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The Fifteen 20 Rise

*Helping Conscious Conservatives Reach More Black
Voters with Their God-Focused Message*

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This book is dedicated to my baby girl, Aaliyah Amore. May you always recognize the power you have to be the change you want to see in the world.

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Preface

Revival in Our Homes. Reformation in Our Nation.

It was April 2017.

One night, the Lord came to me in a dream, something He typically does with all His children. In the dream, He showed me a vision of what was taking place in the spirit realm regarding my role and purpose in His kingdom.

The dream went as such:

Multitudes of people were in a tall building surrounded by water. A large boat rested on the shores alongside the structure. While in the building, an outside enemy launched an attack against us.

Eagerly, we ran out of the structure towards the boat for safety. As is typical in all my dreams, my daughter is with me. This time, however, a man is by my side, holding her while we all rush towards the waters.

Unlike the people inside the structure, I have a superpower that gives me the ability to fight these enemies, thereby saving us from destruction. My power includes invisibility, and with it, I can easily strike the enemy. He never sees me coming.

Not only can I make myself invisible, but I can also turn the boat and all its passengers invisible. In this way, we were given the advantage, because

while the enemy could not see us, making it difficult for him to attack with precision, I, on the other hand, could hit my target each time.

Throughout the dream, I am given a special weapon. Each time I struck the enemy, a burst of stars emerged.

Every time!

With every collision, with every strike, more stars burst.

As I woke from this creative dream, I asked the Holy Spirit to bring understanding to it. And here was His response:

The stealthy, invisible power you have is prayer. It's done privately. No one knows or sees what you do or say. They just see your results. What are the results? The people. The following. The burst of stars. They see the results and you see the tactics. You see how to address the enemy, which is not to be loud and abrasive, but watchful and observant. And then you attack the enemy. You hit him because you can see him clearly.

I've given you 'infrared' sight to see in the spirit what others cannot see. And when you pray, you hit the target. You never miss. Even when the enemy recognizes that it may know your aim and tactic, I give you something new to throw at it.

The people follow those who get results. They are looking for someone to lead them to the waters so they can move forward. They look for someone who is a protector and guide. They look for an actual person.

While your focus is on your child, I am also focused on Mine. I will protect your child as you protect Mine in the spirit. This is the will of the Lord concerning you.

I will cause you to prosper and to be great among the people because you don't want the attention. You want to be hidden [invisible]. This is your secret weapon and one that people will not understand. When they ask you how you were able to garner such a following, you will tell them, 'It's the covering of the Lord.'

You don't want the attention. You don't want them to see you, just the wisdom that rests on you. So, walk in that all the days of your life. And I will always cause you to multiply and prosper. And your name will be great among the people.

They will trust you implicitly with My Word because you have found favor with Me. Only believe. All things are possible to them that believe.

In everything you set your hands to do, it will prosper. In creating other 'stars' for my Kingdom, you are instrumental in bringing this formation together. And it will happen rapidly.

This is a part of the revival. Among the nations, My 'stars' are the brightest. Not because of their own works, but because of the glory of God that is distinguished in each of them.

I then asked the Holy Spirit about the part of the dream where I led the multitude to the boat for safety: "What am I to do with them once they have reached the boat and are safe?"

His reply: "Train and equip them for the work of ministry to which they have been called."

The "Starburst Dream," which I titled in my dream journal, set the pace for what you and thousands of people now witness through my virtual work. I took that call and commission seriously; and just as the Holy Spirit revealed, my influence has grown rapidly since 2016.

But at no time did I think the Holy Spirit would lead me to the waters of politics and social change. After all, within Christendom, such activity is considered secondary or beneath the level of the spirit. In other words, far too many Christians—leaders and laypersons—criticize Believers who have been called to engage in this arena.

But we are in a shift, a cultural revolution, a time of revival and reformation unlike what we've seen before. The Kingdom of God is at hand, and it operates just as that: a kingdom. It functions according to God-ordained laws. And it would be foolish for any Christian to believe that God would not anoint certain people to engage in earthly affairs, especially in politics.

Why? Because the earth still belongs to the Lord; and He expects His sons and daughters to manage it according to His standards. When God sees unrighteous behavior permeating the earth, He anoints people to revolutionize the culture, starting with the Church. This is our legacy.

We need only search Christian history to see this at work.

Back in 1909, the Lord visited William Seymour, an apostle, prophet, and leader of the great Azusa Street Revivals. God told him that in 100 years, the Holy Spirit would pour out on this nation in a greater measure than He had during their meetings. Through one unassuming vessel, the son of slaves at that, God performed great and mighty exploits that led to the salvation of millions of people.

It's interesting to note the willingness of God to use people who are considered the lowest in any given society. During Seymour's time, Black Americans exercised little rights. Seymour, himself, was forbidden from sitting in the same classroom as his classmates, and he attended a Bible college! Segregation permeated our country; and fifty years prior to the Azusa Street Revival, slavery was a legal method for generating wealth in the United States.

Much has changed over the course of time; and it's because of the heart-felt work of Believers who placed a demand on God to intervene in their culture and in politics. From the Quakers to the abolitionists to the modern Civil Rights leaders, we witnessed countless times the rise of brave men and women who refused to allow the enemy to destroy people.

And we must do the same.

Today's Believers must engage in politics, for if we aren't present, then we leave such power to the wicked. We have no reason to complain about the laws that are instituted in our nation when we sit idly by, watching as lives are destroyed, one policy at a time.

Like you, Beloved, I have a desire to see a change. And I am willing to put up the fight necessary to conserve morally conscious values.

I've been in this war for almost five years now, and we are witnessing tremendous results because I've proven we can do things God's way.

My public political platform launched in 2016, just a few months before the election. Growing up, I adopted my father's political philosophy. He and I engaged in numerous political discussions, which we still do today. He taught me repeatedly to never embrace the victim's mentality. He taught me personal responsibility, integrity, and the importance of education. He inspired my relationship with the Holy Spirit; and together with my step-mother, he helped sharpen the prophetic anointing that rests on my life.

Politically, I've only known my father to associate with conservative values. Although this term was hardly used in our house, the values were embedded in all facets of our lives.

My father never conditioned me to feel inferior to my fellow man. He didn't teach me that I had to work twice as hard as my White friends in order to

succeed. He simply taught me the principles of the Word of God, and he helped foster an unwavering, burning desire for success.

There is something truly remarkable about a parent who is willing to go against the proverbial grain. At that time, my father's views and behavior were considered "abnormal." Black men didn't typically vote for Republican candidates. Black men were stereotypically viewed as absentee fathers. Black men generally did not embrace conservative politics publicly.

Family and acquaintances accused him of "acting better than them;" and I suppose had my father possessed a public or online presence at that time, his critics would have openly called him an "Uncle Tom" or "coon." My father simply did not fit the mold, but he didn't care either. His strength, resolve, and fortitude to go against the accepted narrative birthed in me a desire to never give into collective thinking.

By 2016, something in me changed. I recently left a tumultuous relationship. I left my family and friends to live in a new city: Sacramento, California. Three years prior, I successfully defeated a criminal case that tried to kill me, a story I chronicled in my memoir, *To My Beloveds*. I was at a crossroads, needing new direction for my life because my experiences left me broken and battered.

My dreams of living as a successful public-school educator were shattered; and I simply could not bring myself to re-enter that dangerous institution, despite being legally permitted to rejoin after winning my case.

I felt lost and confused.

By all accounts, I had been victimized more than any young woman should have. I encountered more hostile situations within a seven-year period than most people encounter in a lifetime. Life gave me every reason to give up, every reason to throw in the towel, every reason to embrace the victim's

mentality.

But I simply could not do that.

Why? Because my father's lesson consumed my heart: "Don't embrace the victim's mentality." His words kept me alive at a time when I should have died.

In today's culture, victimhood is worn as a badge of honor. We reverence people who insist on blaming others for their troubles. We elect officials who give us reasons to hate people of different ethnic backgrounds simply because we want someone to be guilty for our misfortunes. We spend so much time focusing on the wrongdoings of others that we neglect to acknowledge the strengths that emerge because of our hardships.

We fail to see how detrimental it is when we embrace ideologies that have been used to condition us to remain intellectually inferior; and yet we simply have not learned to do what my father did by going against the grain...

...by voting for people who will fight against progressive policies that seek to destroy our communities.

Back in 2016, just before the national elections, I asked the Holy Spirit for His wisdom concerning my vote. My father always taught me to vote my conscience, so I wanted to know what the Lord had to say concerning this very matter.

As the Holy Spirit often does with me, He answered me with a clear vision. He said, "If you vote for Hillary, the next eight years will look like *this*. If you vote for Trump, the next eight years will look like *that*." At that moment, the Holy Spirit showed me two different Americas. Under Hillary Clinton, we would witness an increase in the way former President Barack Obama governed the land. Under Donald Trump's America, we would experience

one of the greatest periods for the nation and the Church, a time of great prosperity and freedom of religion under his leadership.

Well, that's all I needed to know.

(If you've followed current events, you know this prophetic word came to pass. Consequently, because we have failed to remember the Lord during this great economic shift, we are watching the empire crash. The only way to maintain our greatness is when our leaders remain humble and the people adhere to spiritual laws that govern our interactions. I teach more about these principles in my other book, *Conscious Black Conservatism*.)

At the time of this vision, I was conducting LIVE virtual Bible studies with a group of women on Facebook. The women loved my teachings until I expressed to them what the Holy Spirit shared with me. While I didn't give all the details of the vision, I told them that when it comes to this next election, we needed to be on the Lord's side. We needed to listen to Him as He gave us understanding about the signs of the times.

Apparently, my following assumed I was speaking about Hillary Clinton, because they loved the teachings at first. It wasn't until I eventually told the women that I was voting for Donald Trump...well, that's when the backlash began.

The women simply could not understand why I would vote for someone like him. He wasn't charismatic. He didn't have a relationship with Yeshua. He was hostile towards women. And, according to them, he was racist.

I told them, "I can only go by what the Holy Spirit revealed to me, and He said if I vote for Trump, the next eight years will be the greatest period for the Church and this nation. If I vote for Hillary, the next eight years will be worse than the previous ones."

Needless to say, that virtual Bible study shut down. I lost some followers, who, at the time, were primarily Black women. I thought that was the end of my virtual ministry until my political commentary and Bible teachings began reaching a new audience on Facebook. Today, that same message (of revival, reformation, and conscious conservatism) is showcased in [Twitter Class](#). Today, this empowering message has been seen by millions and received by folks within the Trump Camp.

When I asked the Holy Spirit to show me this revival of which He spoke 100 years ago, I assumed it would look like it did in the past. That it would primarily take place in our local churches. That it would simply be something like what I've read about from the books.

But this revival is different.

This revival goes beyond the mere healing of bodies. It goes beyond the four walls of the church. This revival transcends even the physical world. It's invading the virtual space where billions of minds congregate daily to share their thoughts and opinions. This revival is so powerful, no one person will receive the credit for it.

What's more, this revival is leading towards a reformation and revolution: a re-imagining of what can and will be possible for the next generations. It's consuming people whom the Church deems unworthy to be used by the Lord, people like you and me.

This revival is "pulling up and tearing down, taking apart and demolishing" godless ideologies that rise against the wisdom and knowledge of God. Then it's causing us to "start over, building and planting" in ways that will usher in the kind of political, cultural, and social change we need to see (Jeremiah 1:9-10).

For so long, we've been looking for the Holy Spirit to repeat what He did

in the past, as to indicate He is incapable of doing greater, more creative works through us right now. We've been looking for Him inside the church buildings, inside our conference meetings, inside our traditional, religious areas.

But He is everywhere, and His fire consumes even the most awkward of places, including the virtual sphere. Those who make themselves available to be used as ministers of this great Gospel will experience rewards beyond measure.

Now, perhaps, Dear Reader, you're wondering what such discussions have to do with the book's theme. I can assure you they have everything to do with it. Each one of us has been given a unique assignment, a unique task and mission; and we are each obligated to fulfill that great calling.

For me, I have a burning passion to see people break free from spiritual and mental bondage. It's at the heart of my ministry and my calling, one that I readily exercised as an educator to my former scholars. The Lord expressed clearly that it's our lack of knowledge that causes our destruction; and for me, providing knowledge (based on Kingdom principles) is the bedrock of my virtual ministry.

And nothing breaks my heart more than to see so many Black men and women being used as political pawns so a few God-hating politicians [and pundits!] can assume power.

Nothing bothers me more than witnessing media treat low-income minority groups as inferior creatures.

Nothing angers me more than knowing certain political leaders and institutions target groups for the purpose of killing them...all in the name of "American rights."

The purpose of this book is to expose the darkness behind what we witness in the open. The same spirit that tried to annihilate an entire body of people during slavery is the same spirit attempting to kill this group today. (And unfortunately, “Christian Conservatives” have contributed to these efforts.)

Now, I want to be clear with my message, Beloved. This book is not about persuading Black Americans to leave the Democrat Party just to become blindly loyal to the Republican one. I don’t preach or teach along party lines. Instead, I want to challenge my readers to consider the moral implications and consequences of their actions when they repeatedly vote for candidates whose views and policies go contrary to the Word of God and their own well-being.

More than that, I believe in making the political discourse equitable for Black Americans. This means urging Republicans and Conscious Conservatives to effectively evangelize their God-focused message inside Black communities. This means giving Black Americans political opportunities to select candidates who work in their best interests without being forced to choose progressive candidates who often go uncontested in their communities.

As a conservative, a Conscious Black Conservative, I believe strongly in free will and free thinking. I am neither a Republican or a Democrat. I’m Independent, and I place a demand on candidates to prove to me why they deserve my vote. My politics have mostly leaned Republican/Right-wing, primarily because the Democrats have no desire for any set standards it seems. (This is simply my observation.) But my identity is not based on a party.

I vote my conscience, not my color.

I vote policies, not personalities.

I vote based on my Kingdom convictions, because I understand that spiritual and natural rewards come to me as a result of doing things God’s way. When

it comes to politics—the mountain upon which our nation is governed—conservatism aligns most closely with God’s principles. And when people reject such ideology, it’s important that we who are not afraid to engage in the fight provide wisdom and knowledge to those who simply don’t know. (This applies to any group who knows little about conservative values.)

This book is a challenge to some readers, and to others, an exposure of what many don’t know about Black American history. In this book, Dear Reader, you will learn about conservative values among Black Americans, even as early as the slave period. I will challenge you to think critically about the current political climate and how Conservatives, who preach from a Christian platform, fail to spread their ideology effectively. As a result, we are witnessing a decrease in such values and a greater embrace of liberalism and socialism.

I often tell my readers, students, and broadcast viewers that I don’t want them to take my words as the final authority. I challenge them to conduct their own research to see if my assertions are valid. I want to do the same here.

I’m an educator at heart; therefore, any works I create are designed to give you better understanding regarding spiritual and earthly matters so that we begin making decisions based on intellect, reason, and ultimately our relationship with the Holy Spirit.

I don’t use facts to manipulate people. I present the evidence. I give you my opinion based on the information provided. And then I encourage you to come to your own conclusion based on what you’ve read and what you’ve studied.

In doing so, I hope to empower you, for when you are enlightened with truth, no one can deceive you.

As you read this work, be bold enough to heed the instructions and test

the principles for yourself. As the subtitle alludes, I will teach you how to reach more Black voters effectively. But it will require a shift in our communications approach as Conservatives and Conscious Conservatives.

And if you're willing to do things differently, we will see authentic conservatism remain the dominant ideology in this country.

Acknowledgement

This book, this ministry, and my national presence would not be possible without the Holy Spirit.

He never brags about Himself or tries to exalt Himself. He is just as Yeshua said: The Helper, the Advocate, the Comforter.

Knowing you, Holy Spirit, the way I do today has been the key to my growth and success. When my entire world crashed and I thought I would die, you came and spoke to me, reminding me of my purpose and calling.

I love you so very much, and I vow to teach other Believers how to know you intimately as well.

You are everything to me, Holy Spirit.

I

An Historical Analysis of Conscious
Conservatism in the United States

The Institution of Slavery: A Biblical Perspective

I have often been criticized for my unwavering faith in Yeshua. To some, my allegiance to “the White man’s religion” directly conflicts with their idea of what it means to be a Black woman. According to such critics, a woman such as myself should know better, especially given my extensive level of education. I should know that the Bible, the cornerstone of my faith, was the exact source used to enslave “my people.” I should know that White people do not care about me because they are the oppressor. I should know that, in the end, White people will turn against me.

I learned this ludicrous doctrine during my college tenure at the University of California, Davis, majoring in English and African American Studies.

Today, UC Davis stands as one of the top ten universities in the country. By all accounts, my educational background is stellar.

Most Americans know that California is among the most liberal states. The debauchery coming from this area of the country has a profound way of affecting society in general; and yet, I consider this place to be my home. (Of course now, Atlanta, GA is my permanent residence.)

During my college years, I learned a great deal about the plight of African Americans (to which I will refer in this book as Black Americans). Many

lessons I never knew, which I will share later; and some collegiate lessons were hidden from me and others, such as the Democratic Party's direct connection to slavery and Jim Crowism.

I learned that as a Black woman, I had an obligation to help "my people" by combating the racial injustices that plagued our country. It was my duty, and to reject that responsibility would be nothing more than treason against my race. You can imagine, then, how distributing it was for some of my fellow Black Americans to discover that not only was I addicted to Jesus but also a strong conservative in my political views. My critics called me "brainwashed" and ignorant. They had absolutely no idea the knowledge I possessed and why I believed so strongly in my faith. Furthermore, they could not comprehend why I would side with a religion and political ideology that they associated with racism.

For me, my politics are directly aligned with the principles of God's Word. In other words, I vote my conscience, which is based on my relationship with the Holy Spirit. I don't vote for politicians who enact policies that will go against my faith. I believe strongly in life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I have strong beliefs regarding important issues that affect not just my life but also my daughter and "my people." I have a heart for others, and when I see an injustice taking place, I get active.

As a conservative, I am not ignorant of the past. I'm well-acquainted with it. I have seen its effects in my personal life and within the American public school system. I am well-aware of the ways certain individuals within an organization destroy someone's life, especially one who raises awareness of racial hostility in an actual setting. I'm privy to such encounters because I experienced them. Therefore, my personal, professional, and educational understandings qualify me to speak as a conservative woman *and* a Black woman.

Now, before I continue with this discourse, let me clarify what it means to be

conservative. Ideally, we are strong advocates for the unborn. We believe in the right to bear arms given to us by the 2nd Amendment. We hold fast to traditional family values. We believe in giving people the power to decide where they will send their children for school. We believe in individual responsibility. And we love ourselves some capitalism!

In truth, our views regarding God, our country, our communities, and our families are driven by simple beliefs.

Another way to put it, conservatism involves *conserving* certain values based on spiritual and natural laws. Conservatives are by no means perfect; but we uphold standards, for we know that without standards, nothing will stand.

No one in their right mind would tell a builder to construct a house whichever way he decides to do it. There are standards by which that builder must build. There are certain “laws” of construction. If he deviates from such guidelines, then the house he builds is subject to fall. It’s dangerous for anyone to live in a house with structures that are not “up to code.”

In like manner, humanity has been given a set of standards: spiritual and natural laws that keep the universe in order. And in our culture, conservative values—for the most part—align with these natural laws, thereby helping to maintain order in society.

At the heart of conservatism is also freedom: the freedom to choose what is right over what is wrong. The Bible teaches us, “See, I have set before you life and death...choose life” (Deuteronomy 30:19). Conservative values urge Americans to exercise their freedom to choose, but it also encourages us to choose matters that lead to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. If these values aren’t protected or conserved, then we subject ourselves to values that go against natural, spiritual laws.

To the contrary, liberalism conditions man to do things according to whatever

man desires. Yet, the Bible is clear about one thing: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9 ESV) When mankind decides to do things based on his own understanding and not the wisdom of God, his pathway leads straight to death.

Liberalism is not a new concept; it is more than a political ideology. It’s a spiritual one, dating back to the ancient Babylonian system (I discuss more about this topic in another one of my books, *Teach My Child to Play Chess*.) Its desire is to undermine natural laws, to condition mankind to do as it wants while obtaining wealth, riches, status, and power. It goes contrary to the order established by God; and those who become completely indoctrinated in this ideology suffer natural and spiritual consequences.

It’s not a coincidence that most Conservatives identify quite heavily with Christianity. Neither is it a coincidence that most who identify with liberalism are anti-Christianity. Again, this war is not simply between two political ideologies. It’s a spiritual battle between good and evil, right and wrong, natural and unnatural, God’s ways and man’s ways; and while man’s ways bring some immediate “success,” it’s God’s ways that lead to everlasting life.

Conservatives—for the most part—are deeply dependent on God.

Liberals—for the most part—are deeply dependent on man via the government and doing what man wants to do, even if it goes against the wisdom and knowledge of God.

And contrary to what most people believe about Black Americans, conservative values are nothing new to us; however, the *politics* have been painted as a “racist” worldview. (To an extent, I can see why, especially given American history.) It’s no different than when people call good evil and evil good. We are living in what would seem an “upside down world.”

Any mainstream Black American who identifies with conservative politics

is called a “sellout,” a “coon,” an “Uncle Tom” within the general Black community. (Of course, those who align with Conscious Conservatism do not experience such negativity; but that is a discussion for another book.) In other words, they are not considered a “true Black person.”

In the last two years since launching the first edition of this book, I understand why the criticism is so harsh. Too often, Establishment Black Conservatives (EBCs) use their platforms to degrade and dehumanize Black voters. Their false narratives and illogical talking points pose a stumbling block to such voters. And their lack of understanding regarding Black history only solidifies Black people’s angst towards them.

Even with such criticism, Black voters who detest Black Conservatives create outlandish narratives of their own. By asserting conservatism and Christianity are directly aligned with issues like slavery and racism, they ignore authentic history.

I seek to dismantle such ideas; and I’ll begin such efforts with a biblical discussion of slavery and how this institution came to be. As you will find, Beloved, when you understand history, you can better communicate with those whose ideas differ than yours.

I Have Given You Dominion

To know the will of God is to simply study His Word. We accomplish this by reading the Scriptures to find out how He operates. Not only that, but we can turn to reliable sources to help us understand the context of the Bible.

In the beginning, God was. He existed outside of time. When we speak of time itself, we are referring to the creation of man and the universe. We can read this story in Genesis, although other ancient texts give similar accounts, which you can study for yourself. It’s in Genesis where I wish to begin this

lesson.

According to Jeremiah 1:5 (MSG), the Lord said, “Before I shaped you in the womb, I knew all about you. Before you saw the light of day, I had holy plans for you.” This Scripture sheds light on the nature of God, who knows each one of us before our natural existence. His nature and character have not changed. Therefore, we can assume that when He created Adam and Eve, He knew of them before they were physically formed.

In Genesis 1:26-28 (MSG), the Word teaches us:

God spoke: ‘Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, And, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth. God created human beings; he created them godlike, Reflecting God’s nature. He created them male and female. God blessed them: ‘Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.’

In other words, God instructed *both male and female* to have dominion. It was His good pleasure to give *them* the responsibility of managing His earthly kingdom.

Notice that within this prophetic blessing, the Lord never gave instructions for them to have dominion over each other, especially over future men and women. Although Adam and Eve were the first humans, neither one was given permission to rule over other people as dictator or king. They were to exercise dominion over *things* and *animals*. According to the Amplified version,

God blessed them [granting them certain authority] and said to them,

'Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subjugate it [putting it under your power]; and rule over (dominate) the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every living thing that moves upon the earth.' (emphasis added, Genesis 1:28).

As I shared earlier, when we go back to the original plan of God, which He foreknew before man's creation, we understand His perfect desire.

We know the rest of the story. Adam and Eve sinned against God by eating fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The serpent deceived Eve; she convinced Adam to sin; Adam complied; thus, we witnessed the fall of mankind.

As we approach Genesis chapter three, we witness another prophetic word that will shape history as we know it:

And the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, you are cursed above all [domestic] animals and above every [wild] living thing of the field; upon your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust [and what it contains] all the days of your life.'

'And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her Offspring; He will bruise and tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait and bruise His heel.'

To the woman He said, 'I will greatly multiply your grief and your suffering in pregnancy and the pangs of childbearing; with spasms of distress you will bring forth children. Yet your desire and craving will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.' (Genesis 3:14-16 AMP)

This curse, which directly emerged as a result of sin, sheds light on a coming Messiah—a king—who would eventually die a tragic death, but not before “bruising” the serpent's head.

Those of us who have been in the faith for several years understand to whom this prophetic word refers. We know that according to I John 3:8 (KJV), the “Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil.” Jesus is that “Offspring” to which the Genesis prophecy addresses; and it was through His work at the cross where we see the devil’s power tread underfoot.

But before we get to the life of Christ, we witness thousands of years between the time of this word and the manifestation of the Promised One. During this time, we read about the experiences of men and women, all of whom were subject to the curse and the fallen state; and it’s from here where we are made privy to the source of many institutions we have today.

Noah, the Prophet, Who Cursed His Grandson to Slavery

Throughout the Bible, we read about numerous prophets who performed great wonders. They healed the sick, raised the dead, and caused many people to prosper. They also had the power to curse nations, and when these pure prophets spoke, the Lord did not let their words fall to the ground (see I Samuel 3:19).

When you conduct your own study, you’ll learn that prophets were God’s mouthpiece. They had the ability to foresee the future. They received divine wisdom and revelation through dreams and visions; and at times, the Lord, Himself, would appear to them. (This spiritual gift is still present today, although there are far more pure prophets today than there were in Biblical times.)

The first prophet, if you will, was Adam. He delivered God’s direct message to his wife, Eve. They both disobeyed the Lord and were thus removed from the Garden. God had other prophets, including Enoch, whom the Bible teaches,

“walked with God.”

Whenever we read about a person who “knew God” or who “walked with Him,” it means he had an intimate relationship with the Lord. He spoke directly to God, and God spoke back to him. For those in the Old Testament, such an occasion was a sign of God’s presence with that person, and they were known as prophets to the people. What they spoke regarding the future directly correlated with what God revealed to them at their present moment. This understanding will become useful to you as we continue this study.

By Genesis chapter six, the world is in turmoil. Mankind increases and so has sin. According to Genesis 6:2, “the *sons of God* saw that the *daughters of men* were beautiful and desirable; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose and desired” (emphasis added). To the Lord, this was a great sin; and when we continue reading in chapter six, we understand why this act was such an affront to God.

According to Job 1:6, the Scriptures refer to “the sons of God” as angels or heavenly beings that presented themselves to God, giving account of their doings. This same Hebrew phrase is used in Genesis 6:2. Thus, we can infer that based on further studies, which I encourage you to do, some angel-like beings made wives of mortal women.

In Genesis 6:4, the Bible reads, “There were giants on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the *sons of God* lived with the *daughters of men*, and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown” (emphasis added). Another version calls these “children” the Nephilim. They were the product of the sons of God engaging in sexual intercourse with the daughters of men.

Whatever your opinions about such facts, it stands to reason that if the Bible addresses this very topic, we do well to accept it as truth. Such ideas about “extraterrestrial beings” engaging in sex with humans is not a foreign idea.

In fact, Greek mythology alludes to this. Consider Achilles, for example. Legend holds that the Greek god, Zeus, impregnated his mother. Achilles was considered both a god and man, and therefore, he had the power to do great wonders. His downfall, however, was the spear thrown in his heel. (Does this tale sound anything like what we've already learned? "He will bruise and tread your head underfoot, and you will lie in wait and bruise His heel." (Genesis 3:15))

From a mythological viewpoint, people would see Jesus' story in this same way. During His earthly ministry, Jesus readily referred to Himself as "the son of man" *and* "the son of God." It was the Holy Spirit who released the seed of God to impregnate Mary, the virgin. But even before Jesus manifested in the earth, the devil—the great deceiver—went to work in creating his own earthly offspring, which the Lord revealed would take place back in Genesis 3: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and *between your offspring* and her Offspring" (emphasis added).

Again, the Bible calls such "children" the Nephilim or giants in the land. These were men of renown and fierce reputation, but that didn't mean they honored the Lord. In fact, if you continue reading the Scriptures, you will learn that these giants hated God and anyone associated with Him. They were truly the offspring of the devil.

As we discover in Genesis chapter six, "The Lord saw that the wickedness (depravity) of man was great on the earth, and that every imagination or intent of the thoughts of his heart were only evil continually" (verse 5, AMP). Thus, He regretted creating man and decided to destroy the Earth with a great flood. Here is where we are introduced to the great prophet, Noah, who was found blameless and righteous in God's eyes.

The Word teaches us that "Noah walked (lived) [in habitual fellowship] with God" (Genesis 6:9 AMP). He found favor with God, and thus He purposed to give Noah another prophetic word:

'I intend to make an end of all that lives, for through men the land is filled with violence; and behold, I am about to destroy them together with the land. Make yourself an ark...For behold, I, even I, will bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy all life under the heavens in which there is the break and spirit of life; everything that is on the land shall die.'
(Genesis 6:13-17)

The Bible teaches that the increased violence, lust for power, assaults, and all other depraved behavior “grieved the Lord” (Genesis 6:6).

As we move through the story, we see God’s word fulfilled. He floods the earth, killing every living creature and human save those who lived in the ark. About a year later, Noah and his family (along with the animals) exit the ark to begin life anew.

The Lord then visits Noah and gives him the same prophetic blessing He bestowed on Adam: “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth” (Genesis 9:1 AMP). Although the Lord succeeded in cleansing the physical world—symbolic of the flood—this purging did not cleanse the *heart* of mankind. As He told Noah, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intent (strong inclination, desire) of man’s heart is wicked from his youth” (Genesis 8:21 AMP).

It’s important that as Believers, we examine the Bible from a spiritual *and* historical perspective, because it brings to light what we experience in our world today. It gives answers to our modern questions, and it unveils the root darkness that is continually at work. Let’s return to the story.

Sometime later, Noah began tilling the ground and planting vineyards (Genesis 9:20). One day, he drank too much of his harvest, which left him in a drunken stupor. The Bible teaches that Noah then walked into his tent where his wife was and eventually fell asleep.

Ham, one of Noah's three sons, observed his father's behavior. He approached Noah's tent, entered it, and "saw the nakedness of his father" (Genesis 9). Afterwards, the Bible teaches that Ham came out and told his brothers about it. The two brothers, Shem and Japheth, then took a blanket, walked backwards into their father's tent, and covered their father's nakedness.

Noah, after coming out of his stupor, eventually learned about Ham's actions, and he was outraged! In his anger, Noah, being a prophet, spoke these words to Ham:

Curse be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. (Genesis 9:22-27 KJV)

We must ask ourselves, "Why would Ham's actions warrant such a curse? For what cause did Noah have in condemning his grandson, Canaan, to a life of servitude?" The answer lies in Ham's direct sin against his father, Noah.

According to Leviticus 18:7, Moses gave direct instructions to the people regarding sexual deviancy with one's parents: "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness" (emphasis added). In another passage, it reads, "If a man lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered [saw] his father's nakedness" (Leviticus 20:11). Is this not the exact verbiage we read in Genesis chapter nine regarding Ham's actions? Simply put, we can infer that Ham sexually assaulted his father's wife, his mother, while Noah lay in a drunken stupor.

Again, I understand how difficult it is for many Christians to accept the idea that the Bible would speak of such atrocities. It's hard for many of us to comprehend how such behavior would be addressed in the world's holiest of texts.

But the Bible is an *historical* document as well as a spiritual one. It's an *accurate* account of man's beginnings. It provides a close examination of God's intent as told from the very people who were closest to the beginning of time. As modern Believers, we do well to heed the testimonies from those who witnessed such accounts, because it will help us make wise decisions today.

When put in proper perspective, we see why Noah's anger wrought hotly against Ham. To Noah, Ham was like a curse. Ham violated his father by exposing "his nakedness," or as Leviticus alludes, he laid with his mother, Noah's wife. In return for his disobedience and blatant disrespect, Noah cursed Ham's son, Canaan, of which slavery (servitude) would be his lot in life.

Three times Noah reiterated this: "Cursed be Canaan; *a servant of servants* shall he be unto his brethren. And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Shem; and *Canaan shall be his servant*. God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and *Canaan shall be his servant*" (emphasis added, Genesis 9:22-27 KJV). Noah, having both the prophetic ability to see in the future and to call things into existence, enacted what we now understand to be a slave system in the world. Such a declaration would have *never* been made if Ham had not disgraced his father.

If you continue reading the Scriptures, you'll discover how Ham's lineage continued to rebel against God. Ham begot Cush, and Cush begot Nimrod, whom the Scriptures define as "the first to be a mighty one in the earth" (Genesis 10:8). Nimrod's kingdom began with Babel—the same place where God confounded our languages. Nimrod's kingdom also included Nineveh, of which we are familiar with the story of Jonah. Nimrod's reign and influence expanded throughout the world; and according to ancient records, he was revered as a god among the peoples.

Like his grandfather (Ham) and father (Cush), Nimrod embraced a nature

contrary to God's ways. Ancient texts teach us that he married his mother (read *The Two Babylons* to learn more); he helped established the Babylonian Mysteries and religious system; and he was worshiped under numerous names in various religions (including the names Hercules, Achilles, Belus, Buddah, and others). All that we know about the Babylonian Mysteries has its roots in Nimrod and his mother-wife, Semiramis.

Time won't permit me to delve deeply into this topic in this book. (I go into much more depth in *Teach My Child to Play Chess*). But you can study numerous ancient texts and Scriptures for yourself to validate such truths. Nimrod was ruthless in his pursuits for dominion, and it was not uncommon for him to subject men to his rule, thus making them his slaves.

What I wish for you to take away from this beginning chapter, Dear Reader, is that slavery was not, nor has ever been, a part of the will of God. Slavery is a direct consequence of rebellion and sin against the ways of God. As you read in other passages of Scripture, you'll see:

- At times, God caused His people to enter bondage *because* of their rebellion against Him (read Jeremiah 25).
- At times, God's people worshiped other gods, rejecting their Creator. As such, He allowed other nations to enslave them (read Judges 3).
- At times, God's people were brought into captivity because a nation feared their growth (read Exodus 1).
- At times, slavery and servitude were nothing more than an economic solution for people who did not want to live independently (read Deuteronomy 15).
- At times, slavery was directly tied to one's inability to pay a debt (read 2 Kings 4).

When Paul and other Apostles addressed the topic of slavery, they highlighted one's need to honor his master, to do the work as unto the Lord (read Ephesians 6). In these same passages, the Apostles urged masters to treat

their slaves with care, knowing they, too, had a Master (read Ephesians 6).

No matter which way you look at it, God of the Bible never created slavery. He never “anointed” anyone to have dominion or authority over another human being. In the perfect state of man, we were all equal in nature, for we were made in God’s image.

Therefore, we can conclude from this analysis that the Bible does not support slavery.

Man—while in a fallen state—created this institution.

Christianity does not give anyone license to enslave another human being. The very nature of Christ’s ministry was to “destroy the works of the devil,” whose only mission was (and still is) to “kill, steal, and destroy.”

Christ came to set us free, not to keep us in bondage; and whom the Son sets free is free indeed!

This is why Black slaves in the United States took well to Biblical stories of freedom. They knew God’s desire was for every person to be free; and they used this spiritual strength to demolish an institution that plagued our country.

This is the message I shared with some students at UC Davis back in the early 2000’s when they questioned my allegiance to the Lord and my commitment to the Christian faith, or as they called it, the “White man’s religion.”

They did not expect such a response, and it silenced their criticism, at least towards me.

As I shared with them, any person, including the “White oppressors” of whom they referred, who used the Scriptures as the basis for enslaving Black people,

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were not functioning as Christians at all.

Their actions directly reflected that of their father, the devil...not my Lord.

Slavery in the United States: It Wasn't Just a White Thing

This next chapter examines slavery as an institution in the United States.

In my experience, I've found many Black Americans (and many liberal White folks) focus entirely on the role White people had in enslaving Black people in this country. I remember sharing this Instagram post on which I wrote, "Black people owned slaves in the U.S., too."

One follower shared his comments, stating Black people couldn't be slave masters back then; they were simply overseers.

I proceeded to tell him how stupid a comment that was considering historical documents validate Black people in the United States did, in fact, own Black slaves. There were also Black men who fought on the Confederate side during the Civil War, knowing it was a fight *for* slavery.

Quite often, it is difficult for people to accept history as it was. So many Americans want *revisionist* history, not *authentic* history.

In this chapter, we will take a look at some of the stories from the past to help us better understand the complexities of slavery in the United States. As this lesson's title suggests, slavery was not just a White thing, at least not in the

beginning.

It was a business model.

A structure.

A way of life for millions of people, not just in this country, but around the world.

Slavery is still an institution in many countries today; and one has to wonder why the same people screaming about the effects of slavery say nothing about their Black brothers and sisters who are literally being oppressed in Africa. But, I suppose that's another lesson for another day.

For now, let's jump into this topic about slavery in the United States. By the end of the lesson, you will know why Black Americans today continue fighting against conservative politics.

Virginia 1619

What marks the beginning of the history of Black people in America? According to several historians, the first African slaves arrived in Virginia in 1619. This date marks a significant turning point, because it highlights what we will eventually know as slavery based on race.

But this date is equally questionable, because it does not take into account the presence of Black people in the "New World" prior to this moment. For example, history proves Black slaves were brought to "America" in 1526 through Lucas Vasquez de Ayllon, a Spanish colonizer. The slaves revolted, won the battle, and eventually became the first permanent immigrants to this

country¹.

What schools (especially colleges) often teach students is that the history of Black Americans began as slaves in this country; and based on such knowledge, we can deduce that America—as far as the Black person is concerned—is a country based on racism.

But such assertions couldn't be further from the truth.

As with all the Westernized systems, slavery in America was an extension of what had been occurring throughout the world, even from the time of Noah all the way down to his great-grandson, Nimrod, who, by the way, historians note was a dark-skinned person (i.e. a Black man). (*The Two Babylons*, by Alexander Hislop, elaborates on this ancient story.) From ancient texts, you will learn how Nimrod subdued people, making them his servants who helped build his empires.

The Bible provides other accounts of slavery, so it should not surprise us why this drudgery was nothing new to the United States. But at the time of its initial presence in the country, slavery was not based on one's race, color, or ethnic background.

It was based on *economics solely*, no matter one's skin color, and here's what I mean.

During the early 1600s, America witnessed an influx of indentured servants, who were types of slaves. They worked under a master for a number of years, and were granted freedom, land, and opportunities after they completed their service.

¹ Gillian Brockell, "Before 1619, There Was 1526: The Mystery of the First Enslaved Africans in What Became the United States," *The Washington Post* (WP Company, September 6, 2019), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2019/09/07/before-there-was-mystery-first-enslaved-africans-what-became-us/>.

An indentured servant was much like what we read in Deuteronomy. A person could voluntarily become a slave or servant for a period of time; and once that time expired, the servant would be granted land or some type of compensation to set him on his own path. In many other cases, criminals, vagabonds, and the poor could also be forced into indentured servitude; and it mattered not if the person was White or Black.

Once freedom was granted, if the former servant had the means to acquire other “slaves,” he could do it, whether he was Black or White.

Anthony Johnson

Would it surprise you that in America, one of the first official slaveholders was a Black person²?

This is the story of Anthony Johnson, a former Black indentured servant; and his life was not so different than other Black people who managed to acquire substantial wealth well before the Civil War.

During the 1620s in Virginia, Johnson worked as a servant to a White master. After completing his service, he acquired wealth and took ownership of another indentured servant named John Casor during the 1650s.

Casor, whose records indicate was a Black indentured servant, petitioned to work for another master, Robert Parker. But Johnson wouldn't have it. In 1654, Johnson sued Parker for Casor in the Northampton Court, arguing that Casor still belonged to him. The court ruled against Johnson, but he later

² Kat Eschner, “The Horrible Fate of John Casor, The First Black Man to Be Declared Slave for Life in America,” Smithsonian.com (Smithsonian Institution, March 8, 2017), <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/horrible-fate-john-casor-180962352/>.

appealed; and in 1655, the ruling was reversed. The appeals decision not only forced Casor to return to Johnson, but it also mandated that Casor be Johnson's slave for life. This was the first time a court ruled that any person could be a lifetime slave; and this matter happened between two Black men.

Now, let me tell you, in all the years of studying Black history as an undergraduate, not once did my Black professors teach us this information. Not once did they talk about Black people acquiring Black slaves in this country.

The focus was exclusively on White people and White oppression.

I first came across Anthony Johnson's story back in 2015 after an online educational program hired me to write history lessons for them and their students. That's when I discovered that slavery was much more than what my professors taught me. This is why I stress to my Beloveds the need to conduct your own research, to discover the truth for yourself, because liberal institutions (like our colleges) are indoctrination factories that seek to control the way we operate, especially among people who are different than us.

Now, as you learn more about Johnson's story (again, don't hesitate to research him yourself), place yourself in his shoes and in the time period in which he lived. Quite often, when we examine history, we immediately want to dismiss facts because they make us uncomfortable. They force us to question what we truly know. And that's OK.

We can look back on history and ask, "Why in the world would any Black person become a slaveholder when he could have set his people free?" But the truth is still the truth: slavery was a business, an economic system that a small percentage of people used to grow their wealth. Such explanation does not make slavery moral or excusable, but it puts the institution in perspective, and it explains why it lasted well over 200 years in this country.

If you can look through that perspective, you will see why there were Black, White, and even Native American slaveholders in this country long before the Civil War. Anthony Johnson was just one of thousands who saw slavery as a process for increasing one's wealth.

Racism in America: A Social Construct

At what point in American history did slavery equate to one's race or color?

This answer can be traced to a number of court documents that help us better understand the way political leaders viewed Black people in America, cases such as *Dred Scott vs. Sanford* and others. (See the end of the lesson to read supplemental materials on this topic.)

But before I dive into that teaching, allow me to explain what is meant by racism as a social construct.

In the same way scientists use data to explain phenomena, the same efforts were once made to explain the genetic, cultural, and physical differences between people based on skin color. (Study eugenics for further clarity.)

In other words, think of "racism" as an experiment concocted in a laboratory. You have "social scientists" who mixed together "ingredients" that helped them determine how one's genetics (and color) affected his physical behavior and mental aptitude; and then based on those findings, people created and promoted data that were shared with the general public, who then took those findings to be accurate and permanent.

That's how I want you to view racism—as a social experiment that disenfranchised "People of Color" (and the White people who supported them) in the United States.

It was a social construct or experiment. It's what I define as Colored Communism, because so much of it directly ties to economics.

Racism was an ideology created by powerful, influential people for the purpose of promoting an agenda, for controlling power, and for determining who could and could not claim rights to wealth and personal freedom.

Think of racism in the same way we view anti-Semitism. Think of racism in the same way we view sexism.

It's simply an *ideology* that gains power the more the masses ascribe to its general beliefs regarding "superior and inferior" races.

When we understand racism from this perspective, we see why slavery in the United States, at its conception, was not about race. It was about business; and anyone (literally) who had the drive, investment, and wealth to use this method of free labor could do so.

During the 17th and 18th centuries, race became synonymous with one's lot in life. Politicians, scientists, social elites, and others developed ideological methods of controlling economics by conditioning the public to believe in racism: that by virtue of one's skin color, a person was better than or less than his neighbor.

This pervasive narrative became so destructive that laws were established to maintain this order; and everyone in America was affected by it. For example, by nature of one's "blackness," a person was sentenced to a life of servitude³. Any person who had even one drop of "black blood" would be subjected to

³ Robert S Smith, "How Slavery Became the Law of the Land 'For Blacks Only,'" America's Black Holocaust Museum, September 1, 2019, <https://www.abhmuseum.org/how-slavery-became-legal-for-blacks-only/>.

mistreatment⁴.

Social scientists during such periods believed just as there were different animal species, there were also different races or species of humans; each group divided by their skin color with one group superior to the rest. (By scientists, I am referring to the leading *thinkers* of that age, such as those associated with the eugenics movement.)

Let's break racism down even further. Imagine for a moment, you live in a country where the growing belief system is fixated on different human species.

Within each “race” are certain genetic *advantages* and *disadvantages* which one cannot escape because of biology.

This growing and accepted narrative made people believe White people were God's chosen; Black people were divinely destined to be slaves; White people were pure and holy; Black people were evil; White people—despite their educational level—were more intelligent than Black people.

The list goes on and on.

(To help you better understand the pervasive race narrative of the times, I strongly recommend reading the “Lincoln and Douglas Debates.”)

These racial *beliefs* resulted in *legal systems* that worked against Black people, starting with racial slavery and leading into the Jim Crow Era.

This is what so many Black Americans focus on today: the *systems* currently

⁴ F. James Davis, “Mixed Race America - Who Is Black? One Nation's Definition | Jefferson's Blood | FRONTLINE,” PBS (Public Broadcasting Service), accessed September 29, 2020, <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/jefferson/mixed/onedrop.html>.

in place, which have demonic roots in racist ideology. (This is *systemic racism*.)

For me, discussing “race in America” is problematic. I am not a part of a separate human species. There is only one race: the human race; and within this race are various peoples from every nation and tribe. These distinctions in language, culture, and even religions stem from the rebellion at Babel (read Genesis 11). But even with these differences, God never created separate species of the human population.

So, what advantages arose as a result of making “races” (or species) among the humans so prominent?

The answer: economics and political power.

In America, as well as other countries like South Africa, division among the “races” was socially constructed as a method for *enhancing economic opportunities* in favor of those who desired vast wealth. If people spoke about racism extensively, and if they were able to create and enforce laws that supported these ideologies, then the ones behind the construct became increasingly powerful and wealthy.

(If you follow me in Twitter Class, Beloved, you will often here me call this “Colored Communism.” It’s a system that believes, “There are limited resources in this country. Therefore, to have the most, we must legally take away opportunities from other people based on race.”)

Consider slavery in the United States: Children born to Black slave women were automatically made slaves, even if their fathers were the slave masters. This was the law of the South at one time. (See “Law Library of Congress: ‘Slavery and Indentured Servants’” for more information). This law gave slaveholders permission to rape Black women for the sole purpose of creating more slaves without having to pay for them at auctions. It added to their free labor, which produced vast wealth.

This law, in particular, often caused Black slave women to kill their offspring rather than seeing their children become a product of slavery. (Toni Morrison alludes to this in her book, *Beloved*.)

When those at the top (the people who are skilled in controlling the way the masses *think and behave*) are able to use ideologies as a method for developing certain laws, I guarantee money is behind it all.

Here's another factor regarding racism I want you to know. Such ideology can become permanently ingrained in one's thinking when it is tied to one's religion.

And here's how this works.

The Hamitic Curse

You will recall the story I shared with you in Chapter 1 about Noah and his son, Ham. You learned that Noah, being a pure prophet and understanding the gravity of man's disobedience against God's ways, cursed his grandson, Canaan, after Ham, his son, "uncovered his father's nakedness." That curse resulted in Canaan and his descendants becoming servants and slaves to their brothers.

All throughout biblical history, we witness this prophetic word being played out. And if we carefully examine these stories, we learn that Ham's descendants also worked towards oppressing and enslaving others.

The Hamitic Curse⁵, as it later came to be understood, was eventually used by some White Americans as their religious explanation for enslaving Black people. The idea spread, especially among White Christian churches at the time.

The doctrine taught that God cursed all Black people to slavery because of Ham's actions. In other words, this false teaching emphasized that because Ham was Black, therefore all his descendants were Black; and because Ham was cursed with slavery, then by reason and divine order, all Black people are cursed and subjected to slavery.

Hogwash to us today, I know. But understand that this was the growing, popular narrative within some Christian churches during and after slavery.

Such knowledge and false teachings have led many Black Americans to detest Christianity, because they read from history that this faith was used as a weapon to enslave Black people. This was the argument I had to combat in college and one that many Black Christians face today from our critics.

It's not that our critics' feelings are unsubstantiated, but they are based on false teachings promulgated during the time of slavery.

Knowing these facts will help us to understand why so many Black Americans fight against Christianity and conservatism.

⁵ Felicia R. Lee, "From Noah's Curse to Slavery's Rationale," *The New York Times* (*The New York Times*, November 1, 2003), <https://www.nytimes.com/2003/11/01/arts/from-noah-s-curse-to-slavery-s-rationale.html>.

Additional Resources to Explore:

1. “Dred Scott Decision” by Melvin I. Urofsky: This article provides background on Dred Scott, a slave who fought for the legal right to be free. After winning his court case in 1850, the Missouri Supreme Court overruled the decision. When Scott’s case was brought before the United States Supreme Court, the judges ruled against him. In the infamous ruling, Chief Justice Robert Taney wrote that all Black people exercised no rights because they were not considered citizens of the United States. As such, they had no legal right to petition for their freedom. This ruling spoke volumes of what this meant even for Black people who owned slaves in the country. For free Blacks, this posed a significant threat to their lives, because it meant that if any White person wanted to take a Black person as a slave, that Black person had no legal right to fight against it in court. *The Dred Scott* case was a catalyst for the Civil War, which would mark the end of 200+ years of slavery in the United States.
2. Law Library of Congress: “Slavery and Indentured Servants:” This article explains many of the laws that affected slaves and indentured servants in this country. It discusses the law that forced children of slave women to become slaves themselves. It also addresses the topic of slave women killing their masters who tried to force them into sexual relationships for the purpose of producing more slaves.
3. “Slavery and the Law in Virginia:” This article provides a list of various laws that affected indentured servants and slaves. It also shows the progression of using racism against Black people. Such laws included forbidding Black people to own firearms, forcing Black people into a life of servitude, refusing to let Christian Blacks be free, offering the legal right to harm and kill a resisting Black slave, legalizing the arrest of any White person who married a Black partner, and much more.
4. “Slavery in Virginia and the 1705 Virginia Slave Act” by Leah Lefler: This article discusses more of the history behind the racist laws that

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dictated the way Black indentured servants were transformed into slaves for life. It is during this time period when we witness legalized racism that profited White people and subjugated Black people, even if they were once free.

The Fight Against Slavery in the United States

“Every Believer should engage in politics in one way or another, whether by prayers, intercessions, or active engagement.”

– Felecia Killings

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Fairly recently, I encountered a Christian (a female Black American) who criticized my involvement in the political discourse. She argued I should remain focused on “spiritual” matters rather than using my energy to address conservative values. As I typically do with most critical posts, I took her words and came back with evidence to support why her ideas about my work directly contradict the nature of a true Believer.

I wasn’t called to sit on the sidelines, and neither were you. Jesus told us to “go out” and “make disciples.” That means we must use our words, our influence, and our platforms to draw people to the truth; and when it comes to politics, our votes determine the kind of leaders who will manage our communities.

Christians are funny sometimes. On one hand, many of them ask the Lord to help their nation become godlier; but then they criticize the very ones whom

God anoints to become active in political affairs. Most Christians want to “engage” in the political battles passively. They vote for leaders based on their personalities rather than examining how their policies contradict the Word of God and Christ’s nature. And when they see Believers like me who actively engage in the conflict, they think us strange.

Such Believers fail to see how radical Jesus was even in His own ministry. He tackled political issues by explaining there was a greater Kingdom at hand. He addressed the poor. He taught about healing. He addressed the spiritual, the moral, the physical, and even the financial aspects of man. He respected the laws of the land, even when those laws resulted in His death. He paid taxes. He instructed His disciples to honor those who had leadership over them.

Jesus did not restrict His teachings to spiritual matters. He was a man as well; and as such, He addressed earthly issues.

To be a follower of Christ requires sacrifice and dedication. The Holy Spirit gives us what we need to carry out our individual calling circumspectly; and like He has done with people in the past, so the Holy Spirit grants you and I the power to affect change within the political arena. He is doing this right now just as He did during the days of slavery in America.

In this next chapter, we will explore the Believers’ quest to end racial discrimination and slavery in the United States. As you learned from the previous lessons, slavery was directly correlated to sin and unrighteousness. Therefore, it only makes sense that in order to destroy it (slavery), God would use His people—both Black and White—to dismantle such an institution in a land that professed liberty and freedom for all.

By the 18th and 19th centuries, slavery had been an accepted way of life for Americans. But this didn’t mean every slave willingly complied with the laws of the land. It’s estimated that before the end of the Civil War, at least 250

slave revolts emerged, those including:

- The Nat Turner Rebellion of 1831
- The Stono Rebellion of 1739
- Gabriel's Rebellion of 1800

Black slaves weren't the only ones to revolt against slavery. American abolitionists like John Brown in 1859 gathered a group of volunteers to violently overthrow the slave system. To him and other abolitionists, the only way to rid the country of its sin was to use violent force. These rebellions were a type and shadow of what was to come in the Civil War.

One has to wonder why abolitionists and slaves felt the only measure they could take involved violence. We need only to look at the political landscape to understand why.

You will recount from the previous lessons that slavery was the result of a curse; you will also recall how individuals used biblical accounts to support their racist ideologies. Over time, those ideologies emerged into a growing political party that eventually mobilized its efforts to launch decades of terrorism, threats, and the murder of countless people of color and those who supported them.

This Party was known as the Democrat Party. And as Conservatives will adamantly shout from their social media rooftops, the opposing side, the Republicans, fought to dismantle what had come to destroy so many lives. It is my firm belief that if Conservatives today would return to this radical party, they would garner more Black support.

Let's take a look at these political platforms in more details.

Andrew Jackson, Founder of the Democrat Party

From the outskirts, Andrew Jackson was the epitome of the American Dream⁶. He grew up in poverty, was the son of Irish immigrants, and received little formal education. He joined the military and served as a general in the War of 1812. He was praised as a war hero and encouraged to run for office.

In 1824, Jackson was nominated for the presidency, and he had an opportunity to sit in the U.S. Senate. He lost his place after the infamous “corrupt bargaining” between Henry Clay and John Q. Adams. None of that would matter, because four years following, Jackson would become the next President of the United States.

During his campaign, Jackson and his wife endured hostile backlash. His wife, Rachel, was accused of committing adultery, because Jackson allegedly married her before she divorced her previous husband. Whatever the story, Jackson’s rise to office was contaminated by the scandal; but it did not stop him from being the “president of the people.”

What many historians don’t often discuss is the reason why Jackson, a presumed “nobody” in the political arena, could defeat politicians who had been in the game much longer than he had.

His secret: taking politics to the common man.

Before the start of the modern-Democratic Party, political elites like Henry Clay and others were among those who believed the common American was too inept to make political decisions for the nation. (Take one look at social media today, and you can understand why some folks simply do not need to

⁶ History.com Editors, “Andrew Jackson,” History.com (A&E Television Networks, October 29, 2009), <https://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/andrew-jackson>.

be involved in such affairs. I feel their sentiments.) Andrew Jackson's rise to prominence dismantled those barriers, giving common people hope to believe that anyone could make it in politics.

By 1827, Jackson supporters traveled across the known country to campaign on his behalf. His leadership appealed strongly to working, rural Americans in the North and South.

The Democrat Party has always been considered "the party of the people." This phrase will become quite familiar to you, especially when you hear Americans today praise it repeatedly. But the people whom Jackson supported were not the same people the Democratic Party presumes to support today.

Jackson and others like him strongly believed in states' right, particularly the right to own slaves and to expand slavery throughout the rest of the newly-added states in the west. Jackson, as his legacy would come to be known, was responsible for the removal and deaths of countless Native Americans who were forced to leave their homes during what is called "The Trail of Tears." Although Jackson was considered a man of the people—a fighter against the aristocracy—he possessed his own racial biases that made him believe he was a patriarch to the "child-like" Native Americans.

Jackson's presidency represented what I call systemic racism: government policies used for the purpose of disenfranchising certain people, particularly people of color. When Black Americans use this phrase, "systemic racism," Conservatives need to point them to its roots. This isn't to suggest that American politicians before him did not enact policies and laws that worked against Black people; but it does point to the two-party system with which we are familiar today.

I will return to this discussion of the Jacksonian Democrats in a later lesson. For now, let's explore how Christians, true to their conservative, godly conscience, worked towards ending slavery in America.

Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party

Just as the Democrat Party has its founder, so did the Republican Party. To help explain the Party's position on matters, I have included a copy of [their 1860 platform principles and views](#) verbatim. Let's take a look.

That the history of the nation during the last four years, has fully established the propriety and necessity of the organization and perpetuation of the Republican party, and that the causes which called it into existence are permanent in their nature, and now, more than ever before, demand its peaceful and constitutional triumph.

That the maintenance of the principles promulgated in the Declaration of Independence and embodied in the Federal Constitution, "That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," is essential to the preservation of our Republican institutions; and that the Federal Constitution, the Rights of the States, and the Union of the States must and shall be preserved.

That to the Union of the States this nation owes its unprecedented increase in population, its surprising development of material resources, its rapid augmentation of wealth, its happiness at home and its honor abroad; and we hold in abhorrence all schemes for disunion, come from whatever source they may. And we congratulate the country that no Republican member of Congress has uttered or countenanced the threats of disunion so often made by Democratic members, without rebuke and with applause from their political associates; and we denounce those threats of disunion, in case of a popular overthrow of their ascendancy as denying the vital principles of a free government, and as an avowal of contemplated treason,

which it is the imperative duty of an indignant people sternly to rebuke and forever silence.

That the maintenance inviolate of the rights of the states, and especially the right of each state to order and control its own domestic institutions according to its own judgment exclusively, is essential to that balance of powers on which the perfection and endurance of our political fabric depends; and we denounce the lawless invasion by armed force of the soil of any state or territory, no matter under what pretext, as among the gravest of crimes.

That the present Democratic Administration has far exceeded our worst apprehensions, in its measureless subserviency to the exactions of a sectional interest, as especially evinced in its desperate exertions to force the infamous Lecompton Constitution upon the protesting people of Kansas; in construing the personal relations between master and servant to involve an unqualified property in persons; in its attempted enforcement everywhere, on land and sea, through the intervention of Congress and of the Federal Courts of the extreme pretensions of a purely local interest; and in its general and unvarying abuse of the power intrusted to it by a confiding people.

That the people justly view with alarm the reckless extravagance which pervades every department of the Federal Government; that a return to rigid economy and accountability is indispensable to arrest the systematic plunder of the public treasury by favored partisans; while the recent startling developments of frauds and corruptions at the Federal metropolis, show that an entire change of administration is imperatively demanded.

That the new dogma that the Constitution, of its own force, carries slavery into any or all of the territories of the United States, is a dangerous political heresy, at variance with the explicit provisions of that instrument itself, with contemporaneous exposition, and with legislative and judicial

precedent; is revolutionary in its tendency, and subversive of the peace and harmony of the country.

That the normal condition of all the territory of the United States is that of freedom: That, as our Republican fathers, when they had abolished slavery in all our national territory, ordained that "no persons should be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law," it becomes our duty, by legislation, whenever such legislation is necessary, to maintain this provision of the Constitution against all attempts to violate it; and we deny the authority of Congress, of a territorial legislature, or of any individuals, to give legal existence to slavery in any territory of the United States.

That we brand the recent reopening of the African slave trade, under the cover of our national flag, aided by perversions of judicial power, as a crime against humanity and a burning shame to our country and age; and we call upon Congress to take prompt and efficient measures for the total and final suppression of that execrable traffic.

That in the recent vetoes, by their Federal Governors, of the acts of the legislatures of Kansas and Nebraska, prohibiting slavery in those territories, we find a practical illustration of the boasted Democratic principle of Non-Intervention and Popular Sovereignty, embodied in the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, and a demonstration of the deception and fraud involved therein.

That Kansas should, of right, be immediately admitted as a state under the Constitution recently formed and adopted by her people, and accepted by the House of Representatives.

That, while providing revenue for the support of the general government by duties upon imports, sound policy requires such an adjustment of these imports as to encourage the development of the industrial interests of the

whole country; and we commend that policy of national exchanges, which secures to the workingmen liberal wages, to agriculture remunerative prices, to mechanics and manufacturers an adequate reward for their skill, labor, and enterprise, and to the nation commercial prosperity and independence.

That we protest against any sale or alienation to others of the public lands held by actual settlers, and against any view of the free-homestead policy which regards the settlers as paupers or suppliants for public bounty; and we demand the passage by Congress of the complete and satisfactory homestead measure which has already passed the House.

That the Republican party is opposed to any change in our naturalization laws or any state legislation by which the rights of citizens hitherto accorded to immigrants from foreign lands shall be abridged or impaired; and in favor of giving a full and efficient protection to the rights of all classes of citizens, whether native or naturalized, both at home and abroad.

That appropriations by Congress for river and harbor improvements of a national character, required for the accommodation and security of an existing commerce, are authorized by the Constitution, and justified by the obligation of Government to protect the lives and property of its citizens.

That a railroad to the Pacific Ocean is imperatively demanded by the interests of the whole country; that the federal government ought to render immediate and efficient aid in its construction; and that, as preliminary thereto, a daily overland mail should be promptly established.

Finally, having thus set forth our distinctive principles and views, we invite the co-operation of all citizens, however differing on other questions,

*who substantially agree with us in their affirmance and support*⁷.

There are key elements of the Republican Party that Conservatives today reflect:

1. Republicans saw the previous years before 1860 as a call to action for a new party to fight for the Constitution.
2. Republicans saw the principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as quintessential values that must be protected for the good of the republic.
3. Republicans saw the need to keep the union together, even while Democrats looked to become more divided.
4. Republicans saw slavery's expansion into newly-added territory as a dangerous act.
5. Republicans saw the reopening of the African slave trade as a threat to humanity.

It is no wonder, then, that the majority of Black people in America voted for Republican candidates after the passage of the 14th Amendment. We will explore more of this topic throughout the book.

Abolitionists and Christians

Abolitionism, or the movement to abolish slavery, was not a new concept by the mid-1800s. Several individuals, White and Black, witnessed the atrocities of slavery and sought to end it by any means necessary.

⁷ "Republican Party Platform of 1860," Teaching American History, accessed September 29, 2020, <https://teachingamericanhistory.org/library/document/republican-party-platform-1860/>.

All throughout American history, whenever we read about the collapse of racial barriers and systems, it was through the collective work of both White and Black people. This knowledge should give us a clue as to how we can combat the racial tensions we see today. It can't simply be a "Black cause" or a "White cause." True victory comes when we work together, each one doing his part for the greater good.

In the following sections, you will learn about a few abolitionists and how they used their influence to demolish the institution of slavery.

Pay close attention to their moral convictions and how this affected their attitude towards slavery.

Olaudah Equiano

As a former slave, Equiano experienced the same types of atrocities most slaves witnessed around the world⁸. He was kidnapped from his home in Nigeria and provided slave labor to several masters on voyages between Europe and America. By 1766, he purchased his freedom and used this opportunity to help set others free.

A brilliant scholar and writer, Equiano wrote articles for newspapers that supported abolitionism. He constructed a work called *The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano*, which highlighted his personal experiences of slavery. His book was among the first slave narratives, and it—along with others—challenged readers to consider viewing slavery from the perspective of those most negatively affected.

⁸ The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica, "Olaudah Equiano," Encyclopædia Britannica (Encyclopædia Britannica, inc., March 27, 2020), <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Olaudah-Equiano>.

The written and spoken word have always been man's most powerful weapon against any evil. This is something I stress heavily within my virtual ministry among our members and online scholars. The most effective way for us to reach others with conservative values is by taking our stories and using them to bring deliverance to others.

Not everyone will be called to fight in a physical battle. Certainly not every abolitionist used these tactics. But we each can use our words and voice (just as Equiano did) to bring the kind of change we want to see in our nation.

Anthony Benezet

By 1754, Benezet, a school teacher, began his war against slavery⁹. He, like so many other abolitionists, was a Quaker—a group of Christian individuals who believed God rested in each person. Like Equiano, Benezet wrote numerous works that focused on the economic, religious, and philosophical benefits of ending slavery.

Benezet believed strongly in providing educational opportunities to Blacks. He was instrumental in the passing of an anti-slavery law in Pennsylvania. In 1775, just before the issuing of the Declaration of Independence, Benezet co-founded The Society for the Relief of Free Negroes Unlawfully Held in Bondage, the first official abolitionist society in America.

⁹ The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica, "Anthony Benezet," Encyclopædia Britannica (Encyclopædia Britannica, inc., April 29, 2020), <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Anthony-Benezet>.

Moses Brown

Imagine, for a moment, you are the son of one of the wealthiest families in the country. Your family's business is based on slave labor and trade, and you have the choice to continue in this venture or to leave it entirely.

Enter the story of Moses Brown, who, like the Biblical Moses, had a choice to enjoy the wealth and pomp associated with his family's fortune; but who chose instead to denounce slavery and to fight for the freedom of Black people¹⁰.

During the mid-1700s, Brown, like his family, owned several slaves. Around 1774, he questioned the human chattel industry and eventually converted to Quakerism. He saw slavery through "spiritual eyes," and felt a deep obligation to liberate them. He, too, wrote works that denounced slavery. He believed in education for Blacks, and eventually co-founded Brown University.

Brown also used his wit to help Black people with their court cases by defending those who were unjustly taken into bondage.

Looking back at history, we can see the handwork of God. Fighting for freedom, while costly, was directly tied to people's faith, much like what we see with conservatism today. Their true, unadulterated knowledge of the Scriptures caused them to see Black people, not as slaves or beasts, but as human beings who were also made in God's image. This spiritual awakening could not be ignored, and those who voiced their convictions during this period helped spark one of the greatest wars known in American history: the Civil War.

¹⁰ "History," Moses Brown School, accessed September 29, 2020, <https://www.moses-brown.org/about-mb/history/>.

Time won't permit me to tell the stories of countless other abolitionists, but I encourage you to study this movement for yourself. Those who fought against slavery did so based on their spiritual, moral conviction. Their relationship with God inspired them to risk their lives for the sake of others.

The Civil War and the New Promised Land

Black people in America during the pre-Civil War era traditionally held strong spiritual ties to Christianity. Many Black Americans today argue that such faith was forced on the slaves with hopes of eradicating their previous history, tradition, culture, and spiritual beliefs.

To some extent, these individuals tell the truth. It wasn't uncommon for slave masters to give their slaves new, Christianized names as a way of "branding" them. The problem, however, was that many laws forbade the enslavement of Christian brothers and sisters. To address this conundrum, other laws were established that made an exception to the rule, giving White slaveholders the right to keep their Black Christian slaves in bondage.

Nevertheless, Christianity during slavery time became the predominant religion among Black people in this country. This religious tradition is still among Black communities today.

Christianity, for many slaves, was not viewed as a weapon against them. In other words, not every Black person interpreted the Scriptures to be a support for slavery, but rather the basis for ending it.

You've already learned why the Quakers strongly opposed slavery; they weren't hesitant to spread that message to others. But they weren't the only ones to arrive at such an interpretation.

Individuals like John Brown, Nat Turner, and Harriet Tubman believed they received divine instruction to break the bonds of slavery. Brown and Turner used excessive violence in their revolts and died tragic deaths because of their treason. Yet other people like Tubman used her skills and biblical knowledge to persuade Black people to escape slavery.

Harriet Tubman's story is truly remarkable. Study her life for yourself and you will see why. Not only was she a former slave, but she used her physical prowess, spiritual insight, and natural fortitude to lead slaves through what we know today as The Underground Railroad.

Persons living during her time called her their "Moses," because she vowed to take as many slaves to the figurative "Promise Land," another name for the North, which prohibited slavery. Her role in leading others to freedom was quickly thwarted when the 1850 Fugitive Slave Act was enforced. By this law, any Black person (whether legally slave or free) who was captured in the North could be forced into bondage. This law, however, did not stop her from helping slaves escape to freedom. Tubman would eventually become an influential figure during the Civil War by becoming a nurse and spy for the Union Army.

For many Black people—slave and free—the Bible's ancient story about Moses leading God's people to the Promise Land served as a reminder of God's desire to set all Black people free. It wasn't uncommon for such stories to be told during religious services within slave quarters, and many of them held fast to those beliefs.

As an historical analyzer and fellow Believer, I can write with certainty that had it not been for their knowledge about the Lord and what He did for former enslaved people, both White and Black abolitionists would have failed in their efforts to dismantle slavery in the United States.

Many people today, especially those who have adopted a far-Left or far-Right

ideology, don't want to acknowledge the Spirit. They denounce Christianity or turn the faith into a weapon for their own purposes. They hate God because they have not learned to love people. Because of that, their actions lead to destruction.

But to those who knew the Spirit back then, those who could interpret the Scriptures accurately, and who understood what it meant to love one another, these individuals won great victories. They slew the giants of systemic racism, slavery, and eventually Jim Crowism. They relied solely on what they prophetically saw in the Spirit, and their actions ultimately led to freedom and victory.

This is why I stress to those who criticize me or other Conservatives that our values and beliefs are the only ones that guarantee success and freedom for all. If these same values of truth, justice, freedom, and victory could work during the darkest moments in American history, who are we to say these same principles will not work for ALL Americans today?

The Reconstruction Era and the Rise of Jim Crowism

We know the story.

The Civil War commenced in 1861. It ended in 1865. The North won, and the South was forced to remain a part of the Union.

Based on what we learned from the previous chapters, I want you to see the Civil War as a major battle between the Republican Party and the Democratic Party. It was a battle based on states' rights (particularly the right to own slaves and to expand slavery westward).

It was a spiritual battle just as much as it was a physical war; and at the heart of it was the battle for souls.

I often teach my audience that the battles we witness in the physical world are often a manifestation of what has taken place in the spirit realm. We would be foolish to think Satan has no desire to keep people in bondage. When people are given permission to oppress others (whether by their personal will or the will of the government), you can believe Satan is behind it all.

Jesus taught us something important: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). The principles of freedom and liberty are directly tied to the Christian

faith and to God's will. Thus, when we see people who are locked in any type of bondage, it is up to Believers to help set them free. We will explore more of this spiritual insight throughout the rest of this book.

For now, let's return to our analysis of America after the War.

Immediately following the Civil War, Republican politicians faced a new challenge: what to do with the newly freed Black people. Before Lincoln's assassination, he developed plans for a reconstruction period that would not only address that challenge but would also help the southern states return back to the Union.

For the next sections in this chapter, we will look at some of the benefits that emerged during the Reconstruction Era.

The Reconstruction Era

The Reconstruction Era lasted from 1865-1877, immediately after the end of the Civil War¹¹. A group of men who were considered Radical Republicans saw this moment as a time to grant equal rights and treatment to all freed Black people. As I shared earlier, the Reconstruction period was also a plan to bring order to the South.

After Lincoln's assassination, Andrew Johnson (Democrat Vice President) assumed the presidency. To some degree, he advanced Lincoln's desire for a powerful Reconstruction period. But he was not as "radical" as his predecessor. Johnson did require southern states to abolish slavery; but he also allowed states to determine how they would treat these newly freed

¹¹ Foner, E. (2020, September 10). Reconstruction. Retrieved October 09, 2020, from <https://www.britannica.com/event/Reconstruction-United-States-history>

people. This, as you can imagine, opened the door to more racial problems, particularly the rise in Jim Crowism. Johnson also showed more favor to the southern rebels, perhaps much more than Lincoln would have done had he not been killed. For example, while many Republicans assumed former slaves would have been given a type of reparations (land) to help them progress, Johnson returned the abandoned land lots back to their previous southern owners. And as you already learned, Johnson gave southern leaders the right to determine how they would treat the newly freed Black people.

Well, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to predict how this turned out for Black people. Southern leaders used this leverage as an opportunity to establish "black codes," another form of systemic racism in which white supremacists created laws that mirrored slave codes. While the former Confederate states could not legally force Black people to be slaves, they had the legal right to establish black codes that ensured free or cheap labor from freed Blacks. I will show you how in just a moment.

I remember talking about this topic with my Facebook audience. I shared with them that when Black Americans today talk about systemic racism, they are often referring to the policies and practices that came out of slavery and have affected Black people today. For instance, many Black Americans focus on the racism found within the current prison system; and their arguments are not far from the truth. Here's why.

During the Civil War aftermath, southern Democrats enacted black codes—laws that limited the rights of free Black people—as a measure for re-enslaving Black people without calling it legalized slavery. For example, if a Black person was a vagrant, he could be arrested, sent to prison, and forced to provide free labor for breaking a new vagrancy law. Democrats who created and enforced these laws did so on the basis of a new Amendment added to the Constitution, the 13th Amendment.

While numerous Conservatives today praise the Republicans' efforts to

support the 13th Amendment—which abolished slavery in the United States—very few (if any) acknowledge the loophole in this Act, particularly the portion that deals with people who are forced back into “slavery” via the prison industry.

Here’s what the 13th Amendment proposes: “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, *except* as a punishment for a crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States” (emphasis added). For this reason, many people today call the American prison system a modern-day version of slavery, and technically, they are right. (Dear Reader, I want to encourage you to read the book, *The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander. Her analysis of modern-day mass incarceration will open your eyes to the plight of Black Americans and the prison system.)

It’s a travesty that in this great county, we allow private businesses to own prisons and to create products manufactured by free or cheap prison labor. This sets a negative precedent for what it means to be a nation that believes in equal treatment for all. My personal contention with the prison industry falls within these same lines. I detest the idea that there are certain people who profit off the backs of cheap labor. I hate that people are being locked up for petty crimes, crimes that some states consider to be a non-issue today (i.e. legally smoking, selling, and distributing weed in California).

I like the way Kanye West explained it to President Trump during his visitation to the White House. He basically asked, “How can we set people free, and then build a trap door for them that will put them back in bondage?” (I’m paraphrasing his statements.) So, while Republicans were the champions of abolitionism, they were also complicit in cementing that “trapped door,” which ultimately led to an increase in Black criminal behavior, a factor that would have never been an issue had southern states not been given the legal right (by the federal, Republican-dominated government) to establish black codes.

If you're a Conservative and you're reading this chapter, this portion may cause you to feel a bit bothered with this part of American history, and rightly so. I want you to remember that when it comes to establishing policies, laws, and legal precedents, the purpose is to present compromises that eventually appeal to both sides. This is how politics work in this country.

This is why no side is righteous, and why Believers must concern themselves with being on the Lord's side.

Of course, there are more important issues that appeal to us as Conservatives and why we tend to vote for Republican candidates. But I don't want you thinking Republicans have always been 100% about the rights of all Black people.

Powerful Opportunities Emerged during the Reconstruction Period

During this time period, and for the first moment in United States' history, the larger Black population in this country witnessed a widespread surge of economic, political, and social power, thanks in large part to the aggressive work of the Republican Party. For example, Congress established the Freedmen's Bureau as a way of providing financial aid and relief to freed Black people. Think of these efforts as a type of welfare system in which the federal government worked to give relief and a fresh start to Black people. The Bureau was responsible for creating hospitals for freedmen; providing rations to impoverished Black people; establishing more than 1,000 Black schools; and investing \$400,000 in training colleges for Black people. The Historically Black Colleges and Universities that we see today are the direct result of the Republican-dominated government's efforts to invest in Black education.

The Bureau, however, despite its efforts to immerse free Black people into American society, failed to secure due process for this group. For example, when it came to land redistribution, which Black people were assumed to receive after slavery, the Bureau could do nothing to help in this area because Andrew Johnson granted the lands back to the southern rebels.

There were other significant measures that marked a pivotal point during the Reconstruction period. In 1875, the first Civil Rights Act was initiated. This law provided free Black people equal protection under the law, the right to vote, the right to a fair trial, and the right to public education. This Act also addressed racial discrimination, which prohibited mistreatment in public accommodations. (Does this Act sound like anything you've heard of before?)

Unfortunately, in the early 1880s, the U.S. Supreme Court declared this Civil Rights Act unconstitutional, completely dismissing any efforts made by the federal government to protect its new citizens. But all hope was not lost. During the Reconstruction Era, the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments were added to the Constitution:

- The 13th Amendment abolished slavery in the country.
- The 14th Amendment defined citizens as anyone born in the United States and prohibited states from denying citizen rights.
- The 15th Amendment granted the right to vote to Black men. As can be expected, during this time, Black people overwhelmingly voted Republican. Not only that, but some Black men served in Congress and held other political positions.

It's important to note here that Black people during this time sought to establish independent institutions devoid of white racism and control. They wanted to strengthen their families and build religious institutions. They also desired economic independence. This was always the bedrock of Black America, and this mindset is well-established among those of us who call ourselves Conscious Black Conservatives.

While Black leaders looked to the government to grant some restitution for its crimes against humanity (i.e. slavery), they were not expecting the government to sustain them. We see the evidence of this in the lives of wealthy, prestigious, and intellectual Black people like Booker T. Washington, Madam C.J. Walker, George Washington Carver, and others. But despite the powerful efforts of the Republican Party and its leaders, the Reconstruction Period would come to an end. This can be traced back to the Supreme Court and its decision to call the Civil Rights Act of 1875 unconstitutional. In essence, this ruling (and the establishment of black codes) ushered in a period of racial animosity that had not been witnessed in America since slavery. This era is known in history as the Jim Crow period.

Jim Crowism

I want you to imagine for a moment: You were once a slave in this country. You had little to no education. You knew nothing about financial management, running a business, and working with other people to help you prosper. You're simply lost.

Suddenly, you realized every right that has been afforded to other citizens who don't look like you are now yours. You gained the right to vote, the right to sit on a jury, the right to be in public accommodations with other citizens, and more. And just as you were beginning to make strides with your newfound freedom, the highest court in the land tells you that your power to claim such rights is now unconstitutional. Now, you are forced to deal with elements of racism again without the expressed help of your country's government.

Enter Jim Crowism, for this is what Black people in America confronted immediately following the collapse of the Reconstruction period.

THE RECONSTRUCTION ERA AND THE RISE OF JIM CROWISM

It is assumed the Jim Crow Era lasted from 1877-1954. But we can go as far as to say this period did not officially end until the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1965. This period would be marked by the rise in the Democrats' Ku Klux Klan organization, Black lynchings, and segregated facilities, each one having profound effects on Black Americans as a whole. We will explore more of this topic in the following chapter.

A Look at Black Conservatism During the Civil Rights Era

Here's a warning to you, Dear Reader: This chapter may upset you a bit, but stick with me. I'm going somewhere with it.

This may be surprising to most Conservatives, but my historical Black hero is Malcolm X. I know many Believers praise Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for his extraordinary work during the Civil Rights Movement.

But I tend to like the heroes that are less popular and truer to their personal convictions. This isn't to say Dr. King was untrue or that his motives were wrong. American history conditions us to honor him, even though a deeper analysis into his spiritual and social beliefs do not exactly match our conservative ideals. This section of the book is not designed to condemn Dr. King, because I have no desire for that. But I want you, Dear Reader, to understand why I consider Malcolm X to be my Black hero and not the more traditional "conservative," Reverend King.

Malcolm X's story is incredibly heroic. He emerged to prominence after converting to the Nation of Islam, a segment of the faith not to be confused with traditional Islam. He served as a minister and spokesperson; after discovering his spiritual leader's infidelity, he separated from the Nation to form his own movement.

Such betrayal led to his untimely, brutal murder. But his words, his speeches, and his teachings are still present for all to learn.

Malcolm X was a “conservative prophet,” if you will. His analysis of liberalism and conservatism among White Americans during the Civil Rights Movement speaks volumes to us today. (I want to encourage you to listen to one of his speeches on YouTube: “Malcolm X: White Liberals and Conservatives.”)

Now, by conservative, I mean it in the social and moral aspects. Malcolm’s politics can’t be contained under the Republican umbrella. But his empowering work, which focused on Black Economics and Empowerment, speaks to our Conscious Black Conservative message today.

Like many of the Black leaders during his time, he wasn’t afraid to espouse the truth, even if it meant receiving threats. He exposed the hatred from both sides. And although his ministry began in a staunchly separatist manner, after his voyage to Mecca, his heart changed towards White Americans. He began to see that within the general Islamic faith, he had brothers and sisters of every color. This revolutionized his thinking, and it made him a threat to the Nation, which preached heavily against the “White devil.”

Most Americans today will not honor the work Malcolm X accomplished. They still see him as the enemy, as the same separatist who preached violence, as the man who encouraged division and racism during a time when leaders like Dr. King were trying to integrate. But Malcolm X was much more than that, because he encouraged free thinking in his own way. He believed strongly in family values. He hated racism, and he exposed this dark spirit within the political and social arena during his time. He had no tolerance for laziness among Black Americans. He challenged men to be good husbands and fathers. He believed in the free market and the need for Black Americans to engage in entrepreneurship. Although he was incredibly critical of integration and the participation of White Americans in Black affairs (a flaw to which I do not celebrate), he had a heart for his people.

Malcolm X is my historical Black hero, not because I agree in any way with his faith, but because he was legitimately *for* the people. He never preached a message that he did not live himself; and when he was wrong, he repented truly. He changed his ways, and it didn't matter what people thought of him. I have the highest regard for such leaders.

Malcolm X and others like him did not believe in relying on the government to change their communities. He believed in the strength of the Black family. He believed in personal ownership, gun rights, the right to life, the right to freedom, and ultimately the need for Black people to uplift themselves. Malcolm X saw through the deception and lies of those who "befriended the Negro" to his face while disregarding the Negro privately once they entered office. His ideologies regarding independent Black empowerment are what many Conscious Black Conservatives revere today, including yours truly.

In this chapter, you will learn more about conservative *values* (and not necessarily *politics*) among Black Americans during the Civil Rights Movement. Legalized segregation and other elements of Jim Crowism led to another type of "Civil War" in our country, one that involved a fight for Black Americans to be fully integrated into American society. Yet, while a push to merge two distinct cultures and "races" into one nationwide system grew, this act also had a way of negatively affecting Black families, Black-owned businesses, and essentially Black culture.

In this chapter, you will also learn about the rise in the eugenics movement and how this ideology spurred the abortion epidemic within the Black community. To our shame, such dogma has since resulted in the deaths of 19,000,000 Black babies. I will teach you that, contrary to what most Americans believe, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a supporter and promoter of Margaret Sanger and Planned Parenthood. Accepting her into our Black Community proved to be a powerful gateway to the lower-income Black families. He, like other popular, "elitist" Black leaders, believed only certain types of Black people should reproduce. Thus, such leaders helped spread the "birth control"

movement within our communities. (This is why you won't find many Black preachers teaching against abortion within their churches and communities.)

In addition, we will take a look at the "Parties Switched" concept (or myth ... you decide). This is one of the strongest arguments Black Americans profess when it comes to their continued allegiance to the Democrat Party today. By studying this idea for yourself, you can develop stronger arguments that counter the pervasive narrative. Let's begin.

The Political Parties Switched...or Did They?

One day, I shared a post on Facebook that questioned Black Americans allegiance to the Democratic Party. I wanted to know how they rationalized voting for liberal leaders whose political ideology and party were responsible for slavery, Jim Crowism, and the current downfall of the Black community today.

Their response...

"The parties switched."

It never fails.

That is the answer I am presented with each time. And when I ask for specific details such as dates, moments, and even the names of people who switched over, they often point to Lyndon B. Johnson and the signing of the 1965 Civil Rights Act.

Such discussion caused me to conduct my own research. While I still contend there was no "Party Switch," there are significant factors that explain why Black voters switched. Their reasons are completely valid, even if I feel more

Black voters (who are conservative in their values) should dominate the Republican Party today.

For now, I want to take you through this historical analysis so you derive your own conclusion about what so many argue as the basis for their continual Democratic loyalty.

By now, you are familiar with the normalcy of conservatism among Black Americans pre- and post-slavery. By the early 1960s, moderate leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. worked tirelessly to gain civil rights for Black Americans, especially in the South. (For the record, I consider Dr. King to be more moderate in his views because he eventually embraced the ideals of democratic socialism, particularly as it related to economics. As he stated, “Call it democracy, or call it democratic socialism, but there must be a better distribution of wealth within this country for all God’s children.” – Speech to the Negro American Labor Council, 1961.)

During the 1960 presidential election, John F. Kennedy, an unlikely candidate for the Democrat Party, won the election against Republican candidate, Richard Nixon. Today, many people call Kennedy the last great Democrat; but any examination into history may uncover things about him that would suggest otherwise. (That’s another topic for another day.)

Historically, as you already know, Republicans routinely fought for the rights of Black people in the United States. We have evidence to support this; and for the most part, Black Americans today do not argue against such facts. Where many Conservatives lose Black voters is in trying to convince them that the Republican Party never switched its ideals and moral values, even if they decided to reach out to more White voters. Being able to show Black voters this connection is crucial, especially if we intend to win the argument that the parties never switched.

I’ve argued within my general thesis that while the methods and faces of the

Parties may have changed — i.e. seeing a Black Democrat President — the *intent* and *purpose* of each Party have not.

That's key!

Traditionally, we have seen Democrats believe in oppressing people of color. While they may not call it oppression today, they are still strong advocates of policies that result in repression. They push for gun control, on-demand abortions, and total reliance on the government for survival; and it all goes back to the ideals of Black inferiority.

This is not to say Republicans don't have their own negative feelings about Black people. Study the *Lincoln-Douglas Debates* of 1858, and you will discover that while individuals like Abraham Lincoln fought for an end to slavery, they also believed the White man was superior as a race to the Black man. Nevertheless, Republican *policies* did work to bring social, economic, and political freedom to Black people. To the contrary, I contend that Democratic policies — like "Stop and Frisk" — have profoundly destroyed our neighborhoods.

For now, let's return to the topic at hand: Did the Parties switch? And if so, let's determine if Lyndon B. Johnson's actions during this time warranted the allegiance Black voters had and continue to have with the Democrat Party.

The Civil Rights Act Compromise

No law is perfect.

No law can accomplish everything necessary for *total* equal justice. Even the law spoken in the Old and New Testament fell short of accomplishing what God wanted for mankind, which was a relationship with His most prized

creation.

When it comes to laws, policies, and acts created by our government, great compromises are required.

The Civil Rights Act of 1965 is no different.

During this period, Black Americans experienced some of the most heinous moments in history. As I shared in the previous chapter, Southern leaders, who were granted the right to treat free Black people as they saw fit, used their power to create black codes, which ushered in the rise in Jim Crowism. Other issues emerged such as the “separate but equal” dogma—a 1896 concept supporting racial segregation. The U.S. Supreme Court upheld its legality in the *Plessy v. Ferguson* case. According to such doctrine, if facilities provided an “equal” amount of services, then public accommodations could be separated by race. The Supreme Court denounced the idea that such provisions violated the 14th Amendment; and as you can tell, this sparked outrage.

There were other major incidents that put a stain on American history. Consider the rise and dominance of the Ku Klux Klan, an organization that functioned like a police state for Southern Democrats. This group was founded in 1866.

This organization became more popularized with the 1915 film, *Birth of a Nation*, created by D.W. Griffith. Former President Woodrow Wilson—a Democratic President—featured its showing in the White House. If you ever watch the movie, which is still available today, you will notice that the KKK was honored as the hero of the South. You will find White actors dressed in black face, each one portraying degrading, offensive stereotypes of Black people. You will see an image of a “Black man” (the big, black brute) who attempts to rape a White woman; and it’s the Klan who rescues her, becoming the champions of White women’s virtue.

Such praise of the film speaks to the ideas the Democrats had regarding Black people, especially Black men; and this was still in the early 1900s, a period in which Black intellectuals were gaining prominence in the North and South. (Study the Harlem Renaissance to learn more.) The reign of terror the KKK commenced on Black people (and other groups like the Jews) lasted well into the 1960s, presumably during the same time Black Americans today argue “the parties switched.” But at no time in American history do we read about the KKK and its affiliates suddenly favoring Black Americans.

So, what did change?

If Democrat leaders supported this faction, why would they switch immediately to support Black rights?

By the 1960s, prominent Black leaders like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made efforts to ask the federal government to do something about the racial hostilities in the South. As we know, J.F. Kennedy, a Catholic Democrat, took a different approach to what traditional Democrats felt towards Black Americans. His untimely death demonstrated how much people did not want to see such change and progress; but Black leaders were determined to move forward.

Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ), Kennedy’s predecessor and a far-more radical Democrat than Kennedy, agreed to work with Dr. King in his efforts for racial reconciliation, despite LBJ’s overt racist attitude.

It is without question King exercised a great deal of political power and influence over Black voters. His willingness to work with Johnson, who was a staunch racist during his time, demonstrated how far he was willing to go to ensure laws were passed to protect the civil and voting rights for Black people.

But Johnson struggled to get these bills passed, primarily because the majority

of his Democratic politicians wanted nothing to do with them. According to history, 80% of Republicans voted to pass the Civil Rights bill compared to 63-69% Democrats. If the parties had switched, we would have seen a greater number of Democrats voting in favor of the bill.

Without question, were it not for Republican leaders, there would have never been the Civil Rights Act of 1965. But what was the price paid for such efforts? And did King help in convincing Black voters of the need to switch their political allegiance in order to secure the Act?

If we take a closer look at the Civil Rights Act, we find something a bit troubling. I know we all praise this moment as a time in which America had decided racist behavior was now illegal in this country; but the Civil Rights Act was not what we think.

According to the American Constitution Society:

Among the important compromises in the bill are exemptions from the employment discrimination prohibition of Title VII for businesses of less than 15 people, and the exemption from the Public Accommodations provision of Title II for small, owner-occupied motels and lodging establishments. Presumably, these exceptions exist for the benefit of racists who grew up in a racist system through no fault of their own. Congress might reasonably have concluded that forcing close contact between racial minorities and these racists might have been more trouble than it was worth¹².

In other words, the Civil Rights Act did not prohibit every business and accommodation to cease from their racist behavior. This is a major problem,

¹² Chin, G. J. (2019, March 29). Compromise and the Civil Rights Act of 1964: ACS. Retrieved October 09, 2020, from <https://www.acslaw.org/expertforum/compromise-and-the-civil-rights-act-of-1964/>

and one I presume (and I could be wrong) neither Dr. King nor the other Black leaders knew about and/or shared with the Black community. Is it any wonder that even after the passing of the bill, several organizations, even some that are present today, continued to discriminate against people of color without repercussion?

Why?

Because the law still gave them license to exercise discrimination.

Why wasn't this knowledge shared with those who shouted the Act's praise during the 1960s?

Without question, Dr. King was as much a politician as Johnson, although he never assumed a political office. But he had the favor and the political influence equal to that of any outstanding leader. This Civil Rights Compromise, which the history books don't teach, came at a pricey cost: the long-standing allegiance of Black voters to the Democrat Party. And at the core of this compromise was the idea that pure racial equality could *never* be achieved. Thus the Civil Rights Act of 1965 permitted some organizations and businesses to conduct themselves as they saw fit. Perhaps this is why only 80% of Republicans voted to pass the bill. Could it be the other 20% saw this Act as nothing more than a political ploy? Who knows?

The Eugenics Movement

Let's switch our attention to another matter of great importance. In today's time, you will hear Black Conservatives talk about the eugenics movement, Margaret Sanger, and the role the birth control movement had in destroying the Black family. To help you better understand this concept and belief system, I've pulled research from a PBS article called "Eugenics and Birth Control."

Some eugenicists separated the 'fit' and 'unfit' classes along racist and nativist lines. Under this eugenics model, those considered most worthy of rearing children were couples who were middle class or upper class Nordic-Teutonic whites. Racial minorities and ethnic immigrant groups were typically classified as unfit. The poor and physically handicapped, whose problems were classified as hereditary, were also in this negative category. Eugenics supporters pushed middle and upper-class 'native' whites to have large families. In some circles eugenicists went as far as declaring birth control selfish and a form of 'racial suicide.' The same people believed that blacks and other minorities should not reproduce. Although eugenicists did not promote contraceptive use, fearing that the "unfit" would not use the methods properly, sterilization was often promoted as the best option to limit their numbers¹³.

Margaret Sanger's birth control movement and quest for the Pill intersected the rise of the eugenics movement in America. At a time when birth control was still not publicly accepted in American society, some eugenicists believed birth control was a useful tool for curbing procreation among the 'weak.' In the 1920s and 30s, Sanger calculated that the success of the eugenics idea gave her own movement legitimacy, and tried to ally her cause with the movement. Eugenics was a dominant theme at her birth control conferences, and Sanger spoke publicly of the need to put an end to breeding by the unfit. In 1920 Sanger publicly stated that 'birth control is nothing more or less than the facilitation of the process of weeding out the unfit [and] of preventing the birth of defectives.'

Fit versus unfit.

Worthy versus unworthy.

¹³ Eugenics and Birth Control. (n.d.). Retrieved October 09, 2020, from <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/pill-eugenics-and-birth-control/>

That is the nature and the basis for the eugenics movement; and it may surprise you that White supremacists were not the only ones adhering to this ideology.

I shared with you earlier in this chapter that my Black hero is Malcolm X and not the traditionally-honored Dr. King, and here's why. Like Margaret Sanger, Dr. King and other Black elitists believed in birth control among the Black community. Dr. King strongly advocated women's agency to give birth to children when they wanted, not based on force. And it was Dr. King who would be used by Sanger and Planned Parenthood to spread this message to Black communities. Sanger said it herself:

The most successful, educational appeal to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their rebellious members¹⁴.

Most Conservatives point to this quotation as validation of Sanger's racism; that, in fact, she was desperate to "exterminate the Negro population." But when you read the message in context, you learn she simply wanted to curtail that rumor, which evidently had circulated among communities of Black Americans; and the best way to accomplish this came by our Black ministers.

Dr. King was a prime candidate, and the message of birth control quickly dominated lower-income Black communities.

In 1966, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was awarded the Margaret Sanger Award for his diligence in fighting against racial animosity as well as his contributions in helping to spread the population-control message to Black

¹⁴ Latson, J. (2016, October 14). Margaret Sanger, Race and Eugenics: A Complicated History. Retrieved October 09, 2020, from <https://time.com/4081760/margaret-sanger-history-eugenics/>

Americans. (Read King's Acceptance Letter¹⁵ to learn more about his views.)

The concept of birth control has always been about preserving the fit while doing away with the unfit, whether it is through abortion or repeated use of contraceptives. While I personally am in favor of a woman choosing the pill, I do not support abortion. Neither do I support government legislation that forces women to birth babies against their will.

In truth, there is a better way to address abortion, pro-life, and government intervention in a woman's body.

Having said that, I understand why women choose abortion. As I share with my Beloved audience, I took the abortion pill before getting pregnant with Aaliyah. There are various mental, spiritual, and financial reasons why women move in this direction. And my contribution to the "pro-life" movement is to provide a socially and economically empowering community for pregnant women and single mothers (i.e. KillingsVille Communal Living).

Government cannot solve this problem. They can barely keep track of the heinous murders happening today. So, to ask government to stop women from killing their unborn child is futile. We, the people, must provide a better solution. Otherwise, we open the door to more ludicrous policies (like *Roe v. Wade*), which should have never infiltrated our Black communities.

It goes without saying that had Dr. King and other Black preachers stopped the birth control movement in our communities, 19,000,000 Black children would still be alive today. These men served as the gatekeepers to our communities. They had the power to move millions of people one way or the other. If a wolf approaches a shepherd, who opens the gate to his sheep,

¹⁵ Parenthood, P. (n.d.). Family Planning - A Special and Urgent Concern. Retrieved October 09, 2020, from <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-gulf-coast/mlk-acceptance-speech>

would we only blame the wolf for devouring its prey? Certainly not! We would hold the gatekeeper accountable. And I make no exceptions with the Black religious leaders of the '60s.

While I don't believe their intentions were evil—because Dr. King's heart was for the people—it goes without saying had they not allowed such propaganda in our communities, our Black population would be booming.

Imagine the kind of economic and political power Black Americans would be exercising right now had such messaging not permeated our neighborhoods.

A tough pill to swallow, I know. But an analysis we must consider nonetheless.

Did the parties switch, and is Black loyalty to the Democrat Party justified?

These are questions you will have to consider for yourself, Dear Reader. As I've shared before, the Parties represent more than just a political name. They represent ideologies that either work in favor or against certain groups.

My analysis points to a *voter* switch. Black Americans trusted their religious leaders. But even Dr. King, Jr. lamented,

I've come upon something that disturbs me deeply. We have fought hard and long for integration, as I believe we should have, and I know we will win, but I have come to believe that we are integrating into a burning house. I'm afraid that America has lost the moral vision she may have had, and I'm afraid that even as we integrate, we are walking into a place that does not understand that this nation needs to be deeply concerned with the plight of the poor and disenfranchised. Until we commit ourselves

*to ensuring that the underclass is given justice and opportunity, we will continue to perpetuate the anger and violence that tears the soul of this nation. I fear I am integrating my people into a burning house*¹⁶.

Democrats in the 1960s did not suddenly become pro-Black. They simply had a leader (JFK) who entertained the Black voting bloc for political purposes.

Black voters had demands. They wanted full integration and equality. And a Democrat-controlled government delivered. For this reason, I understand Black voters' loyalty to this Party.

But it's a new Era, a Conscious Conservative Era. And this means we have the power to make both parties bend to our will.

¹⁶ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr: 'I fear I am integrating my people into a burning house'. (2017). Retrieved October 09, 2020, from <http://amsterdamnews.com/news/2017/jan/12/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-i-fear-i-am-integrating-m/>

II

The Rise of Conscious Black Conservatism

How Conscious Black Conservatism Transcends the Civil Rights Era

By now, Beloved, you see a major shift happening within the Black Conservative space. There is a movement occurring, and it's altering the way we view the next 100 years.

Today, Black Conservatives can look over the last several decades and discover how progressive policies broke our most marginalized communities. We see — as Sonnie Johnson highlights — death, poverty, and destruction. And while these policies were designed to address the Civil Rights issues of the day, unfortunately much has not changed in terms of seeing social, political, and economic advancements among the voting bloc.

Therefore, it's time to transcend Civil Rights Era politics and explore how current movements are changing the way we empower Black communities.

Are there civil issues left to fight for?

If you take a moment to digest Sonnie Johnson's content, you hear her say repeatedly, "The Civil Rights Era is DEAD! Something else will fill the vacuum." And I would like to expound upon that statement here.

Most of us are familiar with the likes of Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton. We are familiar with their grassroots, civil rights work and how their presence proved influential to Black Americans in some way.

In a former lesson to Twitter Class, I shared why to many folks, Sharpton is an icon because he brings Black stories to mainstream audiences. Like him or not, if a Black mother witnesses the police brutalizing her son, she can count on Sharpton to give that story attention.

These two are just examples of what we mean by Civil Rights Era politics: the idea that Black Americans continue striving for civil liberties that other Americans exercise freely.

But we have to ask ourselves, is there any civil issue left to fight? Are Black Americans still fighting for the right to life, liberty, and happiness? Are Black Americans still considered second-class citizens in this country? Are Black Americans overwhelmingly confronted with overt racism that prevents them from achieving success?

Some folks would argue, “Yes,” and if you follow the ADOS movement, they will deliver tangible issues that still must be addressed.

But for those of us on the other side of this fight, we must ask, “What are we fighting for?”

We aren’t fighting to sit in the front of the bus. We aren’t asking to sit in the same restaurants as White people. We aren’t asking for the right to vote.

So, what is the purpose of today’s Black Conservative Movement? What causes are we fighting? And what are the results we desire?

Certainly, if you turn to our mainstream punditry class, you will see the goal is simply to get Black voters to vote Republican. Now, they will pretend like

this isn't the goal, but it is. They lie to the public because they know the public reads at an elementary level. They say whatever they want to the public just to get buy-in. Mainstream Conservatives have one mission, and that is to keep in power the folks who are already present. Anything to maintain Lily White-ism.

But if you turn to the grassroots Black Conservative Movements, you will see something different. I'm talking about movements like Hotep Nation, Empower America, and Conscious Black Conservatism, which I will expound upon in later chapters.

These works have no desire to pander Republicanism to Black voters. Instead, we focus on values and what they bring to our communities at large. Very rarely do you hear us speak about the same Civil Rights issues that progressives push, that is unless we need to teach history to explain current events.

But every movement has a motive. Every movement seeks outcomes. And with the rise in this newer political space, younger leaders are asking for more than Civil Rights Era Politics.

Transcending Civil Rights Era Politics

Let me preface this next section with this statement: I am eternally grateful to my ancestors and family members who took up the fight for Civil Rights. Their efforts paved the way for my freedom. Because of them, I do not know segregation or overt racism. Yes, I have dealt with passive racism within the workplace, for example. But I have no story to tell that mirrors what we read in recent history.

As a scholar and researcher, I understand the Black voting bloc's support for

the Democratic Party. When a political machine agrees to give you what you want, just so you can live freely in this country, it only makes sense to keep that machine in power.

With that said, we have something else to address. We have to consider if our allegiance to that Party still warrants our support. Are they delivering equal rights under the law? Or are they enacting policies that directly harm our communities (i.e. “Stop and frisk”)? If these policies work against us, it stands to reason that the Party our ancestors once aligned with is no longer delivering the results we need today.

Our society has shifted immensely. Today, anyone can obtain work by simply leveraging the online space. Take my business and ministry, for example. When I resigned from working in the public schools because of the danger I encountered, I took my teaching gifts online. In three years, I generated \$100,000+ working as a freelance writer, editor, and book-publishing coach.

And I delivered my gifts to the market without the fear of being physically harmed.

Today, we have access to information like never before. If we want to know more about politics and party systems, we don’t have to walk into libraries to search for answers. We can Google the question and receive information.

We are living in a fast-pace society. And today, this generation isn’t concerned about Civil Rights Era politics. We don’t push it to the side as if it wasn’t important. But we are looking for that next level.

We’re asking ourselves, “Now that we have protections under the law, what will we do with these freedoms, and how will they translate into social, political, and economic empires?”

These are the questions we address within Conscious Black Conservatism.

With all the tools and resources we have today, it behooves us to seize these opportunities.

Many within Black politics are fighting the wealth gap and addressing the economic disparities in our country. But what about the vast wealth that sits idly by, waiting for us to take hold of it right now? What about the vast opportunities to purchase land, to own online businesses, to establish virtual communities and ministries, or to create self-sustaining communal quarters?

Will we remain fixed on the oppression while ignoring the prosperity? Do we have to choose one over the other?

Obviously, this is not the way for Conscious Black Conservatives. We do not ignore the problems we encounter. Neither do we ignore the great opportunities before us. While one person's mission may be to address a political issue, another person's mission is to create new businesses. Together, the collective contributes to the betterment of the community.

We aren't asking to forget the work done by our ancestors.

No, we are asking, "What's next?"

Where are we going now?

Where do we want to be 100 years from now?

We can't get there by wandering around the same mountain. We must have a dream or vision that extends beyond living in a society where we can eat and dine together as White and Black people.

Sitting next to Billy Joe in the restaurant is not our mission. It's not our dream. A new breed is here, and we are working together to cultivate that new vision.

THE FIFTEEN 20 RISE

A vision that transcends Civil Rights Era politics.

Our ancestors fought and conquered.

Now it's time for the new generation to build and expand.

And that's what we are witnessing in this new wave of Conscious Black Conservatism.

We Have Been Given a Better Way

The recent events surrounding the death of Black men at the state's hands have put America in another race uproar.

Couple this with ongoing riots and protests, it seems we are doomed to repeat the same mistakes that hold our nation back from upward mobility.

To the unconscious — those not in tune with the Spirit — the destruction is a result of blanketed racism. But to the conscious — the ones who understand the spirit and temporal world — we see things differently.

In 2019, I brought the Kingdom message to the people via social media. I wrapped that message in a gift called [Conscious Black Conservatism](#). I told the people, “If we do things Yah’s way, we will get His results.”

At first, the masses mocked the message. But study any movement from the Scriptures, and you will discover YahWeh is able to deliver and mobilize by a few. It did not matter that my voice seemed small and insignificant.

All of Heaven backed the prophetic message.

The oppressive movements — even within the conservative camp — were much larger than the Conscious One.

They had more financial backing.

They had millions more people.

But we remained steadfast in the Spirit.

And just as I prophesied years ago, I proved to the people that in this movement, during this time, no man would get this glory. We were going to do things Yah's way.

Fast forward to mid-2020, and we see the impact of that simple, Kingdom message. YahWeh told us all the kingdoms of the earth would be shaken EXCEPT His!

And what Beloveds are witnessing right now is a shaking, a shifting, a movement that will make way for the Kingdom of our God and His Christ.

Most people are looking for a physical person to manifest this Kingdom. In the evangelical space, they turn to a Republican President to deliver this "righteousness." This is why you see such worship for Trump or Bush or any other "Conservative" President. The evangelicals are seeking for what the Jews did right before Yeshua ascended: They wanted a Kingdom where *they* ruled and dominated in the earthly space, because they were bothered by the so-called oppression from the Roman empire.

In today's time, evangelicals are looking for the same: a political savior who can deliver them from the oppressive Left.

Time will not permit me to fully divulge that teaching, because it is reserved for 2021.

But the message is clear: While we are looking for a physical kingdom and king to manifest, YahWeh and the Holy Spirit are saying, "I am your King."

Those of us who are Kingdom-minded fully embrace the Holy Spirit and

what He is doing. He is ushering in “a better way.”

Often, you will hear me speak of this “better way” when it comes to effective communication strategies within the conservative space.

But this “better way” is not simply relegated to politics.

The “better way” is Yah’s way in all facets of life: social, political, and economical. We can build empires or kingdoms based on these principles. And by simply knowing the Holy Spirit, we can tap into the mind of Yah so we discover our purpose and place in the earth.

This “better way” has been delivered to us. And this time, YahWeh will not hold back on His intervention.

At times, when we have been presented with “a better way,” we rejected it because it did not fit our understanding. We rejected the Holy Spirit and exchanged His principles for man-made traditions.

But not anymore.

This end-time revival and national reformation has already commenced, because He has found voices in the earth who will allow Him to do what He desires to do.

I am one of those voices.

All the Holy Spirit needs is one prophet, one leader, one voice, and one yes. He does not require the majority vote. All He needs is one. And today, He has it.

The shift you are witnessing is a realignment. While Republicans and evangelicals have replaced this authentic, Christian message with their anti-

God philosophy, YahWeh is coming to clean house.

No longer can leaders use His name or His Scriptures to dehumanize an entire ethnic group. YahWeh has come to the defense of the oppressed. And He will deliver by few or by many.

“But Felecia, what about the Democrats? You’re always so hard on the Republicans or Conservatives.”

Beloved, I wasn’t called to the Democrats. The Holy Spirit positioned me in this space for this time and hour. YahWeh has pure prophets in every industry and both political camps, urging the people to return to their Source.

This is how His Kingdom functions.

When you see the Kingdom of Yah in the people, political parties matter not. It’s no different than when I teach, “See the conservatism in your Black brothers and sisters.”

We can no longer afford to divide ourselves along party lines when these lines do nothing to guard our souls.

This brings me to the main point of this message: We have been presented with “a better way,” and anyone who desires to take part can do so.

We have been presented with a better way. And this way demands we ask the Holy Spirit, “What do you want me to do with my life?” In that moment, He will tell you, whether through a dream, an idea, a vision, or a prophetic message from a pure prophet. He will give a CLEAR PICTURE regarding your part and share in this overall work. And when He delivers, you are to act.

Each time you take a step of faith, He will grant you more wisdom to carry

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out your assignment. He will give you the grace to fulfill the mission. But you must act.

Do not worry about the opposition. Troubles will always be around. But you need not fear because the Kingdom has already overcome.

“But what if I am not a Christian?”

Good.

“Christianity” is man-made religion. Yeshua did not come to establish a religion. He came to bring the Kingdom of God to the people. That is the same message I bring to you.

Study His teachings for yourself, and ask God to make Himself known to you. In today’s hour, YahWeh will introduce Himself personally to you.

Beloveds, we have been presented with “a better way.”

What is the better way?

It is you and me.

It is the Kingdom of God.

It is the vision, mission, and assignment He has given to us.

The vision He has given to me is the Conscious Black Conservative Movement. And we are witnessing the power of this Kingdom message in the social, political, and economic spaces.

The Essence of Conscious Black Conservatism

Let me begin this teaching with an understanding of Conscious Black Conservatism, a term I coined after launching *The Fifteen 20 Rise* content.

Conscious Black Conservatism is based on the belief that spiritual laws and principles guide our human behavior and interaction. As humans, we conserve these truths and implement these values in culture, society, and politics. While we are similar to other Conservatives in our general philosophical views, Conscious Black Conservatives demonstrate how conservatism manifests through the lived, unique experiences of Black Americans, past and present.

Conscious Black Conservatives use our words to tear down godless ideologies that rise up against our spiritual, conservative values; and then we seek to build and plant again in our communities so people thrive.

Conscious Black Conservatives empower. Even when we point out problems in our communities, we immediately present viable solutions WITH the people so we each one prosper. We do so because we understand spiritual laws, which is higher-level thinking.

Conscious Black Conservatives are cognizant of the power of the blessing.

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We understand our words contain life or death; therefore, we use our words to bless — and not curse — Black Americans. We don't use our power, platforms, and voices to belittle Black people. We uplift, because we know our words shape our future and our world.

Conscious Black Conservatives understand we cannot help anyone if we are constantly bashing them. The Law of Sowing and Reaping is always in effect. Therefore, if we curse our Beloveds, we know a curse will come back on us. Therefore, we bless.

Conscious Black Conservatism invades the political space. Such Conservatives are not afraid to engage in topics Black people want to address. Conscious Black Conservatives are beholden to neither Party. A political Party is beholden to us.

Simply put: Conscious Black Conservatism is an ideology based on moral conservative principles that focus on black empowerment and progress in politics, culture, and society.

Each time you see the phrase, “Conscious Conservatism,” I want you to equate this concept with spiritual laws.

As I teach repeatedly in Twitter Class, spiritual laws govern our human behavior and interactions. And because we seek peace and harmony among others, we work to preserve these principles so they bring health, wholeness, and prosperity in our lives.

In this first chapter, I want to teach about the 10 pillars or principles that guide Conscious Conservatism. I will continue using Black Americans as the prime example for this teaching; but understand such laws are applicable to any ethnic group.

Spiritual laws do not discriminate. Instead, they empower groups to conquer earthly obstacles, no matter the trials.

As we dive into this lesson, consider how each law applies to you, your family, and your community. Then think about how you can use these principles to engage with people who vote differently than you. As I teach inside *The Fifteen 20 Rise*, if we want to see Conscious Conservatism remain the dominant ideology, we must be willing to do things based on YahWeh's guidelines.

Nothing else will do.

The Law of Love

Every action we take comes from our desire to please someone. This desire is best understood as deep love or admiration. When we visit the Scriptures, we learn YahWeh is Love, and He demonstrated this love by sending us His Son (John 3:16).

Love is the bedrock of our faith. It is the driving force that keeps us from doing harm to others. Love is the greatest law (I Corinthians 13:13).

Quite often, when working with Conservatives on Twitter, I teach them that referring to Black Americans as "slaves on a plantation" is not a demonstration of love for fellow citizens. It is dehumanizing. It is racist. Such terminology is only used against the descendants of American slavery because this voting bloc chooses to vote Democrat.

Our Conservative platform boasts of being "Christian." Yet, it preaches an abusive, oppressive message meant to paint an inferior picture of Black citizens.

For years, I battled that one simple statement on my platform. I told the people, “You will not attract folks using racist rhetoric that will get you slapped in the streets.”

Imagine Conservatives calling Jews “Concentration Camp Dwellers” for showing allegiance to the Democratic Party. We would never conceive such a thought because that would be considered “hate speech.” Yet, we find it tolerable and admirable to refer to Black Americans as “slaves,” despite their growing excellence and resilience.

Such actions and words do not come from a place of love but one of hate. And as you will discover later in this chapter, the Law of Sowing and Reaping is always in effect.

When discussing conservatism — whether politically, financially, or socially — we must come back to this Law of Love. We must ask ourselves, “Do the words I speak come from Love? Am I displaying actions that prove I love fellow Black Americans?” If the answer is no, step back and consider a different approach.

This teaching is both applicable to Black Conservatives and White Conservatives.

As Conscious Ones, we make it a point to do everything from this place of love.

The Law of Mercy and Grace

The 2nd pillar of Conscious Black Conservatism is the Law of Mercy and Grace.

Mercy is more than “undeserved favor.”

It is compassion.

Compassion is more than feeling sorry for someone else.

It involves connecting your passion with another person’s soul.

When I connect my heart to other people, I empathize with their sufferings. I can feel their hurt and pain. I am in tune with their struggles. When in this place, I am least likely to misjudge them or condemn them, for I know if I were going through their struggle, I would want them to show me mercy.

Let me give an example to illustrate this point.

If you take a look at Conservatives’ recent attitude towards Black Americans suffering from “Stop and Frisk” policies, you will see something disturbing.

Not an ounce of sympathy or compassion for American citizens who were having their rights violated daily. When Conscious Black Conservative voices said, “Defend fellow Americans,” the Conservative camp responded, “Those policies are for their own good and will stop the violence in their neighborhoods.”

When we shared stories of young Black men who were afraid to leave their homes because of “Stop and Frisk,” this did not matter to Conservatives. They pushed “homicide stats” and justified their full support of the police state with a social media movement (#BackTheBlue).

The Conservative camp exercised zero compassion and mercy for fellow Americans who were suffering in today’s America. They did not feel their struggle or pain, mostly because they had not mastered the first Law. And because of that, their actions enlarged the race barrier. This ought not be so

among the camp that preaches Christianity.

Only Kingdom-minded, higher conscious people can execute the Law of Mercy effectively. It requires crucifying our narcissism and embracing YahWeh's form of redemption.

The Law of Mercy prevents us from executing unrighteous judgment. In the case of "Stop and Frisk," had Conservatives put themselves in Black Americans' shoes, they would have never defended such reckless lawlessness. Black Americans are not second-class citizens; yet that is what Conservatives defended vehemently. They did not take time to discover the true intent and purpose for Black people's protests, even when they had voices ready to teach them how.

This is what happens when the Law of Mercy is not executed effectively. The only solution is full repentance. Once this occurs, Mercy makes ways for compassion and redemption.

The Law of Mercy rejects prejudice and compels us to show love towards those who aren't like us. We must ask ourselves, "Do we only show mercy towards those whose ideological beliefs align with our own? Do we only feel compassion towards those who look like us or think like us? Do we have enough compassion to fight for people who are being mistreated, even if we cannot fully understand the oppression?"

As Conscious Conservatives, we don't have to like everything that comes from Liberals or Progressives. We don't have to adopt their agendas. But the Law of Love and Mercy compels us to show grace when it is most needed.

The Law of Reconciliation

The 3rd pillar of Conscious Black Conservatism is the Law of Reconciliation. This Law compels us to see people through the eyes of the Spirit (2 Corinthians 5:11-21).

Every person has a story, and some stories are dark and controversial. Some stories are bleak and wretched. Some stories are traumatic and unnerving.

But for those of us who have been redeemed, we learn to see other people as YahWeh sees them. This is how the world is reconciled back to the Father.

When we treat people according to what man says about them, we diminish their impact in our society. For example, for nearly 10 years, I kept silent about my scandalous story. I allowed people to think whatever they wanted to think about me, even as I launched my virtual ministry. I did so because the Holy Spirit and I were looking to see who could receive His message and gifts, which emerged from a “controversial” vessel.

I knew if people could receive me, they could receive the other voices who would emerge, voices who have worse stories than mine.

It wasn't until January 2020 when I finally released my memoir chronicling my assault and ultimate victory. And by that time, enough people had “passed the test,” proving they could receive from just about anyone who has a message of empowerment. In truth, these followers learned to see me through the eyes of the Spirit. And this is what must be done for all people.

The Law of Reconciliation forces us to remember our own past. It forces us to consider the grace we received when we did not deserve such favor. When we contemplate this, it is easier for us to live harmoniously with other people, because we've learned not to misjudge folks.

On the contrary, when we choose to see people based on what media say, for example, we strip ourselves of opportunities to build community. We easily become enemies to people who do not look like us. We see people in ways YahWeh never intended. And when we do so, we invite the Law of Sowing and Reaping to judge us according to the measure we issued.

The Law of Truth and Justice

The 4th pillar involves Truth and Justice. This Law compels us to stand firmly on what agrees with YahWeh's standards.

Truth, for many people, is subjective. But to Conscious Conservatives, Truth is based solely on what YahWeh says concerning a matter.

For example, it is a great evil to see the wicked go unpunished. When an injustice occurs, such actions typically violate basic spiritual laws.

Recently, the entire Conservative Camp experienced another uproar as a Black man — Ahmaud Arbery — was lynched by two white men. The entire scene was recorded; and when the video was released, public outcry ensued.

To the camp, the vast majority vilified the victim. They searched for “evidence” to support why Ahmaud was not “just a jogger” who *happened* to get murdered. They pulled up his past criminal record as if his death meant nothing.

This has been the ongoing nature of the Conservative camp for a while, especially when it comes to race relations.

Had it not been for the Principled Black Republicans and Conscious Black Conservative Voices, the camp would have continued their incessant remarks.

As evidence emerged, we learned the victim was, in fact, a victim. He committed no crime. He didn't deserve to be killed, especially on video. His murderers walked away FREELY for months; and had the video not leaked to the public, the men would still be free.

In this case, we see why Truth and Justice are necessary Laws. We must always fight for what is right. We must always stand for those who have been harmed or oppressed. In doing so, we save the lives of others. We prevent other people from becoming victims, because we set the standard.

And when we do this for the "least of these," we inevitably give Yah permission to defend us during our time of need. (I prove how this Law worked in my own case, which can be read in my memoir, *To My Beloveds*.)

The Law of Faith and Power

The 5th pillar consists of Faith and Power.

When combined with the previous Laws, Faith releases Power that causes us to do the impossible.

Faith is more than a belief system.

Faith is a mindset. It encompasses vision. What we see is what we manifest in the natural.

When I first received the vision for Conscious Black Conservatism, I could see the rising social, political, and economic empires emerging across the nation.

I could see thriving Black Communities in various states. I could see Black

families prospering in ways we have yet to see. I could see our economics becoming so vast, we never look to government or any entity — except our own — to thrive.

My faith — or vision — stirred the power to write and preach the message. I took to Twitter, constructed the books, and connected with fellow Influencers who had a heart for Black Americans. I put power behind my faith; and now we see the message reaching millions.

When it comes to changing our communities, we must remember that nothing will be accomplished unless faith is at the forefront. We must have faith in each other, faith in our visions, faith in our abilities, and faith that Yah will perform what He said He will do.

When we remain in this mindset, all power is given to us to prosper.

The Law of Attraction

The 6th pillar within Conscious Black Conservatism is the Law of Attraction. This Law compels us to speak what we envision and to give thanks that we have received what we ask.

If I speak in the atmosphere, “Black Americans are a thriving people, capable of doing extraordinary things,” I *attract* positive responses from Black Americans who see themselves as successful and prosperous.

To the contrary, if I put negative statements regarding Black Americans in the sphere, I *attract* disdain from the people I claim to be reaching.

This is what we often see happening in the Conservative camp.

The mainstream pundits push disgusting rhetoric from their platforms regarding Black people. And when they do this, especially because they are 99% WHITE, they appear racist.

In fact, this is why the Conservative Party is considered the racist party among minorities.

Therefore, if the Conservative camp wishes to attract Black Americans to their platform, the answer is simple: Become appealing to the ones you wish to reach. Otherwise, you repel.

The Law of Action

The 7th pillar within Conscious Black Conservatism is the Law of Action. Without action, we cannot expect to manifest anything in the natural.

The Law of Action coincides with Faith. Based on what we see, we receive plans that help us put action behind our vision.

Many people talk the talk, but they won't walk the walk. They speak evil of Black Americans, but they won't put in the work to help improve certain communities.

This is what we see often within the Black Conservative Movement. In fact, this tension has resulted in the modern "Civil War" within our space. On one hand, you have Black Conservatives who lie about Black Americans, demean them, dehumanize them, and do everything in their power to appeal to White racists in the camp.

They know the power of their words. They know they are causing more division. But they do it anyway.

Then you have the other group who love Black Americans, who seek to empower, who desire to enrich, and who have the power to elevate. Yet, each time we preach conservatism, we are instantly misjudged as the caricatures in our camp, who receive mainstream media attention.

As I shared with my Twitter Beloveds:

I wouldn't have so much fire to throw at the Mainstream Black Conservatives if they would simply stop lying about Black Americans. I wouldn't care if they had all the attention. But when they push these lies, it makes it IMPOSSIBLE to effectively evangelize conservatism in our communities. Therefore, the Establishment Black Conservatives receive my fire.

When we learn how best to put action behind our faith, we will see our communities thrive.

The Law of Thanksgiving

The 8th pillar is that of Thanksgiving.

In everything, we must give thanks. This act helps us receive more of what we need to thrive.

Thanksgiving is one of the most underutilized Laws. It's easy to complain about our situations. We see this behavior among Black Conservatives who constantly complain about Black Americans.

They provide no solutions to our communities. They simply tell them, "Stop voting Democrat," as if Republicans are the true political saviors.

Because of their constant disdain, they attract discontent. Because of their constant complaints, they open the door to hostility.

YahWeh had a way of handling complainers. We need only study how He dealt with the Children of Israel as they complained in the wilderness. Their complaints demonstrated their lack of faith.

But when Thanksgiving enters the picture, we position ourselves to receive more blessings from Heaven.

Being grateful for the success of one Black American leads to the success of another. You often see this behavior happening within the Conscious Black Conservative circle. We readily promote the health and wellness of Black Americans who are thriving in business, family, and culture. We love to see it. We embrace it. And we give thanks for it.

Such appreciation causes other people to desire success and excellence. Again, this is how the Law works. And as we continue exercising it, we will see tremendous results in our Movement.

The Law of Forgiveness

The 9th pillar within Conscious Black Conservatism is the Law of Forgiveness.

For many people, forgiveness means ignoring an offender of his wrongdoings and pretending it never happened. But that is not the full scope of forgiveness.

Forgiveness produces internal healing for us, even if the offender does not seek it from us. Forgiveness gives YahWeh permission to forgive our own shortcomings.

Of the Laws, this one is most challenging for me. I spent more than a decade dealing with offenders and seeing them walk free. I have dealt with social media smears for no other reason than standing by the conservative principles that require us to do right by Black Americans. And for me, I developed a fire that allows me to consume my enemies. I've had to learn to contain this fire, using it only to demolish godless ideologies and not people. Sometimes, I master this Law. Other times, I fail it.

Nevertheless, I am reminded that when I issue forgiveness to my enemy, I stand in position to receive YahWeh's forgiveness. This grants me an open door into His presence. When I'm in His presence, I can ask for anything I need and desire, and He grants it to me.

But if my heart is full of unforgiveness, I can't expect anything from Him.

For this reason, the Law of Forgiveness remains a pillar in our Movement. Even as we seek to tear down the lies perpetrated within our general Black Conservative Movement, we must remember to exercise forgiveness.

The Law of Sowing and Reaping

The final pillar within the Conscious Black Conservative Movement is the Law of Sowing and Reaping. While each Law is important, this Law carries greater weight because of its power to propel or suppress our work.

The Law of Sowing and Reaping is simple: What I do to you will be done to me. What I sow into the atmosphere, I will reap a harvest of that seed.

If I sow hatred of Black Americans to the Conservative camp, I reap hatred from Black Americans.

If I sow faith and empowerment, I receive encouragement and support from the same group.

When we celebrate the violation of rights for Black Americans, we can expect our rights to be violated next. Those of us in Twitter Class observed this in 2020 as the government shut down our businesses and banned us from socializing because of the plague.

When Black Americans complained about a similar local policy that did this to them, Conservatives said, “It’s for their own good.” But the second such regulations hit their doorstep, suddenly they were at a loss.

This is how the Law of Sowing and Reaping works. The results never come back as a small thing. The harvest manifests in multiplication. While Black Americans voiced their frustrations at the LOCAL level, Conservatives who celebrated their oppression received a NATIONAL version of “Stop and Frisk.”

Again, these are only examples. Therefore, if we wish to see our Movement expand, we must remember to sow good seed so we generate a good harvest.

We Must Master These Spiritual Laws to See Great Results

Spiritual laws remain at the forefront of the Conscious Black Conservative Movement. We won’t do anything to violate these laws, because we don’t want to receive the consequences that come from it.

As you seek to empower your own republic, remember to apply the principles that lead to your social, political, and economic success.

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If we learn to master these laws, we will see tremendous results in our families, homes, communities, and nation.

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“...the Lord is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth.”

(Malachi 2:13-15 NIV)

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In today’s culture, we see little emphasis on marriage. It’s not hard to understand why, especially as divorce rates remain high. People ask, “What’s the point of getting married if we are likely to divorce?” And I can understand their sentiments.

But marriage is much more than a simple civic union.

It is a spiritual one.

It has a purpose.

According to Scriptures, the purpose is to produce godly offspring.

When a Conscious Man and a Conscious Woman become one, they produce Conscious Children. Their offspring pass down the traditions, ideologies, and behaviors taught to them by their parents. In addition, the Children assist in building the nuclear empire, which adds to the prosperity of the collective.

The Head

According to Scriptures, the husband is the head of the family. He is the leader and visionary. He provides direction for the unit. His vision serves as the seed inside the Unit's womb.

If the head is cut off, the body dies instantly. Therefore, Black husbands are essential to the Black family structure.

Of course, this isn't to say all Black men are capable of leading a family. A man must go through his own personal development and training before seeking a wife and children.

Too often, we see Black men entering this phase without proper guidance from their elders. They sow their seed in the wrong women, and wonder why they must suffer the consequences of dealing with uncouth females.

Solomon expressed this sentiment in Proverbs 7:6-27 (NIV):

At the window of my house
I looked down through the lattice.

7

I saw among the simple,
I noticed among the young men,

a youth who had no sense.

8

He was going down the street near her corner,
walking along in the direction of her house

9

at twilight, as the day was fading,
as the dark of night set in.

10

Then out came a woman to meet him,
dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent.

11

(She is unruly and defiant,
her feet never stay at home;

12

now in the street, now in the squares,
at every corner she lurks.)

13

She took hold of him and kissed him
and with a brazen face she said:

14

“Today I fulfilled my vows,
and I have food from my fellowship offering at home.

15

So I came out to meet you;
I looked for you and have found you!

16

I have covered my bed
with colored linens from Egypt.

17

I have perfumed my bed
with myrrh, aloes and cinnamon.

18

Come, let's drink deeply of love till morning;

let's enjoy ourselves with love!

19

My husband is not at home;
he has gone on a long journey.

20

He took his purse filled with money
and will not be home till full moon.”

21

With persuasive words she led him astray;
she seduced him with her smooth talk.

22

All at once he followed her
like an ox going to the slaughter,
like a deer[a] stepping into a noose[b]

23

till an arrow pierces his liver,
like a bird darting into a snare,
little knowing it will cost him his life.

24

Now then, my sons, listen to me;
pay attention to what I say.

25

Do not let your heart turn to her ways
or stray into her paths.

26

Many are the victims she has brought down;
her slain are a mighty throng.

27

Her house is a highway to the grave,
leading down to the chambers of death.

Simple men remain simpletons, not because of external factors, but because they will not embrace Wisdom.

But for the Black men who make Wisdom their guide, they find themselves another kind of woman (Proverbs 31):

[b]A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

11

Her husband has full confidence in her
and lacks nothing of value.

12

She brings him good, not harm,
all the days of her life.

13

She selects wool and flax
and works with eager hands.

14

She is like the merchant ships,
bringing her food from afar.

15

She gets up while it is still night;
she provides food for her family
and portions for her female servants.

16

She considers a field and buys it;
out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17

She sets about her work vigorously;
her arms are strong for her tasks.

18

She sees that her trading is profitable,
and her lamp does not go out at night.

19

In her hand she holds the distaff
and grasps the spindle with her fingers.

20

She opens her arms to the poor
and extends her hands to the needy.

21

When it snows, she has no fear for her household;
for all of them are clothed in scarlet.

22

She makes coverings for her bed;
she is clothed in fine linen and purple.

23

Her husband is respected at the city gate,
where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.

24

She makes linen garments and sells them,
and supplies the merchants with sashes.

25

She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.

26

She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

27

She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

28

Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:

29

“Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.”

30

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

31

Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

To the man who finds such a woman, YahWeh promises favor and blessings upon him. This woman will embrace her essence, her calling, and her willingness to submit to her husband. As a result, they create a dynamic social empire that produces good fruit.

The Wife

Wives are a blessing to men. When YahWeh looked at Man, He said, “It is not good for *man* to be alone” (Genesis 2:18, emphasis added).

It is true: Woman was created *for* Man, not the other way around. To the women who embrace this principle, they will discover how easy it is to find high-quality men who embrace Wisdom and wholesome leadership.

A wife is more than a companion. She is the second brain power in the social empire. She is equally important to the Unit’s dominion. She is not a second-class citizen in the Kingdom. She brings unique strategies and input to the overall vision. She receives her husband’s seed, both figuratively (his vision) and literally (the offspring), nurturing it until the seed fully forms.

A wife is most impactful when she is functioning fully in her grace. For many wives, entering another man’s empire to build his wealth stifles her ability to contribute to her nuclear empire. In other words, when a wife must seek employment to care for the basic needs of the family, she cannot give her grace (entirely) to the Unit that needs her mostly.

Some people reading this may find this statement controversial and back-

wards. But we need only refer to Scriptures to see how this plays out. Return to Genesis and notice how YahWeh gave both Man *and* Woman dominion. But the Woman did not come with her own vision. She did not have a mission separate from Man. She was created to enhance what he was given. And she brought her grace where needed.

In like manner, a Conscious Conservative Wife sees her position as an asset to the nuclear empire. If she must seek work in another man's field, she uses those earnings to build her home ("A wise woman builds her home" (Proverbs 14)). But her heart is always with her king and their godly offspring. Her mission is to eventually quit the other man's work so she can devote herself fully to her home.

The Children

The Conscious Children are an extension of the parents. What the leaders teach, the children emulate.

Children represent opportunities. What the parents cannot accomplish, the children can complete.

Every generation increases in Wisdom and Knowledge. Every generation receives new insight, which is to be used to enhance the nuclear empire. When parents suppress the gifts and talents of their children, they stifle their own empire's growth.

For example, today's generation is sharper in technology than our parents and grandparents. But too often, when new technology is introduced, our parents reject this change. As a result, they prevent the empire from growing.

Children who are consumed with desires for more growth often leave the

nuclear empire to express their talents in another man's empire. As a result, the family empire weakens.

Therefore, as we increase our offspring, we must be willing to embrace the skills they bring to our spaces.

This is how the social empire continues expanding.

How to Prepare for the Social Empire as a Single Conscious Conservative

When we look at the Black Conservative space, many young adults search for viable, high-quality mates who have the same values as they do. This, of course, presents a challenge because not many young Black adults identify publicly as Black Conservatives.

Too often, this group bases their potential mates on the political party one supports. This is childish, immature, and ineffective. As you will discover, Black Americans with conservative values can vote Democrat or Republican. After all, Black voters are issue-based and are more likely to vote for someone working in their best interests.

But to find high-quality, Conscious Black Conservative mates, single adults must present themselves in a manner that attracts the ideal mate.

For example, a woman can use her social media platform to highlight the work she's doing in her community. Her work — coupled with her external beauty — attracts men who are interested in finding a capable woman.

High-quality men want a compatible wife, someone who matches where they are and where they are going.

High-quality men are not looking for a problem to solve, per se. They are looking for women who bring grace, charm, capabilities, and virtue to their space.

In like manner, high-quality women are looking for men who demonstrate their ability to provide and protect. They are also looking for men who are capable leaders, guides, and teachers. Such women have no problem submitting to a man.

Submission to the Conscious Conservative Woman is not oppressive. It is simply quiet power wrapped in fire love. When a woman sees she can trust her submission to a particular man, she will willingly submit to him. Her confidence is strong in his leadership. And she knows he is open to receive her gifts and talents.

Simply put, the best way to attract the woman or man of one's desire is to present your gifts openly. ("Your gifts will make room for you." (Proverbs 18:16))

Ladies, when you present yourself as a caring, compassionate woman, a man looking for the mother of his future children will find you attractive.

Men, when you present yourself as a successful businessman, a woman looking for a protector and guide to her future family will find you attractive.

But you must put focus on your gifts and learn how to display them in an attractive manner.

Building the Social Empire Based on Kingdom Principles

As Conscious Conservatives, we must remember the purpose of the family structure. We must remember why we are here.

To the ones who struggle in building a solid social empire, seek the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures. Seek godly wisdom from experts who understand the spiritual aspect of marriage. Seek to know your mate and how to thrive in your respective gifts.

When you focus on the Unit and empire, you resist the temptation to make your mate the enemy in your marriage.

Our collective impact is only as strong as the original or nuclear empire.

Building Political Empires Based on Kingdom Principles

In 2019, I coined the phrase, “talking-point prophets” during one of my social media lessons. Quite often, you’ll hear me use biblical jargon to describe current events, because I know most of my audience consists of Conservative Christians.

Sometimes the best way to deliver revelation is to use vernacular they’re accustomed to.

When speaking of talking-point prophets, I refer to the mainstream Right-wing pundits (black or white) who spew rhetoric told to them by their “gods.” In the same way YahWeh delivers a word to His prophets, even so, these pundits regurgitate talking points delivered by the elites.

Let me give you a few examples of the talking-point messages:

- Black single-motherhood is an epidemic
- Black-on-black crime is the major problem within black communities
- Police brutality is not a real issue in black communities
- Black people are ideological slaves on the Democratic plantation
- Poor black communities want to fail

Those are just a few pointers.

Now, much can be said about the knowledge these talking-point prophets present. The information presented is part-factual, making it *wholly* deceiving. They give statistical data to support their assertions. They ensure their opinions are validated by numbers. So, to an outsider (who doesn't understand the way manipulation works), these data seem harmless and even helpful.

But to understand how communication works, we need only study the Law of Causation, or for Believers, the Law of Sowing and Reaping. Here's what I mean.

For every cause, there is an effect. In the case of this topic, for every Black Conservative who preaches the negative black talking point (without presenting a solution), Conservatives are conditioned to see Black people negatively.

Here's another example: For every time Black Conservatives call Black people "slaves on a political plantation" — a phrase they would NEVER ascribe to any other ethnic group — the effect is further outrage among Black Americans and ultimately their resistance to conservatism.

And there you have it, Beloved: cause and effect.

This is what happens repeatedly in media, and these talking points have become the Right's marketing methodology for decades. If Right-wing pundits continually push deceitful statistics and racist dogma about Black people, the general public come to see Black people poorly.

Now, when I point out the hypocrisy of the Right, a lot of White Conservatives become defensive and accuse me of being a Democrat, a Liberal, or a Trump Troll. They have no idea they're dealing with a Conscious Black Conservative, who is more familiar with conservatism than them. In fact, the majority of Black Americans are more conservative in their beliefs than White Conservatives realize.

Black Americans have a strong belief system rooted in Christianity. Black Americans understand and appreciate economic conservatism. Black Americans embrace traditional families.

It's only in some portions of the overall Black community that we see abject poverty, violence, hostility, and broken families.

But Right-wing pundits don't highlight Black Excellence. Sure, they may bring on Dr. Ben Carson occasionally, or give a shout out to Condi Rice. But they don't highlight predominantly Black communities that are thriving economically and socially. They don't show images of actual Black communities that are swarming with Black millionaires (like in the Atlanta metropolitan). They don't show my Beloved White Conservatives these images, because it takes away from their narrative that Black people are "slaves on a plantation."

Conscious Black Conservatives, one may argue, come from a vastly different angle. Regardless of our various economic backgrounds, this breed of Conservatives have one thing in mind: black empowerment via conservatism.

As I share in Twitter Class, there are those of us who specialize in various categories of conservatism; but ultimately, we use our power and influence to impact Black people who desire a better way.

While Mainstream Black Conservatives abuse their power by belittling Black people with their talking points (because they never present solutions except, "Vote Republican"), Conscious Black Conservatives say, "I'm here to help you, here's how."

Understanding Consciousness

The essence of Conscious Black Conservatism is consciousness itself. In other words, this movement focuses on awareness and mental power, which has the might to deliver anyone from any circumstance.

Mainstream Black Conservatives do not ascribe to this belief, for they train their audience to believe that voting Republican will solve Black people's mental problems. Thus, they continue telling Black people they are mental slaves for voting Democrat; and the only way to be "free" is to vote Red.

(Is this too deep for you, Beloved? Are you seeing how the manipulation and abuse works?)

Let's move forward by defining consciousness: "Consciousness: the upper level of mental life of which the person is aware as contrasted with unconscious processes" ([merriam-webster.com](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/consciousness)).

For now, this will be the working definition for the Conscious Black Conservative Movement.

Consciousness involves higher-level thinking. It's a state of being that transcends average thinking and behavior. Conscious people are those who seem "eccentric" or "out of this world," mostly because our thought process stems from an out-of-this-world, spiritual experience.

Now, I don't want you to think strangely of what I say here, Beloved. I simply want you to understand why some leaders appear to be exceptional when, in truth, they are simply *conscious*.

One of the primary examples I use to describe this phenomenon is through Yeshua. If there's anyone who knew His purpose, it was Him. Only a fully

conscious man would allow Himself to be beaten, battered, shamed, and crucified for “a joy set before Him” (Hebrews 12:2). Only a man who was fully aware of His essence or being could stand in the face of opposition (religious leaders, death) and still endure it to fulfill His calling (resurrection, reconciling man with God).

Consciousness, Beloved, is the highest power man can obtain; and for those of us who are Believers, we derive such consciousness from Heaven.

A Kingdom-Minded Approach Empowers People

When asked about my philosophical foundation, I tell my followers, “I gather my knowledge and wisdom from Ruach Elohim (the Holy Spirit). I receive my practical teachings from Yeshua’s ministry.”

For me, it is important I give credit to the One responsible for delivering the revelation and truth I have today, truth which is made available to all who believe.

When I read the Scriptures (from this conscious state), I see the Bible as a spiritual guide — full of enlightenment and empowerment — *and* an historical compilation. For me, the Bible is the most powerful resource ANY person can use to transform his life.

When a person has a relationship with Ruach Elohim, that person becomes almost superhuman. (Bear with me, Beloved, as I attempt to describe through metaphors the power of this relationship.) And when one applies the principles Ruach Elohim teaches, anything is possible. We read the evidence of this statement in the Gospels.

Within Yeshua’s ministry, He focused on the Kingdom of God, the heavenly government that makes all things prosperous. According to Romans 14:17,

the Kingdom consists of righteousness, peace, and joy in Ruach Elohim. In other words, anything that aligns with ...

- Righteous living
- Societal harmony
- Absence of hostility and violence
- Freedom from disturbance
- Feelings of pleasure and happiness

... these are byproducts of the Kingdom of God. As the Scriptures teach us, “Every good and perfect gift comes from above” (James 1:17).

For those of us who are Kingdom-minded or whose consciousness reflects the nature of God’s Kingdom, we simply think on things at a higher level; and we view earthly matters vastly different than the average, “unconscious” person.

Viewing Racism and Oppression through the Lens of Black Empowerment & Consciousness

Conscious Black Conservatives are a different breed within the general conservative movement. We see our history in the United States from a different lens, not negating the evil forces working against mankind, but understanding we are “more than conquerors in Yeshua” (Romans 8:37).

Let’s take the topic of racism, oppression, and the like.

More often than not, when confronted with Mainstream Black Conservatives, you will hear such rhetoric like, “Racism doesn’t exist” or “Racism is not a problem for Black people today.” In other words, this body of conservatives negates the lived experiences of people today who *actually* encounter overt

racism, whether on the job, in local businesses, or even in politics.

Mainstream Black Conservatives, while their “intentions” may be “noble,” they, in fact, do a disservice to the people they claim to want to reach.

How?

By telling such people that their stories, their experiences, and their obstacles are invalid, nonexistent, or a figment of their imagination. Such Black Conservatives will even push this message to highly-successful Black people, often insulting their intelligence.

Let me use my own example. Growing up, my father raised me and my sister in a conservative home. Yet, while we had this strong upbringing, my father never once lied to us and said racism didn’t exist.

In fact, I listened as my father told me stories about his experience as a Black male preacher within the Foursquare denomination. I remember him telling me about preachers who admitted to being a racist; and how such leaders despised touching black people. This was in the church!

To outsiders — despite our conservative beliefs — my family was still *Black*. Even though we shared the same beliefs and served the same Lord, we were still *Black*; and to some individuals, our *blackness* connoted inferiority.

Now, is my story invalid simply because the talking-point prophets say so?

Certainly not.

BUT such racist rhetoric and behavior did not control the way I viewed myself; and I have to thank my father for instilling this confidence in me early on.

This is why I contend Conscious Black Conservatives are a different breed within the general conservative movement. We don't deny racism. Every single one of us, whether directly or indirectly, experienced racism.

But it's the way in which we handle racism that makes us unique.

Lower-level thinkers see racism as a brute force that makes it impossible for Black people to succeed.

Conscious Black thinkers see racism as a mountain that can be conquered, thus making us greater and stronger.

In fact, the bigger the offense, the mightier we become, because we understand another spiritual truth: "Every adversity, every failure, every heartache carries with it the seed of an equal or greater benefit" (Napoleon Hill, *Think and Grow Rich*).

When I view Black history, I don't see slaves (alone). I see people who conquered and subdued "kingdoms" (racist systems) and toppled them using a power only available to the conscious; and if they could endure their tribulation, surely I can destroy the thing that tries to destroy me today.

Conscious Black Conservatism Will Do a Far Better Job Reconciling Racial Relations Now and Beyond

Whenever I discuss Black Conservatism, I am met with the “Colorblind” crowd, who insist I ignore being Black while embracing “true Americanism.”

To such folks, I respond, *“I love being Black. I love Black people. And, no, I will not subscribe to the racist colorblind phenomenon.”*

As I’ve shared with Twitter Class, the “colorblind prophets” want Conservatives to ignore people’s unique American experience (which is unfortunately based on race), while celebrating Americanism, which is essentially White culture.

For the scholars in my Twitter Class, I teach them to reject this dogma and to celebrate our God-given differences.

In other words, don’t ignore Black people and think you’re doing the conservative movement a great service. It actually has the opposite effect and causes more hostility.

Quite often, many White Conservatives are bothered by “Black *anything*,” because for decades, they’ve been battered (like an abused spouse) by the racist narrative. They’re trying earnestly to fight against it, but they continue to lose.

And truth be told, Right-wing pundits want Conservatives to lose; and here’s what I mean.

By conditioning Conservatives to ignore Black people’s essence, *Right-wing pundits increase the racial divide.*

Black people don't want to be ignored. Black people don't want other groups to be celebrated for their cultural differences while having their own dismissed. Black people openly reject this, and so do I.

I teach my Twitter Class that when the racist narrative is thrown at them, dominate that talking point, not by becoming defensive, but by showing up and demonstrating love towards the people.

After all, "Love conquers all."

I teach my audience, "Don't use the colorblind rhetoric that was fed to you. Instead, express your love and appreciation for people. Learn from one another. Share stories. And then find common ground based on conservatism. In that moment, you will have conquered the racist narrative and gained a brother/sister."

This is just one example of how Conscious Black Conservatism will do more for reconciling racial relations. It starts with love, and then it moves into communicating effectively with people based on storytelling. The glue (for many of us) will be our love for conservatism and the desire to see each person prosper.

Notice how this is not the message being presented to you by Mainstream Black Conservatives, because their job is to push more division under the guise of "colorblind unity." Worse yet, their only solution to the people is, "Just Vote Republican, and all will be well."

(But Conscious Black Conservatives see right through the deception and seduction.)

Conscious Black Conservatism is a Movement for All Willing to Embrace the Mission and the Message

Quite often, when dealing with movements or issues unique to certain groups, one question often emerges: Can anyone, including White people, join?

And I imagine this is a question I will receive repeatedly as I take *The Fifteen 20 Rise* and the *Conscious Black Conservative Message* across the country.

The simple answer to this question: Yes, anyone can be a part of it.

But there is one caveat: Anyone who joins or participates must come with an open mind and a heart that's willing to learn.

My platform is one based on education and empowerment. I don't do the talking point narratives, because they provide nothing substantial to our communities. I don't engage in debates with humans who don't have the wherewithal to read books, ask intelligent questions, or bring something constructive to the table.

I don't tolerate belittling of people groups. I welcome discussions Black Americans want to address while presenting conservative solutions WITH the people. If I find an issue to be racist or prejudicial, I call it out. If we want to address reparations, Black entrepreneurship, or whatever, we discuss and we mobilize where necessary.

While certain individuals (White Americans, for example) may not have the exact experiences as Black people, they can come to learn more about their fellow American brothers or sisters by joining our movement.

Where Do Conscious Black Conservatives Fit within the Political Discourse?

Politics is a byproduct of what we engage in as a result of our consciousness. In other words, based on our worldview and framework, we raise up our own community leaders, train them in the principles, connect them with conscious political leaders, empower them for effective public service, and help fund their campaigns.

Just as we see the Body of Christ functioning with various parts, we believe we can raise up leaders who reflect our values and will use their positions to impact our communities at the local, state, and national level.

With regards to the two-party system, we aim to reform the Republican Party, especially at the local level. While we would never criticize other Black people for voting Democrat (by calling them slaves), we believe Black people (especially Conservatives and Moderates) should be fully represented within the Republican Party, which stands as the conservative platform.

I will say this: While Conscious Black Conservatives are looking to reclaim the Republican Party, we will not “compel” Black voters to vote Republican until the Party has reformed or (at minimum) we find a Republican representative who genuinely represents the people. (In that case, we would urge such voters to throw their support to that person.)

Ultimately, we seek to provide a politically-equitable discourse within our communities, giving voters options for selecting political representatives who will serve in their best interests. And over time, we will eventually see equal representation within the Democratic and Republican Parties, forcing each one to compete for our votes. (Thus fulfilling the mission of *The Fifteen 20 Rise Prophecy*.)

Conscious Black Conservatism: A New Political Empire for Black Americans

At the beginning of this chapter, you read that Conscious Black Conservatism is a new political empire for Black Americans; and as you remain connected to this movement and message, you'll come to see why.

As Conscious Black Conservatives, we are no longer asking for permission to sit at the Republican table, begging for a moment to express our needs.

Instead, we're coming for the whole table that once belonged to us.

The Republican Party today has abandoned Black people (despite modern Conservatives testifying they are Lincoln's Party). They have done so to cater to an audience of White Conservatives and Evangelicals, many who want nothing to do with Black people's experiences. (I teach more about this issue in the book, *The Fifteen 20 Rise*.)

Today's Party does not include Black *voices*, even if it has 3 or 4 Black *faces*. Today's Party believes the general conservative public wants to hold onto the Old Guard, when in fact, I've observed far more Conscious White Conservatives who are eager to see authentic Black leadership within their Party.

Conscious Black Conservatives understand we have a long road ahead of us; but we are committed to reforming the Party so that it fully represents the people (black, white, and everyone in between). This is the legacy of Black people in America: one of tragedy and triumph. Whenever a cultural, social, or political reform manifested, Black people were at the forefront.

This Movement is no different today.

THE FIFTEEN 20 RISE

A new breed is here, Beloved. Another awakening is among us. We are prepared to bring revival and reformation in our communities and nation.

And together, we will create a new day and a new empire for generations to come.

Building Economic Empires Based on Kingdom Principles

Wealth is a tool. Nothing more and nothing less. In this chapter, I want to discuss how wealth enables us to manifest the vision we receive regarding our social empires.

When thinking about Conscious Conservatism, remember we first seek to empower the individual; from there, the couple; from there, the family; from there, the community; from there, the nation.

Economic conservatism — from a Kingdom perspective — calls us to use our abilities to subdue resources in the service of God and man.

I use the phrase, “economic conservatism,” simply to differentiate between our political understanding of capitalism and socialism. When I use this phrase in the context of Conscious Conservatism, I am referring to our ability to use a capitalist system for the service of God and man (which some may call “volunteer socialism”).

To better understand this concept, I want to teach about the power and purpose of wealth. As you will discover, we must remain focused on this purpose, recognizing nothing truly belongs to us. We must do everything in our power to use our wealth to expand God’s Kingdom on the earth. This is how we see generational success; and this is how our social empires sustain

themselves.

It All Belongs to YahWeh

“The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the LORD Almighty.” - Haggai 2:8 NIV

Let’s begin this lesson with perspective: Nothing we have is truly ours. The Scriptures remind us that we are *managers*, not owners of every earthly thing in our possession.

When we die, we cannot take the physical treasures with us. Therefore, we are taught to “store up treasures in Heaven,” which signifies a need to live according to spiritual principles. When we do so, we have rewards waiting for us that can never be destroyed.

Because the gold and silver belong to YahWeh, we need only ask Him how to acquire wealth so we manifest what He desires.

In the Beginning, Multiplication

One of the first places we must look regarding wealth is in the beginning.

In Genesis 1:22, it reads: “And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, *multiply*, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fowl *multiply* in the earth” (emphasis added).

In Genesis 1:28, YahWeh said to man: “And God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful, *multiply*, and fill the earth, and *subdue* it [**using its vast**

resources in the service of God and man]; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth” (emphasis added).

As you will note in this Scripture, we have a right to **subdue** the vast resources God provided as we commit to serve Him and man.

In both passages, it was a commandment for the creatures and man to prosper. It was an order that they multiply and bear fruit. God never told Adam to “Live in poverty so you can appear humble.” No, he was blessed with the power and ability to multiply and be fruitful.

Quite often, as we seek to become successful in this life, we tend to believe God will do all the work for us. But in the beginning, when God created everything, He gave the power to multiply to man. He relinquished His right to do all the work, and instead told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and to have dominion.

He told them to **subdue**—to get the better of and to conquer—the many resources the earth had. In other words, in order for us to accomplish the will of God in the earth and to serve mankind, we must subdue the resources that are available to us.

In our nation, our economic system for prosperity is based on moral capitalism. In other words, we don’t use capitalism to abuse people. We buy and trade or sell our services so we increase in wealth. We conduct business according to our moral, spiritual principles.

If we desire to use this wealth to distribute opportunities for others (what some would call socialism), that is our choice. And if we are faithful over what we have received so far, the Law of Increase promises we will become managers over much more.

Good Stewardship

Contrary to what many religious Christians believe, the Bible is inundated with discussions of wealth, riches, and good stewardship. Quite often, Yeshua spoke about money; and we see just how much interest He had regarding it.

Yeshua taught the people how important service was to the Kingdom of God.

Let's start in Matthew 25:14. In this parable, Yeshua elaborates on the difference between wise and foolish servants, clearly giving them (and us) a deeper revelation concerning what we must do with what He has entrusted to us.

For [the kingdom] is just like a man who was about to take a journey, and he called his servants together and entrusted them with his possessions. To one he gave five [b]talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and then he went on his journey. The one who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he [made a profit and] gained five more. Likewise the one who had two [made a profit and] gained two more. But the one who had received the one went and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money (vs 14- 18).

In verses 14-18, we learn a very important lesson. The master trusted his money (property) to those of his own empire. He was not afraid to give them the investment so his servants could make good use of it. As the Bible reads, he gave to each servant "in proportions to his own personal ability" (verse 15). In other words, not every servant received the same amount because not all of them were at the same level of maturity to handle such wealth.

In this teaching, one servant received the least; and he did nothing with it. He hid his master's money instead of using it to generate a profit. To the

contrary, we read the other two servants, who were considered wise, doubled their master's investment. They went to work, and were able to bring back much more because they knew their master's heart and wanted to please him.

Let's see how the master rewarded each one.

Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. And the one who had received the five talents came and brought him five more, saying, 'Master, you entrusted to me five talents. See, I have [made a profit and] gained five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little, I will put you in charge of many things; share in the joy of your master.' Also the one who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have [made a profit and] gained two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful and trustworthy over a little, I will put you in charge of many things; share in the joy of your master.' The one who had received one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a harsh and demanding man, reaping [the harvest] where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter seed. So I was afraid [to lose the talent], and I went and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is your own.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked, lazy servant, you knew that I reap [the harvest] where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter seed. Then you ought to have put my money with the bankers, and at my return I would have received my money back with interest. So take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents' (verses 19-28).

Look at how the first two were rewarded. Not only did the master bless them with his words, but he gave them more! They sat alongside their master and enjoyed the fruits of their labor. Above that, they were given other material possessions as a sign of gratitude for working well. They were called "faithful

and trustworthy.”

But we see a completely different attitude towards the servant who did nothing with the portion of his master’s talent or money. The master called him “wicked” and “lazy.” Not only that, but the master took the talent he had, and gave it to the servant who produced the most profit.

Here is the lesson Yeshua wanted the people—and us— to receive:

For to everyone who has [and values his blessings and gifts from God, and has used them wisely], more will be given, and [he will be richly supplied so that] he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have [because he has ignored or disregarded his blessings and gifts from God], even what he does have will be taken away. And throw out the worthless servant into the outer darkness; in that place [of grief and torment] there will be weeping [over sorrow and pain] and grinding of teeth [over distress and anger] (verses 29-30).

Shrewd Dealings

Our capitalist society is often characterized as corrupt dealers working with other shrewd people. We look down upon this sometimes.

But shrewd dealings have more to do with networking, positioning, and execution. And in this next section, I want to teach you why Yeshua requires we think strategically when it comes to economics.

Let’s begin with Luke 16.

Now Jesus was also saying to the disciples, “There was a certain rich man who had a manager [of his estate], and accusations [against this man] were brought to him, that this man was squandering his [master’s]

possessions. So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management [of my affairs], for you can no longer be [my] manager.' The manager [of the estate] said to himself, 'What will I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig [for a living], and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I will do, so that when I am removed from the management, people [who are my master's debtors] will welcome me into their homes.' So he summoned his master's debtors one by one, and he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred [a]measures of [olive] oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write [b] fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred [c]measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' And his master commended the unjust manager [not for his misdeeds, but] because he had acted shrewdly [by preparing for his future unemployment]; for the sons of this age [the non-believers] are shrewder in relation to their own kind [that is, to the ways of the secular world] than are the sons of light [the believers] (verses 1-8).

Ofentimes, Believers treat wealth as an entitlement. If YahWeh gives them an idea, they expect Him to do all the work or to fund the entire vision without our efforts.

Believers make light of networking opportunities related to business; they reject business knowledge; they call anything involving economic interactions “secular.” As such, many Believers are poor, wretched, and miserable.

Yeshua urges us to reject this mindset. He teaches, “The children of light ought to know how to function in the economic space given to them.” If we see shrewd, wicked people prospering, it’s because they have mastered the system well. And if we want to see our empires thrive, we must do our part to work this sphere.

Requesting Wealth and Using the Earthly Economic System to Advance the Kingdom

When requesting wealth, we come to the King (in prayer) as an agent. We present our request, and we give an account for what we are doing (or intend to do) with that wealth.

Yah “signs off” on our request, gives us the idea for acquiring wealth, and then we act. As long as we seek first the Kingdom, all things will be given to us for expanding righteousness, peace, and joy in the earth.

Poverty and lack have no place in the Kingdom. Therefore, as Conscious Conservatives, we focus on higher things. And if we see people in our space or community in need, we do what we can to help.

As I shared in the beginning of this chapter, wealth is a tool.

In our hands, it builds people and establishes communities based on spiritual laws and principles. When you see yourself in this perspective, it is not difficult to acquire wealth, because Yah has given us the power (ability, dominion, authority) to acquire it. But we must use this wealth — His silver and gold — for proper use. For then the Law of Sowing and Reaping will work in our favor continually.

III

Black Conservatism in the Trump Era and The Fifteen 20 Rise within Black Politics

3 Movements Sweeping Social Media and Why Conservatives Should Pay Attention

We've come a long way, Beloved, since 2016. In all my voting life, I've never witnessed such political outrage, confusion, disruption, and turmoil. It's funny that in a sphere where order and progress should be the norm, we are experiencing more hostility instead.

But I suppose that's the nature of politics. When mankind operates contrary to the spiritual laws that are designed to improve human behavior and interaction, we reap consequences we do not desire. And we are witnessing this daily.

Politics, Beloved, is a game of chess, not checkers.

Strategies, tact, fortitude, and will power are the winning forces. People who know how to think critically and creatively find themselves actively engaged behind-the-scenes to ensure the republic remains steadfast.

And while the leaders at the top handle their business, those of us on the ground find ourselves in a similar battle to win the heart and soul of the people.

Isn't it interesting that when Yeshua walked the earth, He set out to expand YahWeh's Kingdom *among the people*. He did not establish a throne or government of His own. He did not plead with the Roman Empire to change its ways so the people would thrive.

He went directly to the people and declared, "The Kingdom of God is here."

If you've followed my political activism for a while, Beloved, you know how important Kingdom principles are to the Conscious Conservative Movement and my teachings. Without the Spirit, we will not witness this great revival and national reformation, which was promised to us 100+ years ago. We cannot expect to see massive, empowerment movements unless the Spirit gives them life.

We must be ever ready to receive this power if we expect the next generation to hold fast to the principles that have resulted in our success.

And if Conservatives are willing to pay attention, they will discover that the solutions are found in 3 political movements sweeping the Twitter-Verse.

The Rise in Black Political Movements on Social Media

Every movement begins with those whose minds and hearts are consumed with the spirit. According to recent study, "Today, a larger share of African Americans than whites say they are Christian. And, of all major U.S. racial and ethnic groups, blacks are the most likely to identify as Protestant" (Pew Research)¹⁷.

¹⁷ Masci, D., Mohamed, B., & Smith, G. (2020, August 18). Black Americans more likely to be Christian, Protestant than US adults overall. Retrieved October 10, 2020, from <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/04/23/black-americans-are-more-likely-than-overall-public-to-be-christian-protestant/>

According to another study,

More than half of black people in the U.S. (54%) – both Christian and non-Christian – say they read the Bible or other holy scripture at least once a week outside of religious services, compared with 32% of whites and 38% of Hispanics, according to data from the 2014 Religious Landscape Study. Indeed, relatively few black people (24%) say they seldom or never read the Bible, compared with 50% of whites and 40% of Hispanics (Pew Research)¹⁸.

For the majority of Black Americans, the idea of separating our faith from our politics is incomprehensible. We need only look at the Scriptures or other holy texts to see how one's convictions in social, political, and economic affairs directly correlate with our ideas of how God sees mankind.

For this reason, when you study Black History and former Black Empowerment Movements, Black leaders focused on spiritual laws and truths, which necessitated social, political, and economic shifts.

“Do unto others what you would have done to you” serves as one major spiritual principle; and such truth motivated leaders to fight for their rights and the people's rights.

Today, we witness a similar, spiritual awakening and movement among Black Americans in the conservative sphere. And if White Conservatives, who comprise the bulk of the base, pay attention to these movements, we will see our values remain the dominant ideology in American society.

¹⁸ Diamant, J. (2020, August 18). Black Americans and the Bible: Key findings. Retrieved October 10, 2020, from <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/05/07/blacks-more-likely-than-others-in-u-s-to-read-the-bible-regularly-see-it-as-gods-word/>

Conscious Black Conservatism

In October 2018, I launched *The Fifteen 20 Rise* teaching to my conservative audience on Facebook. The premise proved there were more effective methods for reaching Black voters if they were willing to do things God's way.

The message was met with hostility, to say the least. Conservatives, especially the Black ones, did not like the teachings. They wanted to hold fast to their dehumanizing rhetoric and out-of-context statistics, which produced narratives that repelled Black voters. I told them such actions would stifle our Black Conservative Movement and diminish our political impact.

Today, on social media, we are witnessing this failure.

Almost a year after delivering this teaching, I launched a new movement called Conscious Black Conservatism. The mission is to create social, political, and economic empires for Black Americans based on Kingdom principles (or spiritual laws). After experiencing major backlash on Facebook, I took this social media movement to Twitter, and it caught fire.

You will recall from a previous lesson the meaning of Conscious Black Conservatism:

Conscious black conservatism is based on the belief that spiritual laws and principles guide our human behavior and interaction. As humans, we conserve these truths and implement these values in culture, society, and politics. While we are similar to other conservatives in our philosophical views, conscious black conservatives demonstrate how conservatism manifests through the lived, unique experiences of black Americans, past and present.

When asked about the specific agenda of Conscious Black Conservatism, the answer is simple: Our agenda is Heaven's agenda.

We seek only to empower rising leaders to accept their call and assignment, and to identify the message and mission they are called to release. If a person in our Network feels led to address the abortion rates in the Black community, we equip her with spiritual and practical tools needed to launch that movement.

If someone feels led to tackle school choice in Black communities, we equip him with the same spiritual laws and practical lessons that will make his assignment a success. (We deliver this comprehensive training in our exclusive Conscious Conservative Network¹⁹.)

We teach our network that their words have power to create or destroy life. We teach them how their stories, no matter how bleak or scandalous, can be turned into a ministry or movement of deliverance. We believe strongly that each person has a part or share in this great Kingdom work.

While most people in the conservative space argue I am the leader of the movement, I am not.

I am simply the voice that delivered the message. I am the "instructor" who reignited or re-infused spiritual insight into this Black Conservative Movement.

But I am just one of many voices.

Conscious Black Conservatism is an overarching ideology that infuses itself in the daily lives of Black Americans. It teaches us that we are a part of a collective body, a people group who have the same *mindset* focused on success

¹⁹ The Conscious Conservative Network: <https://www.consciousconservatism.org/>

and empowerment. (Anyone rejecting the *mindset* is not of the fold.)

We adamantly reject the victim-mentality, not because it's a part of the overall conservative message, but because the victim mentality is self-inflicted oppression.

We preach self-governance, because history has shown the American government has no intentions of treating ALL Black Americans as equal citizens in this country.

We preach economic conservatism or the free market, because we see how each person's gift is a valuable asset to the collective and should thus be rewarded.

We preach spiritual laws, because we understand how man's mind can easily become contaminated with debased thoughts that lead to our demise.

Since launching this movement in 2019, the message has reached millions of people, because it resonated with other Conscious Black Conservatives on Twitter. Some critics have tried to make this movement a "Felecia Killings vs. Candace Owens" war when, in fact, it is a spirit vs. carnal war. It is a battlefield of ideas, an ideological warfare where *only* those who are Spirit-minded prevail.

Hotep Nation

When I first came to Twitter in 2019, Hotep Jesus (Bryan Sharpe) and Sonnie Johnson (my kindred fires) were the first Black influencers to spread my content to their massive audience.

Hotep Jesus, Uncle Hotep, and others are the leaders of a growing social media movement called Hotep Nation. As you will learn, their ideology is

also rooted in spiritual awareness, conscious conservatism, and economic independence. The following description is pulled directly from their website: HotepNation.com.

What is Hotep? Hotep is a word that means “peace” or “satisfaction” and many other things. Hotep Nation is a group of people looking to restore integrity to the term “hotep” as it has been smeared by left-wing black media and the likes. Hotep Nation is about self-empowerment and self-accountability. Independence.

Are Hoteps Democratic or Republican? Hotep Nation is opposed to the Democratic party. That’s not to say that Hoteps are Republican. The Hotep ideals align much more closely with Conservatives than they do Liberals.

What is the goal for Hotep Nation? “Prosperity at any cost. Independence by any means.” We plan on focusing our people around economics by pushing them to develop new skills. We believe that we need to shift the black community from being habitual consumers to becoming habitual producers, that way we can build a strong economic base. We also seek to instill a better diet as blacks suffer from many illnesses incomparable to any other group of people like heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. Lastly, we believe in exercising our spirituality faculties above and beyond structured religions.

As with Conscious Conservatism, Hotep Nation relies on spiritual truths and mental fortitude to empower our communities. Follow them on Twitter, and you will see a strong emphasis on empowering the male, fostering the nuclear family, and mastering economics.

Their philosophy has attracted men (and some women) from all ethnic groups, because it reminds them of their proper place in society. While the liberal camp markets “The future is female,” Hotep Nation stands by the ideology

that the man is crucial to the family unit (and society at large).

ADOS: American Descendants of Slavery

I want to preface this movement's discussion with this disclaimer: ADOS is not a conservative movement, and it does not adhere to the major tenets of Conscious Conservatism. But a careful study of this social media movement will give one pause as to its ability to reach Black Americans who could adopt Conscious Conservatism.

ADOS, or the American Descendants of Slavery, is spearheaded by two black liberals, Yvette Carnell and Antonio Moore. In 2019, their movement gained national attention, and it received fierce backlash from progressives within their own camp.

#ADOS was started by the brain trust of Howard graduate and host of the Breaking Brown political show, Yvette Carnell, and UCLA alumnus and attorney, Antonio Moore who hosts the weekly radio show Tonetalks. ADOS—which stands for American Descendants of Slavery—seeks to reclaim/restore the critical national character of the African American identity and experience, one grounded in our group's unique lineage, and which is central to our continuing struggle for social and economic justice in the United States.

The truth of ADOS life is seen nowhere more clearly than the racial wealth gap in this country.

Closing the racial wealth gap requires a New Deal for Black America. President Trump's assertion during the 2016 Presidential campaign that Black Americans "have nothing to lose" was met with defiance by those on the Left, but the data supported the statement. From over all wealth levels, to home ownership, to student debt levels and beyond African Americans

*across this nation are suffering. According to a study from Brookings, half of Black Americans who are born poor stay poor. Most Black kids who are born into middle class families are downwardly mobile. And as Duke University economist Dr. William “Sandy” Darity, and co-founder of the ADOS movement, Antonio Moore, along with other researchers observed in their study *What We Get Wrong About Closing the Racial Wealth Gap*, the concentration of ADOS at the bottom economically is a consequence of lack of wealth transfers and multi-generational oppression, not individual agency or cultural patterns²⁰.*

Of the previous political movements discussed, #ADOS has the most detailed Black Agenda as it relates to policies affecting Black Economics.

You will notice, Beloved, that Conscious Black Conservatism reminds us of our need to remain connected to the Spirit of God; Hotep Nation reinforces the need for a strong family unit; and ADOS fills the void where politics and economics intertwine.

It is therefore clear that such movements have emerged simultaneously, albeit from three different corners, at the appointed time for Black Americans.

The Black Agenda

As mentioned prior, #ADOS is specific in its agenda; and their mission includes the following objectives:

1. *To be classified as a separate lineage from other “people of color”*
2. *To streamline affirmative action initiatives designated solely for ADOS*
3. *To reinstitute the protection of The Voting Rights Act*
4. *To demand 15% of SBA loans be distributed to ADOS businesses*

²⁰ ADOS101.com

5. *To seek a multi-billion dollar infrastructure for ADOS communities*
6. *To seek true prison reform for ADOS*
7. *To demand legislation that triples the current federal allotment to HBCUs*
8. *To restrict the number of H1-B Visa workers in tech companies so ADOS have a fair shot*
9. *To audit banks to see if they are practicing discrimination against ADOS*
10. *To mandate government advertising budget to include Black media*
11. *To see ADOS college debts forgiven in the same manner Wall Street's debts were forgiven*
12. *To initiate a health care credit to cover medical costs for ADOS*
13. *To demand a review of the need for reparations*

It is no wonder why ADOS has proven effective in mobilizing more Black Americans to hold accountable their Democratic leaders; and, if push comes to shove, such voters will seek a political alternative that is willing to address the needs they hold dear.

But Felecia, what about BLEXIT?

This lesson would be incomplete if I did not discuss the current state of Blexit and its affiliates. While Blexit has become the favorite Black *face* of the Conservative wing, this movement is most detestable among Black Americans who bother giving it their attention.

Here's why:

Blexit was never about Black Empowerment. It is a white-founded, "black" initiative that appeals primarily to White Conservatives of the Boomer class. Blexit's launch was founded on stolen intellectual property from black liberal leaders, who are performing grassroots work in Black communities.

To most White Conservatives who don't understand the ramifications of such actions, allow me to elaborate.

We need only return to the basic spiritual principle that what we sow, we reap. The way we treat others will be multiplied back to us.

When something is stolen from another person, the spiritual law goes into effect AGAINST that violator; and according to Scriptures, "If a thief is found, he must pay back manifold."

That is essentially what Blexit is experiencing now, for when a mainstream black conservative movement had the opportunity to mobilize more people to the cause, their initial actions resurrected old wounds of white organizations stealing from Black people.

American history is flooded with stories of white people stealing the intellectual property of Black intellectuals, only to profit heavily from it. Blexit's actions were no different. It simply added to the gross injustice done against Black Americans historically, which is why I publicly denounced Owens at the height of her appeal to Black Conservatives.

My dissent was simple and clear:

- You do not steal from Black people and think Black people will respond positively to the message.
- You do not call Black people "slaves" for voting Democrat when Black people have such a unique experience in this country as slaves.
- You do not attract positive results using anti-spiritual tactics.
- You do not harvest healthy fruit from a poisoned tree.

For this reason, I declare Blexit to be dead, because it has no power to give to the people it claims to be reaching. It has neither the appeal nor substance to move the political dial in favor of Black Conservatism, because Black voters

want NOTHING to do with it.

It is nothing more than a sideshow, featuring Black youth who have yet to open a book on Black History; and those who remain loyal to this brand will find themselves wanting in the near future.

Why Conservatives Should Pay Attention to the Movements That are Reaching Black Voters

Conservatism is slowly losing its influence in the culture. Although the majority of Americans hold fast to conservative or moderate beliefs, liberalism is steadily rising (Gallop Poll)²¹. With the recent surge of progressive liberalism — thanks in large part to leaders like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Bernie Sanders, and the SQUAD — more Millennials and Generation Z'ers are identifying with socialism.

According to Pew Research, Millennials, Generation Z'ers, and Generation X outvoted the Boomer generation in the 2016 presidential election and 2018 mid-term election²². These data tell us that as these generations become more active in politics, America will become less and less conservative.

²¹ Saad, L. (2020, October 06). U.S. Still Leans Conservative, but Liberals Keep Recent Gains. Retrieved October 10, 2020, from <https://news.gallup.com/poll/245813/leans-conservative-liberals-keep-recent-gains.aspx>

²² Fry, R. (2020, August 14). Gen Zers, Millennials and Gen Xers outvoted Boomers and older generations in 2016 election. Retrieved October 10, 2020, from <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2017/07/31/gen-zers-millennials-and-gen-xers-outvoted-boomers-and-older-generations-in-2016-election/>

How will the conservative camp and its platform respond?

From what I've experienced since beginning my political activism: They will respond with stupidity and ignorance. And after four years of engaging on this national level, my analysis is 100% correct.

Since 2016, the base has been exceptionally hostile towards voices who demand we conserve our truths and evangelize our message effectively. Such reactions led me to officially break away from the overall conservative movement to devote my energy solely to Conscious Black Conservatism. And it's a sad day for a political platform when its own base rejects Black voices who are reaching Black Americans daily on social media.

Many within the conservative camp place all their hopes in President Trump, believing he will miraculously save them from the evils of socialism. They do not consider the long game, the chess game, because they've been conditioned to be reactionary instead of revolutionary.

This is one of the reasons the modern Republican Party will crumble. This empire *will* fall. And the people left standing will be the same ones searching for the Black voices who tried to empower them.

Their only hope is to undergo what many in these authentic Black Conservative Movements have said:

- Reform the Party
- Reclaim the table that once belonged to Black Americans (no more asking for a seat)
- Introduce a strong Black Agenda
- Hold fast to the conservative ideology

- Elect officials who represent our lineage and demographics (at least 14% of the GOP being Black Americans)
- Financially support the online grassroots initiatives, spear-headed by Black Americans who love conservatism and Black people (simultaneously)
- Give Black men the conservative platform to take it to the next level

That's it.

So simple, yet so difficult for Conservatives to adopt, because change is hard. The only way they will appreciate the need for such revolutionary change is when their political power has been stripped from them entirely.

But if they change, if they adjust, the conservative platform will quickly witness what I've identified in this hour as #TheFifteen20. And as this political house continues to demonstrate its allegiance to Black Americans, the needle will shift even more until 50% of Black Americans are politically represented in both parties, making the discourse equitable and empowering.

Black Americans have no time or energy to waste on movements like Blexit. It is a clown show to them, and it represents old stereotypes that many have fought to dismantle for decades.

Black Americans want substance; and if Conservatives expect to see their ideology remain dominant in this country, supporting Black Americans within these three political movements is non-negotiable.

The Fifteen 20 Rise: The 10-Step Formula for Evangelizing Conservatism

“I tell you these political truths so you aren’t sorely disappointed when the empire falls. You think 2020 will be a landslide for Trump and conservatism? No! So, what are you going to do to evangelize the message effectively? Because the talking-point prophets have failed you.”

— Felecia Killings, *Twitter Class Lesson*

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Let’s face it.

Beloved Conservatives failed to maintain their effectiveness in the political culture, and they witnessed a major backlash in 2019 as more Americans rejected leftist ideologies in the overall movement.

Within the Black Conservative Movement, the ideological divide added to the growing failure of the general movement. From poor marketing tactics to the insipid “slave plantation” narrative, Black Conservatives, in particular, succeeded in pushing more Black Americans away from the conservative movement.

The Old Guard's methods of attacking Black Americans to appeal to their racist White base no longer suffices. A new breed of Conservatives have emerged to fight against the establishment's messaging, demanding we do better at reaching voters if we want to see conservatism remain the dominant ideology in the United States.

But how Conservatives approach this dilemma depends largely on the base's willingness to do things differently...

...to see Black voters as fellow Americans...

...to see Black voters as a viable voting bloc in American politics...

...to see Black voters (and their concerns) as equally important to the culture and history of America.

Failure to embrace this new wave of Conscious Conservatism will result in the total demise of conservatism overall.

In this next lesson, we're removing the veil from Conservatives' eyes. We are delivering actionable solutions that bridge the gap between Black American voters and the Conscious Conservative message.

As you've come to learn through Twitter Class, 65% of Black Americans largely identify as conservative and moderate²³. Such a voting bloc could easily tip the scale in favor of a political party that embraces the social, political, cultural, and economic values Black Americans hold dearly.

But it won't happen within a few months of this 2020 election cycle, at least not now. (Had Conservatives listened to the truth-tellers back in 2017,

²³ Dunn, A. (2020, August 28). 5 facts about black Democrats. Retrieved October 11, 2020, from <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/02/27/5-facts-about-black-democrats/>

perhaps I could write a different narrative.) #TheFifteen20 won't happen until we make respect for voters the NORM within the general conservative movement.

If Conservatives hate when the Left mocks their intelligence, how do they expect to win more Black Americans using equally offensive rhetoric? As I continue teaching my Beloveds in Twitter Class, "The Law of Sowing and Reaping is always in effect." Therefore, what we sow in this political garden is exactly what we reap during each election, whether locally or at the federal level.

For this reason, a new formula and method are needed to broaden the base and expand conservative politics.

The Fifteen 20 Rise Formula: Why Evangelism Matters

I don't know why this is so, but my conservative activism has led me to several Conservatives who believe the Republican Party has no obligation or responsibility to evangelize in Black communities. Several on the base have argued Black Americans need to come to the Party and show interest in it, despite both political agencies working to appeal to other demographics.

Such nonsense is one of the reasons I backed away from helping the base win, because I realized it is not ready for whatever "Blexit" it claims to be championing.

As with anything that must be sold, effective evangelism or persuasive communication strategies are necessary to win over any voting bloc. For example,

- Republicans evangelize to white Christian Conservatives.

- Republicans evangelize to white farmers.
- Republicans evangelize to Latino communities.

But Republicans will not evangelize to Black Americans. Yet, they insist Black Americans are “slaves on a plantation” for voting Democrat. A legitimate criticism is, “If you’re not present in Black areas, how else are Black Americans supposed to vote for you?” But I suppose such logic is too deep for the GOP nationwide.

Since bringing my activism to Twitter in 2019, I’m proud to say I’ve seen more Conservative Candidates apply the lessons I (and other conscious influencers) have delivered. They recognized how the GOP’s ridiculous marketing tactics have not worked, and many have made adjustments themselves as they seek political offices in the local areas.

It’s hard to scream at the general base when things are changing; and I can only expect more to follow in their footsteps as we seek to ensure conservatism remains the dominant ideology in America.

For this reason, I’d like to share what I call “The Fifteen 20 Rise Formula for Effective Outreach.” After engaging in research and studying the political landscape via social media, it’s clear that with a new approach to Black outreach, the conservative base will be prepared to welcome a new breed of Conscious Black Conservatives, who have the power to reach more Black voters.

1. Know History...Black American History

Let’s begin with the basics.

To understand current politics, Conservatives must know history.

To understand *Black* politics, Conservatives must know *Black* history. And you learned a bit of it in this book.

Again, this is only if the base is ready to accept a flood of Conscious Black Conservatives, who believe strongly in conservative values and will select politicians who serve our best interests.

Black history is not separate from American history. In fact, Black history serves as a pillar in American history. No other ethnic group in this country has endured systemic oppression as Black Americans; and to this day, Black Americans continue confronting policies that stifle their constitutional rights (i.e. “stop and frisk”).

When Conservatives spew from their platforms the idea that racism is non-existent, or that Black people should ignore their history, they reinforce the notion that Conservatives hate Black people. I don’t care if you happen to be that one Conservative who “isn’t racist.” Your *Party* and your *platform* push the narrative that Black people (their history, their struggle) do not matter to you.

The Conservative base makes light of current events and racial oppression, which happens at the hands of Democratic leaders; and it tells Black people, “Racism really isn’t a problem.” Couple such rhetoric with Republicans’ unwillingness to be present in Black communities, you see why Black people feel completely abandoned in the political fight.

What we see currently happening is the direct result of history in action. And until you’re brave enough to study what took place centuries ago, you can never expect to reach more Black voters with authentic conservatism.

2. Understand the Voting Bloc Switch

Now we come to the more specific issues; and this point goes back to the first one: knowing Black history.

Many Conservatives have asked me, “Felecia, why do Black voters continue voting for Democrats who have harmed them?” And my response is simple: “Have you studied the shift in the voting bloc?” Nine times out of ten, Conservatives reply, “No.”

Within the conservative camp, there is the pervasive narrative that the political parties *never* switched. The camp calls it a myth; and in a previous lesson, I argued that no ideological shift happened; but clearly, the *voting bloc* did and for good reason.

A person need only study the historical context surrounding:

- The rise in progressivism among Black Americans
- The Lily White Movement among the Republican Party
- The Civil Rights Era of the 1960s (and how Democratic leaders supported some initiatives)

As I shared in the introduction, Black Americans are issue-based voters; and if a Party seeks not to address their political issues, Black voters will not vote for that party.

In recent decades, Democrats have marketed themselves as the party of the people. They are the party that will fight for the rights of the underclass. They have strategically positioned themselves to be political voices against the all-white Republican Party that pushed Black voters out during the 1900s.

To understand the current Black voting bloc, you need to see how Republicans

were equally complicit in alienating Black voters; and when you put in context the current GOP's low-IQ marketing tactics, it's no wonder Black Americans want nothing to do with conservative politics.

3. Know Issues Pertinent to Black Voters

Let's tackle the other area: knowing your constituents and what they want.

Recently, a GOP candidate successfully won his race by appealing directly to Black voters based on an issue Black women found important. According to South Florida Times,

GOP candidate Ron DeSantis received 14 percent of the black vote and 18 percent of the black female vote. Included in the article was a Wall Street Journal column by William Mattox: 'Believe it or not, Republican Ron DeSantis owes his victory in the Florida gubernatorial election to about 100,000 African-American women who unexpectedly chose him over the black Democrat candidate, Andrew Gillum ... in an election decided by fewer than 40,000 votes, these 100,000 black women proved decisive.' Mattox stated that two words explain DeSantis' surprising support from black women: school choice²⁴.

You see that, Beloved?

School choice was the issue pertinent to Black female voters; and I guarantee DeSantis did not come to that community, calling those women "slaves on a plantation." His efforts nearly aligned with #TheFifteen20 vision, because he

²⁴ Caldwell, R., Hanif, C., & McKee, C. (2019, December 12). New Super PAC spreads Conservative message to black Voters. Retrieved October 11, 2020, from <http://www.sfltimes.com/opinion/new-super-pac-spreads-conservative-message-to-black-voters>

addressed an issue of importance to this bloc.

(Now, imagine if the entire GOP did the same thing!)

When Conservatives present *viable solutions* to the people, the people respond favorably. As I shared in previous lessons, the idea is to create solutions *with* the people based on conservative principles. It is not to play identity politics alongside the Left. It's to treat Black voters as American citizens, who desire just as much equal protection under the law as any White Conservative.

4. Listen to Black Voters and What They Desire

Listening is a skill best learned in action.

Yet, it's also something most people refuse to do, especially among the conservative camp.

For years now, I've allowed Black voters to express their desires on my platform. I've cultivated Twitter Class so Conservatives could engage in healthy discussions that bridge the gap between their politics and Black voters.

And it wasn't until the end of 2019 when Conservatives finally understood that Black voters do not want "free stuff" (another talking point coming from the low-IQers in the base).

Listening to Black voters — without adding your two cents to the discussion every time — is a crucial element of effective outreach. Clearly, when DeSantis spoke with Black women in his area, he understood what they wanted: school choice.

So, what did he do? He ran on that conservative *principle* and garnered substantial support, which secured his victory.

I hope you see the pattern here, Beloved.

5. Develop Solutions with the People Based on Conservative Principles

Beloved, do not enter any Black political arena preaching anything *except* solutions.

Furthermore, do not approach the political discourse with the mindset that you know what's best for the people.

Again, when dealing with effective evangelism, your role is:

- to be present;
- to understand your constituents;
- to listen to their grievances;
- to have solution-focused ideas based on conservative principles;
- and to create solutions *with* the people so they exercise self-governance.

If you're a conservative candidate, you're not there to rule over the people.

No, you are a SERVANT to the people.

Therefore, you assume a lowly position among them.

You work for them.

They do not work for you.

And as you present yourself to be their representative, they will adamantly support you when you approach them from this standpoint.

6. Be Radical in Your Republicanism, Not More Liberal in Your Trumpism

Between 2016 and 2019, I observed as the conservative camp became more liberal in their philosophy rather than standing on our founding principles. I watched as we pushed the homosexual agenda from our mainstream platform; pro-choice from our platform; and bigger government from our platform, all in the name of “standing with Trump.”

And it disgusted me. Why? Certainly not because I hold ill-will towards anyone who values those agendas, but because those agendas already have a place on the Left. Traditional conservatism has its own standards for a reason; and pushing an agenda that violates our basic principles provides no place for traditional voters.

Within Black communities, we hold strong religious beliefs. We are deeply committed to God, our families, and the success of our nation. Therefore, pushing more liberalism on our conservative platform will not attract more Black voters.

- Attracting Black voters to conservative politics does not mean becoming like the opposing side.
- Attracting more voters means you become more radical in your Republicanism and the need to maintain the republic.

- Attracting more voters means you are willing to fight for the rights of American citizens, who have a long-standing history of political, economic, and social oppression in this country.
- Attracting more voters means you're willing to stand with people who have vastly different cultures and experiences in this country; it means taking off the colorblind glasses and recognizing reality for what it is.

You must become as the former Radical Republicans, who demanded the government protect the rights of all Americans, regardless of race or ethnicity. If you can do this, we will see more Black Americans (Conscious Black Conservatives, more specifically) aligning with conservative politics each election cycle.

7. Use Effective Communication Strategies for Outreach

Remember the last time you went to the store, and the manager called you a name? Remember how anxious you were to conduct business there, because you simply enjoyed being insulted?

No, that didn't work for you?

Neither does calling Black Americans "slaves on a political plantation" prove to be an effective method for reaching them.

It's simple, really.

If you want people to receive you and your message, you must be willing to present yourself in an attractive manner.

Your words have power.

And when you waste energy regurgitating talking points from conservative influencers (who do not speak to Black people, by the way!), you position yourself as the racist you hate to be called.

8. Message Effectively Via Social Media Movements

Quite often, Conservatives in my audience tell me they struggle to communicate with Black voters, because they don't want to be perceived as racist. Of course, the logical response is to simply not say racist things like "Black Americans are slaves."

But I understand why other Conservatives are apprehensive.

The solution to this dilemma is simple: Listen to the influencers who deliver teachings via social media that help you craft new messaging.

In a previous lesson, I taught you about the 3 political movements sweeping Twitter-Verse: Conscious Black Conservatism, Hotep Nation, and ADOS. Each movement is reaching Black Americans; and not a single one focuses on elementary talking points that only offend.

When in doubt, observe how such Black influencers interact with the people. Notice how we incorporate history and empowerment. See how we embed conservatism into the discourse. Then observe how Black audiences respond positively to the message.

9. Financially Support the Online Political Movements that Effectively Reach Black Voters

I can't emphasize this point enough, because too often, Conservatives give their resources to the most popular platforms that produce zero results.

When you observe movements that reach their target audience, support their work financially. When they launch events or sell books or host podcasts, give to their works because that is the only way the movements will last.

10. Ensure Your Principles Align with Your Practices and Politics

Finally, when it comes to conservative politics and Black outreach, voters are looking to see how you align your principles with your actions.

Do you really believe Black Americans deserve equal rights under the law? Or do you stand with your conservative punditry class, who support racist policies like "stop and frisk"?

Do you believe in your colorblind phenomenon, or do you often see color when it comes to crime statistics and corporal punishment?

Your principles, Beloved, must mean everything to you if you expect voters to support your politics.

The ADOS-BRO Initiative: A Conscious Conservative Response to the Reparations Topic

The highest level of intelligence is creativity and ingenuity.

Both traits are also characteristics of those whom society considers strange, weird, or eccentric.

Yet those who develop the habit of generating new ideas to solve current problems, these are the masters the world remembers.

I consider myself an intelligent person, not because I know a lot of knowledge, but because I understand how to apply that knowledge to manifest creative ideas that others are too afraid to mention.

For me, every good and perfect idea comes from the Holy Spirit. While many people refer to such inspiration as the “Universe,” I call Him by name and I teach my online members to do the same.

Developing unique ideas and solutions to the problems we encounter is essential to our growth within the general conservative movement. Yet too few people actually tap into their creative genius to discover how they can impact the world in which they live.

This lesson applies especially to the modern Black Conservative Movement and the individuals who comprise it.

In this next lesson, I want to teach about the power of presenting unique resolutions to the problems some Americans encounter in this country. More specifically, I want to discuss reparations and how Conservatives can develop more effective solutions based on the values we embrace.

If we learn to do things differently while presenting answers based on conservative values, we will revolutionize the Republican Party and see a dramatic increase in Black Americans voting Red.

Reparations: Since When Did This Become a Cuss Word among Republicans and Conservatives?

Say “reparations” to any die-hard Conservative, and you’d think you’ve conjured a demon of sorts.

The outrage from those who oppose it makes one wonder when did this topic become such a cuss word to Republicans and Conservatives.

It seems there’s no room for intellectual discourse surrounding this issue among the base; yet this was one topic Radical Republicans advocated immediately following the Civil War.

I’ve heard Black Conservatives make statements such as “reparations were never promised to Black people,” or “Black people received their freedom and that was good enough.” And again, I have to scratch my head and ask, “Are we that thirsty for the clicks, or do we genuinely not know our history?”

So, to address this deception, let me point you to a few resources. After all, I'm here to educate.

In an article written by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., he summarizes the history of reparations, revealing such initiative was a Black-inspired one²⁵. The discourse emerged from Black ministers and leaders. Black and White abolitionists — who were a part of the Radical Republican group — wanted the confiscated Southern land to be redistributed to the people who labored it for centuries (former slaves). This idea was radical; but when the bill was brought before President Andrew Johnson, a Democrat, he vetoed it.

Here's another resource to consider. Most Conservatives today speak of reparations as an evil topic; yet they say nothing about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who criticized White Americans for looking down upon Black people for expecting recompense for America's atrocities. In an interview²⁶, which was recorded less than a year before his assassination, King discussed how hypocritical it was for conservative and liberal Whites to believe Black people should pull themselves up by the bootstraps when such individuals didn't have boots to strap up!

Certainly, there are thousands of articles related to this issue; and until there is a viable, actionable resolution, this topic with NEVER die.

²⁵ Gates, H. L., Jr. (2013, September 18). The Truth Behind '40 Acres and a Mule'. Retrieved October 11, 2020, from <https://www.pbs.org/wnet/african-americans-many-rivers-to-cross/history/the-truth-behind-40-acres-and-a-mule/>

²⁶ MLK Talks 'New Phase' Of Civil Rights Struggle, 11 Months Before His Assassination | NBC News, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xsbt3a7K-8>

Watching to the Right Use the Race Card to Win the Reparations Debate is Pathetic and Hypocritical

The other day, I came across this article from Ben Shapiro's Daily Wire blog. The headline read, "Slavery Reparations are Immoral and Racist." Before I dive into the blatant hypocrisy of the post, let me state this:

Before President Trump, Conservatives prided themselves in not employing identity politics or the race card on their platform. We just didn't do that. So, to see so many Conservative influencers using such tactics is not only embarrassing but completely futile, especially when we say nothing about the racist lunatics on the Right.

Now, let's get into this mess Shapiro calls an article.

The writer, Ian Haworth, articulated his opinion about reparations for Black people, stating such endeavors were morally corrupt.

While these are all important questions, they become completely irrelevant when we analyze slavery reparations from a moral perspective. Even if these impossible questions were answered, and we were presented with a cogent and practical implementation strategy, the overarching moral truth would remain unchanged - slavery reparations are built upon the immoral and racist premise that some individuals are responsible for the crimes of other individuals based solely on a shared racial trait.

Individuals are responsible for crimes, even crimes as utterly abhorrent as slavery. To blame one individual for the crime of another solely because they share a skin color is, by definition, racist. This remains true regardless of how many years lie between the guilty and the innocent.

**Source: HAWORTH: Slavery Reparations are Immoral and Racist
(DailyWire.com)**

Let me break his premise down further:

- Even if there was a viable, practical strategy for implementing reparations, according to Haworth, such a thing is racist and immoral.
- Even if Americans were able to answer all the questions related to reparations, according to Haworth, such a thing is racist and immoral.

I never thought in all my years of being Conservative I would create such content openly criticizing the base I've grown to love. But it seems unless we check ourselves at the door, we can expect to lose in the political and culture fight for conservatism.

After reading Haworth's irrational and immoral post, I did some research on this issue. More specifically, I wanted to know about German reparations to

the Jews and whether such payments ceased.

To my surprise, not only have survivors received ongoing reparations, but Germany has agreed to *increase* their restitution.

How ironic that the same writer (and Shapiro, for that matter) considers reparations for Black people “immoral and racist;” but Shapiro’s own people are still collecting checks today from a country that is not oppressing the Jews right now!

Let’s take a look at the receipts.

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What the popularity of 'Shtisel' tells us about Judaism's non-Orthodox majority

By DANIEL TREIMAN

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To Conservatives, Reparations is Only Immoral and Racist When It Applies to Black People...But Not to the Jews

Using the same logic as Haworth, the generations of Germans following the Holocaust ARE paying for the sins of their fathers today.

After all, it's 2019. Why is the German government still allocating funds to these survivors if, by the logic of Ben Shapiro's Daily Wire blog, such behavior is immoral and racist?

Isn't it racist to force one ethnic group (the Germans) to pay another ethnic group (the Jews) for something that happened in the past? Or is that too deep for Shapiro and his writers?

For the most part, Conservatives focus on slavery as the only reason reparations advocates fight for the cause. What the base fails to comprehend is Black advocates are pointing to a period in which "Black" became associated with inferiority; when "Black" equaled slavery; when codes and laws were sanctioned by the government to oppress a SPECIFIC group on the basis of race. These laws didn't cease in 1865 at the end of the War.

In fact, such laws took on new names and new forms; but the racist ideology and the system established to enforce it remained.

(Study the history of black codes, the criminal justice system, the private prison industry, segregated schools and unequal education, lynchings, etc.)

What Black reparations advocates contend is the LEGACY produced by slavery has significantly prevented a major segment in America from experiencing true freedom in a free country. (And if you still don't believe me,

fellow Conservative, go back and watch Dr. King's interview on this issue. He uses the same rhetoric of "slavery's legacy.")

For this cause, because the American government sanctioned such atrocities (which were funded by tax dollars, by the way), it stands to reason the U.S. government (just like Germany) should be held liable for their crimes against Black Americans.

Mainstream Black Conservatives are Immoral and Racist...How 'bout That!

I figure since Conservatives have decided to use the "racist card" and identity politics during the Trump Era, why not play along.

- I think it's immoral and racist for Conservatives to prop up Black people who preach a message that directly attacks other citizens on the basis of color (other Black people).
- I think it's immoral and racist for Conservatives to expect Black Conservatives to think a certain way and not deviate from that narrative.
- I think it's immoral and racist for Conservatives to reward and promote uneducated Black Conservatives who have yet to read a history book written by any Black intellectual (except Thomas Sowell, their Black Conservative lord and savior).
- I think it's immoral and racist for Black Conservatives to call an issue of importance to Black people "stupid" and unimportant. If the base is permitted to honor, love, and cherish one ethnic group (i.e. Jews and Israel) while despising another group on the basis of race (i.e. Black people), then I find such ideas appalling.

Now, if you're Conservative and you read the above remarks, I'm sure you've been triggered, and I'm glad for it. (I like to push the envelop with my teachings.) I'm sure you disagree with everything I mentioned, and will figure out a way to come up with 280 characters to Tweet your disdain for those remarks.

But I made those outlandish remarks to show you how ludicrous we look.

Calling reparations immoral displays lower-level intellect when the very premise of reparations is *to right an immoral wrong* done by a government. Neither is reparations racist. It's a *direct response to the racism* instituted through various systems within this country.

But I understand why such analysis might be too deep for my Beloved Conservative base.

I get it.

We don't want to accept that notion. Why? Because we might find ourselves *agreeing* with the people we say are on the wrong side of history. We're worried if we say, "Yeah, I think reparations should be discussed," then someone is going to call us a liberal and snowflake. (Insert my infamous eye-rolling.)

Truthfully, I don't believe today's mainstream Black Conservatives actually hate Black people. I don't know for certain. I could be wrong. Maybe they have a Black complex. Maybe they don't.

But it seems the only way to get the base out of the controlling narrative is to make statements that force them to think differently. If we think it's OK to call a topic racist simply because it doesn't appeal to us, then we deserve every name the Left and Liberals call us.

#DemsMustPay: The Hotep Jesus Reparations Initiative

I love creative, critical thinkers. They are the ones shaping culture via the virtual space.

One of my go-to influencers in this conservative space is Hotep Jesus. You may recall I mentioned him and his Hotep team as the leaders of Hotep Nation.

Back in 2018, I noticed a divide within the overall Black Conservative Movement. We had those who appealed strongly to Right-wing mainstream audiences and many others who saw another route for reaching Black voters. (Hence, why I launched The Conscious Black Conservative Movement.)

As I became more vocal in my views regarding our lame and futile attempts to reach Black voters, I caught the attention of other Black Conservatives who felt the same way.

Enter Hotep Jesus, whose views regarding race and politics are based on principles rather than politics. Like Tree of Logic, Sonnie Johnson, and myself, he can speak on the Right and Left because we focus on morality rather than MSM talking points.

A while ago, Hotep Jesus created a new hashtag called #DemsMustPay, and let me tell you: I absolutely love it!

I love it, not because I completely agree with it, but more importantly because it's *creative*. It's an innovative counter-argument, and it shuts down the typical, regurgitated talking points that the base has used for decades.

Conservatives: Present Solutions Based on Our Values, Not Our Politics

I've asked myself repeatedly why the base pushes narratives that do not appeal to Black voters; yet the base is so thirsty for more Black votes, which I suppose it should be, especially over the next two decades.

What I've come to understand is Conservatives (in general) fear losing. They fear losing their place in the political power structure. They don't simply fear liberalism. They fear losing the Old Guard. They believe the best way to maintain the power structure is to use the same rhetoric from decades ago that helped them win.

But as I shared in a recent lesson, the tide is shifting. Conservatives can no longer afford to ignore the power of the Black vote. And the best way to garner more political support from a growing population is to demonstrate how our values empower communities; we must develop practical solutions to the issues that matter to such communities.

As I teach my audience: Don't rely on the talking points to persuade people to vote Red. Rely on the creative ideas that help us deliver solutions WITH the people, solutions based on conservative values.

Beloved Conscious Conservatives, we don't have to fear certain issues Black people want to address. (And reparations isn't something all Black people want, but such faces are the brand of the movement). We don't have to rely on the same arguments, calling reparations immoral, stupid, and racist.

We are ABOVE that! We are the Party of the Radical Republicans, right? We are the Party that tackled racial injustices, right? We are the platform that embraces free thinking and deep discussions, right? We are the platform that wants to welcome more Black voters, right?

If so, then let the discussion be had; and if you don't have anything creative to add to the topic, sit back, watch, and listen. You might actually learn something.

The ADOS-BRO Initiative: This Conservative's Resolution to the Reparations Issue

A few months ago, I did a LIVE video on Facebook, talking about reparations and how Conservatives can dominate the discourse. Back in April 2019, I told the base, "Be prepared to witness some of the most sophisticated arguments made in favor of reparations." But the base mocked my warning, which was typical.

Fast forward to June 2019, we witnessed Congressional hearings around the topic, validating my warning. And because Conservatives mocked reparations, they had no substance for engaging in this political discussion.

In other words, Conservatives still could not articulate new ideas surrounding it, thereby leaving this topic to the Left.

So, one day, I decided to practice what I preached. I began analyzing the core values we have as Conservatives:

- Economic independence
- Entrepreneurship
- Small businesses
- Personal responsibility
- Hand-ups, not hand-outs

Because reparations focuses on economic empowerment, I drew upon our values related to economic conservatism, i.e. pro-capitalism.

From those values, I thought about how we could create a comprehensive program that addressed economic disparities many Black people argue remain a prominent issue in our country.

I called this initiative *The American Descendants of Slavery Business Reparations Opportunities (ADOS-BRO)*.

The basic premise is this:

Just as the federal government provides every American citizen the opportunity to attend college via *guaranteed* student loans, the federal government can create a program that guarantees low-interest business loans and/or grants to Black entrepreneurs.

One of the major challenges for Black entrepreneurs is accessing capital to scale their businesses so they build generational wealth.

In order to qualify for such loans or grants:

- A person must be an ADOS (similar to how a person must prove her naturalization).
- The ADOS must demonstrate her business's usefulness to the market by bootstrapping the venture for the first two years (similar to how students must prove competency before entering college).
- The ADOS must submit documents validating her business's product or service via testimonials and case studies (similar to how students must submit high school diplomas before entering college).
- The ADOS will then be granted the guaranteed loan and/or grant based on a set amount allocated to each ADOS (similar to how students are guaranteed \$175,000 for college debt).

- The ADOS will then be required to repay the business loan so the program is available to the next generation of ADOS (similar to how graduates are required to pay back the student loans).

In order to start such endeavors, the businesses and corporations that profited from slavery, Jim Crow, and modern racism must allocate a portion of their profits to the program. From there, ADOS participants will help maintain the program as they make affordable, monthly repayments.

And just like that:

- Reparations acknowledges the wrong done to Black American citizens.
- Reparations forces the culprits to pay for it (and not the entire country of taxpayers).
- Reparations is no longer “immoral and racist.”
- Reparations is nobody’s handout.
- Reparations is an aggressive, Radical Republican initiative that even the low-IQ Democrats couldn’t enforce.
- Reparations remains a part of the Republican legacy of fighting for full equality and economic empowerment for Black people, since 1860 and beyond.

See how I did that, Beloved Conservative? I took an issue Black people want to address and I presented a *conservative* answer.

This is just ONE of several reparations solutions, and I didn’t have to compromise my values as a Conservative to develop this resolution. Not only is this solution plausible, but it’s empowering. In fact, other historically-disenfranchised groups could replicate this program and prosper.

If I knew I could apply for guaranteed federal aid to help scale my business,

those resources would help me impact millions more! This is the same story for thousands of Black entrepreneurs who practice capitalism, but need just one investment to take them to the next level.

Now, I'm giving this idea to the Conservative base.

But guess what? If the base doesn't grasp onto something like this, then expect Black intellectuals like myself to hand it over to political leaders who are eager to hear this and to act.

And to the Party that is willing to be radical with its solutions, Black Americans will show their allegiance.

Beloved Conservatives: Embrace Creativity and be Confident in Sharing New Ideas

The educator in me will always use my platform to empower and inspire people to be great. It's who I am and it will always be my legacy.

And one of the lessons I want to leave you with is this: Tap into your creative genius. Start developing unique solutions that help people overcome their challenges. If you know conservative values are empowering, don't shut people down with talking points that never originated from your own mind or your time spent with the Holy Spirit.

You have a mind of your own, a strong mind at that. You don't need media (Right-wing media at that!) to tell you how to think or how to feel about people in the general public.

Become a life-long learner. Study human behavior. Build relationships.

Cultivate friendships. Seek commonality with those whom you disagree. Display your intelligence. Know the Holy Spirit and your place in this world.

If we intend to see revival and reformation in our homes and communities, we must be willing to do things differently. We must be willing to push the envelop, break traditional “outreach” rules, and challenge each other to go deeper. As I shared in a previous lesson, the best method for spreading the conservative message is by sharing your story, your truth.

In my case, I am pro-reparations, not because I want to stir up the racial divide, but because I am aware of Black history; and I’ve developed a strategy that will work, a reparations solution based on conservative values. I’m not ashamed of that idea either.

But you may have another issue you want to address, whether it be the pro-life movement or school choice. Whatever it is, challenge yourself to dig deeper than the typical talking points.

Be imaginative, and discuss new conservative ideas that persuade people to change.

Trump's Legacy and What It Did for Radical Republican Outreach

"Five percent of the black male vote is worth way more on the electoral map than the entire fringe white supremacist vote, but they failed to grasp that. [Trump] could've coasted to victory, COVID and all."

- Travis D. Hughes, Founder of Hughes Investment Partners²⁷

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Launching Twitter Class in 2019 proved to be the best decision I made since starting my political activism. When done correctly, Twitter provides a wealth of qualitative data regarding Black voters, economic conservatism, and effective Black Outreach.

Since launching it, my Class has connected with #BlackWealthTwitter, which comprises a significant portion of Black men who are dominating economically. As I teach Beloveds, the stories we see happening, even on social media, give us a glimpse into the the collective spaces within American society.

²⁷ Twitter Class, <https://twitter.com/TravisDHughes/status/1314207198822559749>

No space has been more compelling to me than the small percentage of Black male voters who despise both political parties; yet they find themselves attracted to President Trump's economic prowess.

Back in 2016, Trump secured 13% of Black male votes. If you listen to their stories and understand their social and economic perspective, you will see why.²⁸

This segment within the Black male space is not worried about the Big Bad Racist White Man. Trump poses no threat to them, because they know how to handle "racist" men.

These Black men are strapped. They are educated. They are working-class men and business men. They are strong pillars in their communities. They are husbands and fathers.

Some have hard stories that may include former imprisonment. They may have had fathers who were absent in the home and in their lives.

But this segment of Black men do not reflect, in any fashion, the stereotypical images that Black Republicans push on their conservative platforms today. These Black men — who do not like Joe Biden's former policies and Kamala Harris' prosecutorial past — have pulled greatness out of tragedy.

They have launched thriving businesses, even dominating the real estate and technology sectors.

They are active in their children's lives, a point I cannot emphasize enough!

²⁸ Jonsson, P. (2016, December 05). Among black men, a spark of support for Donald Trump. Retrieved October 08, 2020, from <https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2016/1205/Among-black-men-a-spark-of-support-for-Donald-Trump>

And they are launching movements that redefine healthy romantic relationships.

This brand of Black men reject the victim mentality. But they aren't so gullible as to trust the Republican Party, which still calls them "slaves on a plantation." They aren't so trusting of the political machines, and with good reason.

These Black men can articulate their disdain for democratic socialism. At the same time, they can tell you why forced integration resulted in the Black community's economic downfall.

These Black men have history on their side; and they know how to pull from the great thinkers of the past to inform their future.

These Black men will tell you the truth with no care in the world how you handle it.

And for this reason, they find an "ally" with a leader like President Trump.

I know this, because I studied this group's interaction on Twitter. I engaged in conversations with some of them, including men like my father (Apostle Henry Killings), who voted for Trump in 2016 and will do so again in 2020.

I know these men because they are everywhere in our Conscious Conservative space. They may never call themselves Conservative. They may never call themselves "Conscious," but they are present.

This brand of Black men is reflected in Twitter, men like:

- Hotep Jesus
- Mr. Yancy
- Uncle Hotep
- Travis D. Hughes

- Doe Doobs
- Jeff Charles
- Roderick Threats
- James Cheef
- Maj Toure
- Solomon Graham
- Corey Frazier
- Xavier Miller
- Julian Acciard
- And many others

These men LOVE freedom. They love equality. They love economics. And they love their women and children. These men are PRESENT in their communities.

And shall I repeat for the people in the back, they are ACTIVE in their children's lives!

They are a different breed within the general Black population, yet incredibly significant to the preservation of authentic conservatism. While Democrat leaders seek to kill the "patriarchy," these Black men embrace their leadership potential while matching their essence with economic power.

In their eyes, Democrats and Republicans fail to deliver effective policies that protect these freedoms. And for this reason, it's impossible to ascertain their political affiliation.

I argue, this is the best political strategy for Black Americans, because it requires candidates to compete politically for their vote.

And because this brand of Black men is dominating the economic spaces, they are "cashing up" political chips that will prove most empowering in the

near future.

I often teach Beloveds in Twitter Class, qualitative data is most important when analyzing political happenings. These quantitative data (i.e. statistics) simply reinforce what the qualitative content (like stories) profess. For example, a community's story sheds more light on numerical findings. When we read about 90% of Black Americans voting Democrat, we need only study qualitative data (their stories and history) to understand why.

If the quantitative data do not align with the qualitative research, then the reports being preached to us are false. Both data types must align in order to see an accurate assessment of a given population.

The qualitative data surrounding this brand of Black men suggest Republicans must do more to court this voting bloc right now, which came out strongly for Trump's brand of Republicanism in 2016.

Trump's Legacy

Let's address the elephant in the room.

Back in 2018, I warned Christian Conservatives about our growing idolatry regarding Trump and the MAGA movement. As a member of the Evangelical space, I know all too well how our prophets condition us to see every Republican leader as the "Chosen One" of God. It's nothing for us to mix our religion with our politics. So, when I said, "YahWeh is commissioning us to do things a better way so we get better results," they wanted none of that. They wanted me to prophesy another great victory for Donald J. Trump in 2020.

But I'm not a politician's prophet.

I represent the Kingdom of God. I deliver the Holy Spirit's message, and He never lies. When He says something is about to happen, expect it.

I then urged Christian Conservatives to consider how Trump's legacy would reflect King Nebuchadnezzar's story found in Daniel 4 if Trump didn't pivot. As I often teach, spiritual laws cannot be re-written; and when pride is praised among the people, a fall is sure to come. (I will teach more of this lesson in *Teach My Child to Play Chess*.)

Again, these are spiritual laws that cannot be altered.

Needless to say, for two years we watched this prophetic message manifest. Trump's decline can be traced directly to his handling of the plague; his inability to lead by example; and his arrogance regarding the economy. ("I made America great again" is a similar sentiment King Nebuchadnezzar proclaimed in Daniel 4.)

No matter how hard folks try to defend Trump's actions, spiritual laws are ALWAYS in effect. If we abuse them, they will abuse us. If we use them positively for the service of God and man, the Laws will favor us.

Many Americans will equate Trump's political downfall to his personal "racism," his strong support for the police during a time of increased violence, and his outlandish tweets. (Lord, I wish his Camp took away his phone!) Add to it his brash nature towards women, and you have a recipe for disaster.

In Twitter Class, I never hesitated to express my disdain for some of Trump's actions such as banning "Diversity Training" at the federal level, enforcing "Patriot History" in its place, and penalizing companies who want to add "race-based" training to their organizations²⁹.

²⁹ Twitter Class, <https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/1308539918075883523>

Such actions are an affront to conservatism, because in the battlefield of ideas, we don't suppress knowledge.

We compete. We dominate. And we give people options.

Yet, with all the trash Trump dumped in our lap, I always highlighted his desire for effective Black Outreach. I always acknowledged this fundamental turning point within Black Republican History. And I made no secret of it to my widely diverse audience.

Now, did Trump perform Black Outreach well? Certainly not! And if you followed my Twitter Class, you know why this is so.

His Camp had no solid plans for strategic Black Outreach. They relied on Candace "Trained Chimpanzees" Owens to reach Black voters. They brought Larry "Low-Budget" Elder to their Administration to sit on the Commission for Black Men and Boys. Both pundits pushed hateful rhetoric on their conservative platform. And they readily promoted lies about Black men, especially against those killed by the police.

Trump's Camp failed at the PLANNING and EXECUTION of Black Outreach, because they only had old Republican strategies to work with. A new plan, based on better promises, would have dramatically increased Trump's support among Black voters. A better plan, which a couple other voices and I delivered via Twitter, would have changed the game.

This plan would have easily translated to ACTUAL Black votes.

But the Trump Camp made another choice, the wrong choice.

As such, they failed at effective Black Outreach.

Yet we cannot deny Trump's public *desire* for more Black support; and for

this reason, I give him credit.

In the last 40+ years, no Republican President has made significant efforts to address Black Americans and their needs. And no Republican candidate in that time frame has garnered the attention of Black male voters in the way Trump has.

Both the quantitative and qualitative data types validate this assertion.

Had the Trump Camp applied the communication strategies presented to it via Twitter Class (because their Black Advisors follow my account), the 2020 Election would have overwhelmingly been in Trump's favor.

Radical Republican Outreach and The Platinum Plan

When it comes to the general conservative movement, my focus is Black Outreach. As I observed the base's blatant disrespect for Black Voters, I rejected them entirely and focused squarely on Conscious Black Conservatism.

In that time, I never expected our Movement to grow as quickly as it did.

Add to it, I never expected our Movement to capture the Trump Camp's attention.

For months during the 2020 year, Sonnie Johnson and I pushed the need for a Republican Agenda that specifically targeted Black people in their districts.

Folks mocked us. They scorned us. They called us "segregationists," among other names.

But the Trump Camp listened to this specific demand. Not only did they

listen, but they prepared themselves to deliver a punch that would break Republican traditions.

For months, the Black Advisors worked on plans to push a message and agenda that focused on Black Economics and Black Empowerment. I was first made aware of it months before its launch. But I had to wait until their actual launch before I could speak of it publicly.

It wasn't until September 2020 that Americans learned of Trump's aggressive Black Agenda — the historic Platinum Plan — and he successfully launched it in Atlanta, GA, the Mecca of Black Excellence.

This aggressive, unapologetically Black Agenda spoke of strong economics and criminal justice reform; and when I observed this historic moment, I celebrated this occasion for days in Twitter Class.

THE PLATINUM PLAN

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PILLARS:

- ✓ **OPPORTUNITY** - By achieving historic employment levels for Black Americans, as well as increasing access to capital for new businesses, President Trump has been committed to ensuring all Black Americans can achieve the American Dream
- ✓ **SECURITY** - By signing into law the celebrated First Step Act, President Trump has brought common sense criminal justice reform to the American people for the first time in decades, while ensuring that our streets and communities are safe for families and business owners
- ✓ **PROSPERITY** - As the first President to provide long-term funding to Historically Black Colleges and Universities, this Administration continues to seek immediate and generational advancement for Black Americans
- ✓ **FAIRNESS** - As demonstrated through his actions to initiate investment into Opportunity Zones, as well as address health disparities, wage gaps and necessary education reforms, President Trump works every day to advance a fair and just America for the Black Community



I want to emphasize an important point again: In the last 40+ years, Republicans have deliberately abandoned and rejected Black Americans. In their efforts to appeal to Lily White Republicans, they tossed aside their founding supporters and leaders: Black Americans.

And while Black Conservatives like Sonnie Johnson preached the need for Republicans to court this voting bloc once again, nothing was done about it ...

... until Donald J. Trump arrived.

In Twitter Class, the Platinum Plan received mixed reviews.

- Conscious Black Conservatives like myself were impressed and excited.
- Conscious Conservatives were ready for more.
- Colorblind Conservatives were confused and angry.
- Black MAGA was silent!
- Black Conservative Candidates, especially the ones who said they couldn't deliver a Black Agenda, were embarrassed.
- And Blexit never touched it, especially after dragging Black Americans

for so long.

At that moment, we witnessed Black Republican History in the making. And I made sure to remind Beloveds of this in Twitter Class.

Because of our constant teachings, our willingness to empower Black Americans via conservatism, and our devotion to educating the Conservative Base, Conscious (or Principled) Black Conservatives won a Republican Black Agenda.

An agenda brought forth by the Trump Camp.

But what could have been the start of something truly dynamic, the Trump Camp failed to follow through on the Plan's promotion.

For weeks, we barely heard about the Platinum Plan on social media or other outlets. Black Americans in our audiences saw this move as a pandering moment. And the fire Sonnie and I once brought to Trump's Black Camp was reignited.

Had they followed through entirely, the Platinum Plan would have revolutionized and reformed the Republican Party.

And guess who would have been credited with this historic moment: "Big Bad Racist Trump."

The Platinum Plan was tangible arsenal to use against the Left's racist narrative. It was a powerful tool in the hands of Black Americans who could leverage it as political capital in this fight. It was the turning point within Republican History that could have reminded Conservatives of the GOP's roots in Radical Republicanism.

Unfortunately, Trump's Camp dropped the ball.

At best, Trump's legacy within Black Republican History is best remembered for the way Conservatives can employ Radical Republicanism in the near future.

Without this fire, the Republican Party will never flourish again.

Both the qualitative and quantitative data support this assertion.

The Fifteen 20 is the Rise of Black Male Voters Dominating the GOP

This book's journey was a two-year process.

I first launched this research back in October 2018, documenting as best as possible the shift in Black Conservative politics. I readily recorded daily happenings in Twitter Class so Beloveds could observe these transitions in real time.

I wanted to prove that when we do things Yah's way, we always get His results.

I set out to create an empowering resource that taught Conscious Conservatives (and our adjacent Conservative cousins) how to reach more Black voters with our God-focused message. I wanted us to return to our core, spiritual values.

I purposed to bring Beloveds concrete examples and easy-to-implement strategies that would work. And I've proven the quality of this research and the strategies' effectiveness in Twitter Class.

Today, because of this teaching, the Conscious Conservative Movement has

reached millions of people on Twitter, and we are still growing.

This content reached the heights of Washington D.C. Beloveds watched at two women — Sonnie Johnson and myself — publicly demanded a Republican Black Agenda, and we got the Plan from the highest seat of power.

While we were vastly disappointed with the Trump Camp's handling of this "Golden Ticket," I am confident this moment in history will do wonders for us in the near future.

If a dozen voices could accomplish this much at this level, imagine what millions of Conscious Conservatives could accomplish at the local level nationwide.

And if we will put into practice the formula (review chapter 13) developed for effective Black Outreach, we will see a shift in American politics that fully embraces Conscious Conservatism.

While Black women have played a pivotal role in shocking Conservatives out of their deep slumber, Black men will be key leaders in administering conscious conservatism, both locally and nationally.

Trust me, Beloved. This is the better way.

Still not sure?

Then ask yourself, "Has Felecia been wrong in her prophetic messages and concrete strategies?"

If I haven't steered you wrong in these past years, then believe me when I say Black men will be influential in preserving authentic conservatism, right now and in the future.

So, my advice to you is:

- Give them the platform.
- Give them the microphone.
- Support their leadership.
- As they grow and flourish in this conservative space, others will emulate.

My assessment does not discredit the profound work Black women contribute to our nation and American politics. We Black women know our essence and we walk intentionally in our purpose.

But in order to witness a dramatic shift within the Republican Party, Conservatives MUST embrace Black male leadership among those who have a conscious conservative *mindset*.

That means no more elevating Black *faces*.

Just Black *voices*.

And if you will trust their leadership, you will witness a tremendous revival in American politics, locally and nationally.

This is the essence of *The Fifteen 20 Rise* message. As more evangelism happens among this brand of Black men, you will see 15-20% of them voting for conscious conservative politics. You will see more Black voices represented on this Republican platform. As this percentage increases, we will see a balance of political power that directly empowers Black communities nationwide.

The Movement is here. It's not going away. We are committed to its manifestation for the next 100 years.

And if you want to preserve the Republic and all its vast riches, then you must

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learn to do things a better way.

Beloved, *The Fifteen 20 Rise* is that better way.



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