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About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

**“My God, my God, why have you Forsaken me?” -Matthew Ch 27
verse 46**

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Forward

Now as for those of you whom decided that my brief interpretation of the analogy of this particular subject was worth your time and effort I sincerely thank you each individually from the depths of my creative soul. Honestly, I must admit to you that it wasn't an easy task to begin such a narrative because alot of people would rather choose to ignore or deny that these events even took place or that slavery was viewed as a major scar upon the face of humanity, but of course you know that truth is most times much stranger than fiction thus with that thought in mind and without any further adeu allow me to welcome you inside the circumference of what it means to be someone searching for truth. Wishing to make my prose short as possible I have not broke this in- to chapters so that you can reflect on its content withoutskipping anything. So, I now present my short prose on the origin of the "Nigger" and a few of Its other negative connotations.

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How is it that I was born a “Nigger” and no one can explain to me how I became such? Its as if I went to sleep 400 hundred odd years ago and suddenly awoke as a “Nigger.” In my minds eye I can see ships, but can’t quite grasp the significance of their appearance, nor why there are only people of darker complexion exiting the ships bowels draped in waist chains and leg shackles. There are men, women, and children in abundance then it sound-ed as if some form of action was taking place because all I could hear was numbers, measurements, and an assort-ment of confusing tasks being hurled to and Fro.

The crowds were yelling some word that I couldn’t quite understand and it frustrated me to no end.

If someone could maybe explain to me the origins of what was taking place right before my mind’s eye I could than follow the occurrence of what was before me. I could see a heavyset and very pale white man wearing a big white hat worn low across his forehead. He was yelling as if he was at a market or bazaar because he used language that would give you an impression that he was hawking merchandise or some property. The heavyset white gentleman was yelling out:

"Get your pick of the litter of fresh Niggers, wench- es, and your pickianinnes directly from the dark land of Africa. We have strong bucks built and conditioned to increase your stock; therefore increasing your riches and wealth. Here just arriving for your purchase at a price you can feel good about paying,

Only the best of stock!"

Out of everything that was spoken, among every sound reverberating the term that stood out most in my mind was the name "Nigger".

I couldn't grasp why this name was only used to de- scribe those who were draped in waist chains, shackles, and other trinkets designed to hinder and restrict move- ment. Upon closer examination I saw that other than the hue of skin pigmentation nothing distinguished these people from the various others in attendance.

Yet, standing tall and proud among the others shack-les and chains was a much darker complexioned male of about 22 years in age who looked as if he descended from royalty. His height appeared to be about 6'5 and his weight seemed to top at 275 with bulging muscles that contracted and moved in every

shimmering cue-ball that looked like it was polished to perfection. The heavyset white man in the big white hat theatrically walked over to the huge black man then began groping his manhood and advertised the demensions as if he was describing beef at a butcher shop.

"Do you see this his ladies and gentleman. Notice how well endowed and curved his instrument appears? Even the balls of this Nigger were made to increase stock every nine months. At an unbeatable price of two-thou- sand dollars you could be well on your way to untold riches. Then as an added business incentive I'm willing to include for your pleasure a nice supple young Negra for the very lovely price of one-thousand dollars. "

There were all kinds of murmurings, back and forth, as people began to haggle over the price with the heavy-set white man in the big white hat. For what seemed like hours this took place. All the while dark complexioned people were standing upon these wooden platforms with metal hooks attached to them.

I could hear young children seeking comfort from their parents, but none the adults present seemed to ac-

knowledge their cries. Upon further inspection these children didn't even physically resemble any of the adults on the platform, thus giving the impression that they weren't the parents of the children.

Something about the whole scenario just didn't sit well with me and it disturbed me a great deal. It was to a point where it didn't seem right that human beings could be treated this way. I was searching for answers that were not prompt and forthcoming. I was seeking answers like a man starved for food of a nutritional value.

Were these people in chains some kind of beasts of burden for those not in chains? Were these beasts, known to man, considered to be of a much lower intelligence and considered savages because of their dark complexion? Were these people in chains because they were only found on the continent of what we know as the land of blacks, Africa? Yet, how could that be so if upon this continent of Africa came the production of every form of riches known to man and the inhabitants were actually people of this place called Africa?

Could these people in chains and shackles, and known as "Africans", be beasts if they were actually self-

Why was it said about these people that they were the direct descendants of early primates, apes, monkeys, gorillas or baboons when describing their branch of humanity?

I could find no logical answers to any of my questions using the natural and God founded laws of man. Those would be the laws that should be honored by all who inherit the earth, right? My God, those people were in chains and shackles because of the power of one word. Yes a word that had the power to change a man into a ignorant beast with just the utterance of the sound. My search was over, the most prominent culprit I could find for this enslavement of man, was the term “Nigger” that invoked one man’s will over another.

During my studies later in life, I reached the conclusion that a great deal of whom a person becomes has a lot to do with his or her origins in terms of his or her beginnings. In other words; it’s not what name I’m called but; the one that I answer to. Sadly enough I happen to be a member of a race of people who answer to all things animalistic and all of the negativity they engenders

But to get back to my reflective mind...

At the slave-auction, sitting further back from all of the rest of the crowd, was a man who seemed to be the alpha of all of the rest of pale-skinned people present. His voice resembled a loud boom. As he cleared his throat, everyone quieted down to better understand what was sure to come. His first words were,

“How do I know that these Niggers are as you say they are? How would one know of their ability to endure and withstand the many hours required to bring my crops in on time? Can your words be counted upon to produce guaranteed results or are you only speaking to enrich your own coffers?”

Slowly the heavysset man in the white hat began to respond carefully to the questions posed by the gentleman of higher breeding:

“Sir, I have no intentions of ever speaking an untruth as it pertains to business and secondly, if you are familiar with our brethren of legendary status and affluence, the Honorable William Lynch, you would recognize that there is a formula that would guarantee the productivity of your stock at no additional cost. The long term benefits are enormous. I will stake my

reputation on this solid method. Surely a man of your vision and ability can see the potential benefits of possessing such valuable merchandise. And for the many nights you may become lonely, I humbly extend to you a nigra-girl bred to give you all the pleasures your body can handle at no extra-cost.”

With a smile growing across his face, the man of superior bearings boomed out:

“I believe we can reach an agreement that would be satisfactory and most beneficial to all parties involved and besides we all can use a little pleasure in our lives to balance things out.” This he expounded with a wink and a evil smirk.

The auctioneer spoke up loudly:

“Sold to the gentleman of high taste and pleasure in the back row. Sir, you are fortunate to not only own some of the finest stock of niggers to be found, but also the golden-opportunity to increase you workforce.”

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Hence the beginning of the social, mental and economic destruction of yet another race of human beings enslaved. It’s hard to believe one can be enslaved at the whim of other human beings that are driven by a combination of scientific, economical, industrial, legal, educa-

tional and militaristic paradigms that promulgate themselves throughout man's existence and are still prevalent throughout our world today. To this very day, even if it has only been a very short time on the historical spectrum of time, Black Americans, as well as blacks around the world, have not fully awakened culturally from the cruel and unusual psychological and physical after-effects of bondage-slavery. Upon our minds we bear the scars that, for us a people, have no cure, at least none that has come up as of lately. When you actually look at the damage, in terms of someone actually devising a plan to deprive someone of their humanity as well as their identity you are actually looking at an entity that is pure evil personified.

According to the teachings of The Nation of Islam, led by The Honorable Elijah Muhammad: the Caucasians beginnings were of some of the most savage vicious people to ever populate the earth and ever since their creation they have wrought chaos and confusion among all other races. We as black people, as a race, have tragically descended into this hell.

“There will be hell to pay!” Stinking Nigger-bitch come here and fetch me a canteen of ice water!”

The female being referred to was a slave girl of about 15 from the Ivory Coast. She wasn't really voluptuous nor was she frail, but she was beautiful with skin the color of onyx. Her name, well slave name, was Elizabeth and she had arrived on the plantation of Masta Jefferson from Lynchburg, Virginia in the year 1776. It was said that she was of royal descent and her father was said to had been a charismatic and wise king. He was a warrior- king who stood firm on the concept of cultural-loyalty and he was always fair dealing amongst his kingdom.

All across the continent it was whispered that a caravan of white men was seen leading a chain of men, women, and children like they were cattle in a herd. Everyone was advised to remain vigilant. The people of his tribe were enslaved not by the white men that they were looking for, but of their own kind. The white men seen had made deals with the natives of their land for pretty much nothing.

When you think of the Willie Lynch brainwashing that was designed to turn Africans against Africans and to enforce trusting only the white race, common sense tells you that you should judge a tree by the fruit it bears. This we should know from just understanding nature and how it applies to man. Even with all the current and historical evidence at our disposal, there are still those who refuse to believe that you have racist white people in the world.

By understanding and having a full historical context of the word “Nigger”, no more should those enslaved be led to their own destruction without choosing to do so. It has always been a well-known fact that an intelligent man pretty much plans his own destiny. It was to the benefit of those proponents of slavery throughout history, in positions of power, to keep their Niggers or however they were historically referred to in man’s history of slavery at that time; blind to the knowledge of self. Slaves throughout man’s history would also be taught that they were not human, had no rights, and the white man and his possessions were bound to respect. What this implied the base was that slaves were not created equal according to our nation

and those other countries that condoned slavery.

At the time of the signing of The Declaration of Independence, which was in 1776, black people or Niggers as we were racially known in what is now the United States of America, were viewed and treated as property.

This omission tells us that, 244 odd years ago, we were not seen as anything more than goods to be bought and sold. What does that omission tell us today?

So cruel were these racist Europeans intentions towards the black race during those dark days that they actually campaigned to erase the black race's entire existence. Everything of the black man's creation during those dark days was credited to white racist people because black people didn't have the benefit of proper representation. Our achievements and accomplishments were high-jacked and white washed many times over history. Go ahead and explain why every time racist whites conquered a land they always raided the libraries? Better yet, why did the Image of Jesus Christ become a white man when it is known that he was black? It has been said that even after hundreds of years since slavery, that those of more recent generations of Black Americans, can still feel

the ripple effects of that old peculiar institution from which we first became labeled as a Nigger.

Racist whites over time have referred to Black Americans as coons, monkeys, and so many other derogatory things. I'm pretty sure most Black Americans know of these words or have heard them all. Again, over time, it began to change the way Black Americans viewed themselves. I believe that once this began to sink in, it basically changed the way we not only looked deep within ourselves, but our entire race. We have had countless spiritual, educational, political, business, entertainment, athletic, scientific and historically gifted Black American leaders who came to resurrect the mentally dead and psychologically deprived black man and women from the clutches of ignorance, so why haven't we all awakened and obtained cultural awareness?

A Nigger, I once thought, was the figment of a racist imagination. I've often believed as much until I became conscious of the actions of a few. Not only on racist platforms that currently exist but; primarily within the inner-confines and boundaries of Black American ethno-cultural societal metrics: the Nigger stigma really does exist and the resulting negative force has

become the pivotal turning point in our existence as a people. It matters not whether you call me a monkey or donkey; it matters not what my physical attributes are for I can never literally be a monkey nor donkey because it's not humanly possible to become such. So this provokes me to enquire on what exactly is it that makes the black man and woman a Nigger in context and thought? No one can seem to give me an explanation that makes sense enough to justify the labeling so it has become a question I have wrestled with since the rebirth of my consciousness.

You can ask a hundred different people for the answer to this most pressing question and its guaranteed that you will receive a hundred different interpretations. But, there is one thing almost all one hundred will agree on, that is the perceived color of a Nigger. This color, will in almost all cases, always undoubtedly be black or dark complexioned. The entire physical manifestation is that of a Black man or Black woman. Am I lying?

The black race specifically and in particular are a race of Niggers according to the racist white mans, hispanic mans, asian mans, arab mans and corresponding woman's viewpoint. But what has made this become our own perceptive-reality? It is to the point that even we as

a race of people have bought into the negativity and propaganda of it all.

In the book, *The Fall of America* by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad it states:

“America’s enslavement of the so called Negro(Niggers)*italics mine*). And England’s enslavement of people fit so completely with the history of ancient Babylon that it cannot be denied that the ancient history of the Babylonian Empire and people was prototypical of America.”

How can you brazenly manufacture a self-identity struggle for a race and class of people by devising every stumbling block imaginable? Have powerful countries or governments brought their intellectual and economic resources to bear, throughout the history of man, to prevent racial equality, racial self-awareness, perpetuating cultural-existence/significance?

Who do Black Americans and the Black Race as a whole blame for their succumbing to those manufactured struggles? Race-based and control-based manufactured-struggles have plagued mankind since the beginning of time and have been perpetrated by those of all colors upon one another. I cannot identify

and put into context all of the efforts of one man to instill his will over another by unscrupulous means throughout recorded history and/or history we may not even be aware of however; as it relates to Black American culture degradation. I believe that racist white people played a significant role in creating some of the struggles we face today. With that being said, racist white people say that if you want to hide something from a nigger, just begin to question what it implies. When I give full thought to this statement in today's context it causes me great pain because this still holds true. Think of all of the information that is available yet; many of the multitude of black people still refuse to educate themselves and still blame white America for their lack of ambitions and resources.

We are indeed capable of issuing forth an argument or debate against being called a Nigger. But this doesn't give us a justification, using internal Black American cultural behavior guidelines and interpretations of a Nigger amongst blacks, for acting like a Nigger. Everything about a Nigger, whether perceived or interpreted, historically and culturally denotes negativity and chaos. There is a large number of our people who take great pride in being labeled such.

A Black American, in my opinion, should absolutely take no pride in such a derogatory and offensive term. In 2022, as Black Americans, we are still continuing to seek an identity that remains inconsistent with our existence as a race and as Americans. What I have come to realize personally during my own struggles and lessons as a black man is that my interpretation of a Nigger is someone whom lacks knowledge of self and is a social-savage, an uncivilized being who's only interest is in sowing discord among righteous people. Their actions and deeds are never in accordance with the words he or she speaks. Therefore, he or she, is not to be trusted with anything.

In my most humble opinion, based on my cultural and personal belief, a Nigger's original birthplace is in America. Furthermore, America is the only place on the face of the earth where only a Blackman or Black Woman is called a Nigger for no other real reason other than the hue of his or her complexion. To give further argument to my theory, black people are not the only culture of people whom have racial misfits amongst its population of people. If we're going to solely address this title by actions and deeds,

then there will emerge others whom have exhibited the same behaviors as the so-called Nigger of dark complexion. So is a Nigger's existence based solely on color, or can it be implied through one's various actions? Why is there so much emphasis on this one particular word, phrase and or title? Can we base all the foundations of this label on racist white people's feel-ing of race- superiority or black-inferiority?

Where is the tangible evidence to support the theory of a Nigger deriving only and solely from the portals of the black race? If Marcus Garvey, Malcom X, and so many others addressing the black race, can be guilty of preaching hatred towards the white man, then I ask you what makes so many racist white religious and politi- cal leaders any less guilty? Biblical history speaks that whenever a people had went astray from God's desires, a prophet or warner was sent to lead the people back along the righteous path. When you make mention of all the prophets of biblical legend, they were all unlearned men who held no formal education and emerged from among the worse in terms of morality and principled behaviors. These prophets were instructed and taught to spread the enlightenment amongst their own tribes, clans, culture. What we have

learned from teachings would become widespread. So is it logical that we should label these men and women of God racist because they initially were instructed to awaken those among their people primarily?

Why is it that prophets and messengers of later generations, whom happen to have been of the black race, are labeled haters of Caucasians simply because they were trying to restore racial pride in their own people?

A Nigger is real yet; culturally he doesn't actually exist however; you still have those of the Caucasian persuasion constantly imitating the behaviors and mannerisms of the very people whom some of which claim to hate so much. It could be said it is an oxymoron for some to express hate for a race of people and still have those that seek the vibrant cultural aspects of the race that truly do exist; to become the mirror image of everything associated and contributed to such a people in terms of accomplishments overall. White slave masters, through trickery and deceit, have totally white washed history to an extent never before done by any other race of people and they are still not

satisfied with their devious shenanigans against one of God's creation. Where does the treachery end and true equality begin?

And every nation has a term so when its term comes, they cannot remain behind the least while nor can they precede it (The Holy Quran / Surah 7 ayat 34).

To me what this infers is that God chooses from among his creation those whom he wishes to bestow his blessings upon and there's absolutely nothing man or woman can do to circumvent such an eventuality because all he has to say is "Be" and through a process that only God controls, becomes so. The first shall appear last and the last shall become first. It tends to confuse me how a race of people can go from being at the epitome of all civilization, to over a period of time, descending to the depths of the abyss only to wallow in a cesspool of in-fidelity and seemly be content with such. I cringe everytime I either hear or read of the term "Nigger" and its negative connotations.

According to the definition found in The American Heritage College dictionary, the term "Nigger" is: An offensive terminology used to degrade a particular class of people.

(a). Used as a disparaging term for a member of any dark skinned people. Used as a disparaging term for a member of any socially, economically, or politically de-prived group of people.

Now, taking into context our second definition of what constitutes a “Nigger”, we find that anyone or any dark-skinned people could be a “Nigger”. The same applies to any member of a class of people that are socially, economically, or politically deprived. So, why is it that the black man and black woman in America solely fill this demographic? Are we the only class of people that are from the end for which the needle points? There are many nationalities of people who are in fact socially, economically, and politically deprived so the world over is filled with “Niggers” if we look at it from the various nationality perspective. Now let’s look at things from the behavioral perspective. Are dark skinned Black, African or even Hispanics solely “Niggers”? If so, what other evidence do you have to support your arguments beside those within the pages of American Published dictionaries? Because if skin-color is all you have, then you could very well be a “Nigger” too!

Could you please explain to me what exactly is

the outcome you're seeking when members of your race (The White) frequent the various tanning salons throughout the planet? Why are white women with big butts a current phenomenon? I think it's becoming quite obvious, from all of the tangible evidence we have to draw from, that we can safely arrive at a conclusion that simply says that everyone is striving to mirror the behaviors, mannerism, dress, and language of the very entity they claim to hate and despise- which is a "Nigger." I have encountered both males and females of the white race who act and sound more "black" than me. For a brief second this makes me question whether it was me that isn't black enough!

If you are not busy working or taking care of your loved ones and have time to listen to what the white man is saying, you will hear a large number of white people say that they all have friends whom are black, but then if this was so, why does racism still exist? Why do we continue to have racial issues? Issues that are so profound we have people shooting up our various institutions of worship. Yet everyone claims to have a "Nigger" as a friend except a real "Nigger!" "Niggers" don't even recognize friendship, -true friendship amongst themselves. Again- go figure.

I think the real tragedy is that black people were pur-posedly targeted and brainwashed to represent a race of people in which the whole world could blame for its shortcomings; for its worse beastly behaviors. A sacrificial scapegoat so to speak. How else could we conveniently fit into the mold? The people that tricked us and brainwashed us are the same race of people whom the

United States Constitution was drafted by. My absolute favorite part is where it plainly states that; “all men are created equal”, according to the United States Constitution...

But I think that you, I, and every other black man and black woman in America know that it didn't apply to us. Why not you may ask? Well it's simple really if one would comprehend American history only as it relates to the black race in America. The Declaration of Independence Was signed in 1776, and if my memory serves me right, during the signing of this historical document, black people were slaves and considered chattel / property. Of course you know ladies and gentlemen, property-chattel or otherwise doesn't have rights nor privileges. Then again, if my memory further serves me right, the Declaration of

Independence hasn't been amended to include chattel-property as an entity deserving rights nor privileges has it? The Emancipation Proclamation wasn't signed by president Abraham Lincoln until 1863 but it was still around 1865 that Black Americans could actually equate freedom with real freedom of movement

to and from. But by then it really didn't matter much because by that time the creation of the "Nigger" was complete. Once slaves were fully taught the Willie Lynch formula for black domination, well into its implemented stage, it appeared all system were a go and "Niggers" were driven reluctantly along for the ride.

All things have so progressed to the point now where the racist white man and woman doesn't have to appear hands on anymore because there are modern day black overseers over seeing this modus operandi. A very good example of this premise, in its essence, reveals itself within the prison system where you sometimes have whole families employed in various capacities within these institutions. You have mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, nephews, and nieces, whom are all employed by the Department of Corrections. Then this is just one

in-stitution out of many. In some cases these prison em- ployees have been mostly or all black. The treatment at the hands of these black-overseers has been worse than any racist white man or woman could ever inflict within such an environment. You would be wrong to think that things would possibly be much better in a diverse prison system but; I can absolutely guarantee your disappoint- ment in such a thought.

It has been often said that blacks themselves are their own worst enemy. Reflecting on my life, it is somewhat apparent, that I was taught to hate myself. Since I am you and you are me, it can make logical sense for me to hate you as well. It can be said, that which we hate, we seek to actively destroy any way we possibly can. Need I say more? We have to firmly and aggressively remove ourselves mentally away from the racist white man and white woman's " Nigger" acts and deeds.

I believe that if black citizens put the same amount of energy into gaining knowledge of one's self, that we put into the destruction of one another, our journey to self-awareness would just be over the horizon. Where exactly does a Nigger derive their own inner-cultural

false sense of superiority? An abstract superiority seen by the racist white man and white women to be inherently inferior to the true status quo and laughed at on TV shows. Maybe one day sociologist will be able to equate this superiority-ratio in mathematical terms. It may never add up or be able to reach a balancing point. For example, there will always be situations where in some areas you will find someone more skilled at something than the other or counterpart. Can we utilize this being skilled example to say that someone is more superior than his counterpart? Can it be said that one's counterpart is inferior because he wasn't as skilled at some particular task. It's crazy how racist white people create these words and terms, we as blacks, blindly follow like sheep. Black people are led forward by inner-cultural norms into believing these stereotypical definitions define us as black people. I was taught and have learned the hard way in life that no one can make you feel inferior without your permission. Black people have bought into this lie of inferiority, perpetuated by the racist white people, therefore we manifest it daily in our every action. Therefore an observer could conclude that we have given society permission to deem us inferior and for

blacks to be held and viewed in this esteem. Briefly going into one of my creative modes, I want to share with you a poem that I wrote. It was written during one of my moments in isolation. A moment in which I think my thoughts pretty much coincide with the wicked imagination of the racist white man and woman.

A Nigger Like You

A Nigger like you is unhappy no matter what the situation is

A Nigger like you claims to be a father but not even a daddy to his kids

A Nigger like you is a disgrace to all black men, not only do you lack knowledge of self but you refuse to even be- gin

A Nigger like you never accepts responsibility for the wrongs he does its always someone else's fault so the blame is never on you

A Nigger like you should take a look in the mirror, maybe then you would face the reason you're so bittermy Nigger!

As sad as it all may seem, even when the sun is at its brightest, Nigger like you only see's the darkness in everything

The revolution must not be televised, but a Nigger like you reveals it with his mouth wide

A black man or black woman must learn to never trust
a Nigger like you, due to there being no method but;
only madness behind what you do
At night when I close my eyes to sleep, I thank God
that I'm not a Nigger like you
What niggers are nowadays "Niggers" are not – I
repeat, not the figment of a racist imagination
And so they're judged by their stupidity, rather than by
the true content of character
Collectors of a dream like state of existence, Niggers die
at a rapid pace and many change face to escape the reali-
ty of today
The blind leading the blind is the mantra, death is ver-
balized through song within every vocal stanza what a
Nigger is practically defeat itself
And though blessed with vision to see, they stand in op-
position and rely on what could never be, it's as if we
seek glory from being called a nigger
Damn reflection killer what a Nigger wouldn't do to
gain what he deems respect...

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An erosion of intellect, we rob, steal all in the name of
keeping it real
Murder before and after midnight because we've forgotten
how to feel how real can one be who isn't real with
self?

A Nigger doesn't love him or herself so how can they
love someone else?

A bitch is a woman who measures her worth from a
Nigger, no wonder her male counterpart is called a dog
But hell we're both Niggers so our grounds are common,
Aren't I right?

Niggers are a species on the brink of extinction dying
off by the dozens, all in the name of thugging, and before
some became conscious a lot of us were them
All day everyday Nigger this and Nigger that, but
whata Nigger really needs to do is cease to exist,
maybe then black people can move beyond the nonsense
For although we continue our struggle to become equal,
I will always be you whether or not you love me
All the times you wished to slug me, no one can feel
your pain but me!

Luckily I arrived in time to get my mind back, now
I pray that I can help you get yours back as well

As a matter of course, I would like to say that it's not my deliberate intention to offend anyone with verbiage or symbolism. I believe that the truth will always prevail for those that know it and decide to share it. History can be a wicked and deceitful tool to base one's moral or ideological foundation on. If you cannot personally see it, hear it, feel it, taste it, smell it or touch it; real history can be very elusive. Believe what you will for you may never know the answers in your lifetime or lifetimes to come. Can't see why a broad range of people cannot admit to the extreme deprivation that the black people in America have faced and are still facing is indeed real. As a citizen of the United States, I too deserve equal treatment in this society whose foundations for freedom was laid by the founders of this nation on the backs of my ancestors to fully enjoy.

Reader Questions

1. How do you honestly feel about the term, " Nigger"?
2. Do you use the word at all, even as, " Nigga"? If so, why?
3. Ask 3 people you know how they feel about the term, " Nigger" and write down their feelings.
4. Ask 3 people you know who use the term " Nig-ger/ Nigga" why they use it?
5. May you write down a one page opinion on the word, Nigger?
6. Will you attempt to research more of the origin of the term, Nigger?

Author Request

My humble request is that all who read this reflective prose to attempt to get 5 people you know to read and leave a review on whichever platform that you have downloaded from, in hopes to spread content to begin discussions on matter and to bring change.

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