

From Victim to Victor

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*As a person thinks in his heart so is he.
 If he thinks defeat – He is defeated.
 If He thinks victory he is victorious.*

THE CHOICE IS HIS

The Afro-Cuban Alliance, Incorporated first publication of *ISLAS* was on June 1, 2005. Its Founders and Publishers, Jaqueline H. Arroyo and Dorothy L. Jenkins, commenced their Editorial Note, setting forth their intentions and goal for the Journal to follow, with a quotation from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King stated:

“We cannot sit idly by and not be concerned about what happens in [Cuba] and beyond. Injustice anywhere is a threat to Justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly”.¹

The Founders and Publishers stated:

“We open this magazine with these words, because for us no other words better articulate why we are introducing “ISLAS” to you today. ISLAS is a magazine dedicated to the issues and challenges of Afro-Cuban people on the Island of Cuba. * * *”

The issues Afro-Cubans faced in the past and continue to face are the same issues faced by people all over the world who are labeled as “the have not” – however, in this instance we are referring to the Africans; and, their descendants who are scattered all over the world.

Since the first article published in *ISLAS* on June 1st 2005, the problems of the inhumane treatment by one human being against another human being has been illuminated and escalated over and over again. The irony is that the same inhumane treatment the Afro-Cubans have experienced; and, are still experiencing, is the same inhumane treatment visited upon all people on this Planet by their fellowman, viz., Europeans vs. Europeans as well as

Asians vs. Asians.² The goal of their fellowman is to conquer and enslave them. Occasionally, the enslaver will go outside of their own nations and conspire with others to enslave their own or other people for economic reasons. We know that this barbarous treatment has existed - on this Planet -from the beginning of time. The question is WHY?

Let’s look at several possibilities.

a. The people who are denied their human rights; and, are enslaved are considered ignorant, sullen, and deserve this treatment.

b. The people are of a different color, race, ethnicity; and, therefore, do not warrant any better treatment.

So far I am able to come up with two (2) reasons for the ill-fated treatments that oppressed/en-slaved people are forced to bear. However, let’s face the facts. The two (2) reasons mentioned above are simply subterfuge for the true and only reason for the oppression/inhumane treatment visited upon one man by his Fellowman. The reason man purposely subdues and oppresses his Fellowman is ECONOMIC. As far back as recorded history you will see each war fought was to obtain “booty”, land, and for people to work the land for the conqueror.

Having stated and explored - through 23 issues of *ISLAS* – the “Problems” of the Afro-Cubans, the question now is HOW DO YOU (AFRO-CUBANS), leading this charge (AND YOU MUST TAKE CHARGE) address and solve YOUR PROBLEMS. The assistance of people of good will and, those suffering under the same condition can help YOU in addressing and solving this problem. However, as stated ONLY YOU KNOW WHAT YOU WANT AND WHAT YOU NEED. THEREFORE, ONLY YOU CAN SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM.

In order to solve a problem one must first understand the problem and its cause. Obviously, the two reasons given above are merely distractions/sub-

terfuge for the true problem and its meaning. Then what is the root cause of this problem? Let's look at and study the "Golden Rule." This Rule so eloquently states:

HE WHO HAS THE GOLD MAKES THE RULE.

Please re-read that Rule again. Are we on the same page?

Remember, he who controls your life through your food, shelter, your very existence is the one who makes the Rules by which you are controlled and enslaved.

HE HAS THE GOLD – HE MAKES THE RULES

As of this writing, the Rules are being made in Cuba and outside of Cuba, by those persons who have the GOLD AND WHO ARE MAKING THE RULES THAT ARE KEEPING YOU IN ECONOMIC SLAVERY. Now is the time for you to seek ways and means to control the wealth/gold that passes through your hands, as well as that you can get control of. Without control – at least of the wealth that passes through your hands, YOU shall remain VICTIMS – NEVER VICTORS. Bear in mind that once YOU DIRECT YOUR GOAL TOWARD ECONOMIC SUFFICIENCY YOU WILL THEN SEE THE TRUE "WAR" BETWEEN THE "HAVES" AND THE "HAVE NOTS" so be prepared. This is when the "true war" starts. THIS IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT. Race, skin color, ethnicity, etc., are merely methods used to DIVIDE and CONQUER. This diversion/ divisiveness provides cover/protection for the action of the "HAVES."

A review of history clearly shows that when those leaders/persons began to enter the economic arena – and their actions are viewed as destructive to the "HAVES" – they are murdered/assassinated/eliminated.

As we continue this conversation concerning the violation of YOUR HUMAN RIGHTS and YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS, we must remember the time has come, it is actually way over due, for inviting the young people to join in this conversation. After all this is their problem too. They will face the same ECONOMIC WAR that you are addressing today unless you discard that "Victim Mentality," and embrace the "Victor Mentality." They must be taught to UNITE and continue this fight for ECONOMIC

SUFFICIENCY, THEY MUST BECOME VICTORS – NOT VICTIMS.

This is also an excellent time to educate our children concerning the history of their ancestors.³ They need to be reminded of the fact that their ancestors existed, built thriving civilizations thousands of years before the onslaught of the ECONOMIC BARBARIANS. They must study the works of such men as Former President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, South Africa, and his colleagues, as they fought against the invaders who brought apartheid into their country. Throughout his life – even during the years he was wrongfully imprisoned – President Mandela retained his status as a VICTOR never a VICTIM. As a result he and his colleagues were able to free South Africa from the foreign; and, ruthless invaders.⁴

In short – and notwithstanding the generally slanted information given in news media, etc.:

ONLY BY KNOWING WHERE YOU CAME FROM CAN YOU APPRECIATE AND KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING.

Also, they need to know the slavery history of others – the violation of their human rights as well as their civil rights – by their fellow "human beings" who are bent on control by applying and enforcing THE GOLDEN RULE. This is an excellent time to get them engaged in this conversation by encouraging them to study and share with others as YOU PURSUE THE RESOLUTION TO YOUR PROBLEM.

Accordingly, our young people are encouraged/urged to submit their Articles and be a part of this "Conversation."

Notes:

- 1- *ISLAS* #1, June 2005, page 3.
- 2- *The History of White People*, Nell Irvin Painter, W. W. Norton & Company, 2010.
- 3- *The African Origin of Civilization*, Cheikh Anta Diop, Lawrence Hill & Co., 1974; *Civilization or Barbarism. An Authentic Anthropology*, Cheikh Anta Diop, Lawrence Hill Books, 1991.
- 4- *MANDELA Authorized Biography*, Anthony Sampson Vintage Books, 1999.