. The report for 2015 lists *fourteen* of the twenty most unstable countries in the world on the African continent. Let that sink in for a moment as you ponder whether you should have sushi or Mexican for lunch. South Sudan, Somalia, Central African Republic, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad, Guinea, Nigeria, Ivory Coast, Zimbabwe, Guinea-Bissau, Burundi, Niger, and Ethiopia are either presently collapsed or right on the verge. I would hazard a guess that most Americans, black, white or other, and most in the 'first-world' in general, do not take much time to ruminate on what precisely a *collapsed* country is. Since you are probably reading this on online, I challenge you to take a moment to find video, or first person narratives documenting the reality. And if you happen to be a black American, I would hope that it gives you some perspective when you speak about the ordeals of racism and slavery in America today.

The most common initial reaction upon intellectually grasping information of this magnitude is one of despair, as most feel that the situation is hopeless. It is not hopeless. The media continues to spin that Africa is simply the result of internal corruption and a general inherent backwardness. This is a lie. It is time to break the spell the media casts and look into our hearts for the truth. Turn off the fucking news. The entire continent has been made to suffer through the implementation of a conscious, systematic, scientific design, activated under first-world directives. Post independence, western powers have consistently applied covert operation plots to destabilize the region, with methods including genocide, assassinations, biological warfare, starvation, isolation, dumping ground for nuclear waste, economic terrorism, government hijacking, cybercrime, chaos, etc. Africa has been, and is being, razed. The reasons for this are often conflated with notions of securing precious resources, but there is more to the story.

As horrific the suffering of Africa has been, it now stands on the brink of 'a great leap', comparable to how evolutionary biologists describe the transition of the first ocean creatures as they made their first ventures upon land. The rise of global capitalism in the form of colonialism and the runaway madness of modern day industrialism have been necessary to push humanity to evolve. Evolution is inevitable under extraordinary pressures from without. The old system must fulfill its role. Under the guise of free market incentives, Africa is being prepared for its coming destiny. We must reacquaint ourselves with a mythological reading of the world and ascertain the meaning of the phoenix. Africa is the Phoenix. It had to be reduced to ashes so that it could rise again. Now its time has come. Anticipate it, feel it in your bones, you will know it to be true. We must be strong enough to look below the surface and not despair. Africa will be the place where we rebuild. Africa is where we will prove our mettle.

We are told, over and over again, that we need money to do anything in this world. But I say that not only is this not true, but it has never been true. Take a good handful of cash, in whatever denomination you so choose, and throw it onto a dry, parched earth, and see if it magically transforms into an irrigation system. It is not money that has ever accomplished anything in this world. Nature, human ingenuity, inspiration and creativity have created our world. This subtle shift in perspective makes all of the difference. Seen rightly, the first step then is to apply ourselves through our knowledge, skill, and technology to the matter at hand. Very soon now we will be at the knee of the curve, which will change everything we thought we knew to be possible. We've entered a new moment in human history where the only thing standing between us and a new reality is our imagination. The era of the impossible has begun.

The imperatives of the 'first-world' empire have run their course. They cannot be sustained. There will not be reforms. There will not be revolution. For those with the eyes to see, there will only be a stepping away. The best way to predict the future is to invent it. The exponential rate of growth of digital technologies means that just over the horizon is a tidal wave of advances that will leave no room for excuses. Not only will the breadth and depth of our connection to the global information grid vastly expand, but ideas heretofore relegated to the realm of science fiction will soon emerge as science fact. Technological advances are quickly catching up with our ambitions. And as these new tools make their way into the hands of the many thanks to Moore's Law, *we will have the means of building the prototype of a new way of life*. It is now possible to create a charter 'city', made up of future minded individuals from around the globe, in collaboration with Africans, who recognize the necessity of backing up the theories with action.

We should not look upon Africa in the condition it is in today and confuse it with what it will become. We must visualize Africa as the original Eden and know that it will be so once again. We might anticipate the proper balancing of '**two technologies**', one digital, one spiritual, to accomplish our objectives. The technology of mind is always the superior, in that it conceived and gave birth to the digital. Grasping the innate spiritual principles of mind will allow us to properly wield our increasingly powerful new equipment. The computing and internet machine has been built. With these systems in place, the depth and global reach are limitless. The future is to take the internet beyond the reach of censors by independently putting communication satellites into orbit. New technologies, such as miniature CubeSats, are about the size of a shoe box and can be built and launched today for around \$100,000. Exponential growth predicts they will soon be free. These devices can be operated 'off grid', meaning they could be launched and controlled outside the purview of the government.

Marc Goodman states: "The digital underground, or, 'Deep Web', will become the canvas on which we will test and perfect our ideals. This 'Deep Web' is five hundred times larger than the

surface web most of us use every day. Searching this surface web is akin to only fishing across the top two feet of the world's vast oceans. Though you may catch something in your net, you are missing the monumental bounty available just below those two feet, down to the very depths of the seas. For the intrepid, there lies a digital equivalent of the Mariana Trench, a veritable undiscovered treasure trove of data just waiting to be explored. Tor software is freely available for download and transports users well off the beaten path of the mainstream global information grid. The cloud puts tremendous computing power at the disposal of users. Anybody will have access to previously unimaginable levels of computing power to use for the good.”

“Technology is enabling new forms of money, and the growing digital economy holds great promise to provide new financial tools, especially to the world's poor and unbanked. These emerging virtual currencies are often anonymous. New crypto currencies promise not just pseudonymity, but completely untraceable anonymity. For instance, ‘Darkwallet’ enables practically untraceable flows of money across the digital underground. Armed with these new financial tools, we are primed and ready.” But new economics perhaps doesn't go far enough to provide the answer we truly seek. Even more exciting, we will be able to imagine and implement an entirely new paradigm that does away with currencies altogether.

“Open-source design and digital manufacturing will be the foundations of the new industrial evolution. Autodesk's free 123D software can turn any 3-D digital model into a real world object. Digital fabrication can be used to print entire homes; concrete, electrical wiring, plumbing and all.” The mountains of landfill littering the African landscape will be bio-hacked and broken down into its constituents and re-synthesized into a *‘prima materia’* from which an infinite array of new structures and objects will be printed, similar to when Doc returns and rummages through the trash can for fuel in ‘Back to the Future’. And for the even more ambitious, there is 3-D printed spacecraft and 3-D scanners that can turn physical objects back into ones and zeros.

“Synthetic biology is the engineering of biology, from individual cells to full organisms, and allows us to redesign existing biological systems or create new ones altogether. If sequencing genomes is the reading of the base pairs of DNA, converting them into ones and zeros on a computer screen, synthetic biology is the reverse process—designing genetic material in binary computer code and translating it into DNA sequences that can be produced in the real world. Genetic engineering becomes as straightforward as software engineering. Bio-fabricating printers can print human tissues and organs, such as capillaries, kidneys, ears, and hearts. Modern biology has now become a branch of information technology.”

William Myers: “A pervasive shift in societal priorities will emerge into sustainable approaches to building and manufacturing. The convergence of fields is ultimately necessary to alleviate the

negative impact of the legacies of the industrial revolution. Bio-design will replace industrial or mechanical systems with biological processes. These new processes can be designed to work as ecosystems wherein every waste product becomes raw material for another process. This realization arises in part from new access to the nanoscale; the ability to manipulate matter on the cellular and molecular levels. The ability to change the inner functioning of a cell exponentially increases our reach. The possibilities of this new biotechnology are as endless as the human imagination.” Then there is quantum computing, de-extinction, nanotechnology, transhumanism, terraforming, geological engineering, teleportation. And as these incredible tools are here today, even in nascent form, tomorrow promises to be very interesting indeed...

Coda

During all of the current race debates, and political debates, and the 1% debates, and Occupies, and Arab Springs, I have kept myself on the sidelines, secretly hoping to hear that ringing of the bell, that clarion call of a new solution with the potential to leap out into the world fully formed to make hearts race with the excitement of possibilities. I dreamed of a new black American concept that threw off the old limitations and embraced the entire future oriented planet. I never heard that call. But, I finally realized that each of us, in our own way and time, must accept that we have the ability to step forward and be the change we wish to see in this world.

In the arena of financial investment, the greatest gains come from seeing ahead of the game and getting in on the ground floor, before a company and its stocks grab the attention of the public at large in the wider sphere of commerce. As every investor knows, there is always risk. One can say that there is now an underground waiting for us should we decide to exploit it. The question will be, is it preferable to stay put within the present system, knowing all that we know, in hopes that its all been but a dream, and soon we will pass over these difficult times into greener pastures with good jobs springing from the ground like so much black gold at the end of the rainbow; or, take the risk and invest now, making the necessary sacrifices to literally build from the ground up? What it comes down to is the faith that a new world is possible. From this faith will come the knowledge that it can only become real once we take those first steps toward it. Ours will be the generation to lead the transition.

It is believed that history will complete itself and the ultimate destination will be when all mankind returns to the garden of Eden. But until a clear eyed recognition of the actual *process* involved in creating reality ousts the dream of government hand outs, things will remain as they are. Real freedom is to be found outside of the system. I think that if we truly listened to what our hearts were telling us, we would know that the time has come. My sincerest hope is that you, the reader, are preparing as best you can, for your contribution is absolutely necessary. We must not make the mistake of waiting too long, or on those who don't want to see. We need not over-

complicate it with theories. All we have to do is begin, marshal our resiliency, and have faith that destiny is on our side.

Let us all to be so inspired that we never again fall back into the habit of blaming anyone else for our condition. May these words somehow find the others who have also intuited the coming shift, but refrained from stepping out into the open for fear of the self-policing nature of black America and the world today. We must find our courage now. As long we know that our goal is to ultimately help *all* of the people of this planet achieve their highest potential, then it is a risk we must take. Racism is done, now is the time for a true global collaboration. I look forward to hearing from you; you who are the new pioneers.

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Most men feel, even if they do not know, that money is not wealth. The ordinary theories which promise everything to everybody, and demands nothing from anybody, are promptly denied by the instincts of the ordinary individual. We know it is wrong. All that we have done comes as the result of a certain insistence that since we must work it is better to work intelligently, and that the better we do our work the better off we shall be. But we do not want to forget that the end of money is not ease but the opportunity to perform more service. None of us has any right to ease. There is no place in civilization for the idler. There is plenty of work to do. The most natural thing to do is to work, and to recognize that prosperity and happiness can be obtained only through honest effort. –Henry Ford