

Memoir from the Author, To the Young Ambitious Black Man

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When you are a young ambitious black man, you tend to be feared by your surroundings. All eyes are on you without you knowing it. You are the center of attention without trying to be. Your silence is skeptical and your expressiveness is a threat. You can never win in this environment, because the ones who do these things are the ones who usually hold a higher ranking position than you, not in context of the human soul, but within the confines of a paycheck. They are your boss and often times your boss' boss and even still your boss' boss' boss, and further still your boss' boss' boss' boss.

Life is not fair for the young ambitious black man. Everyone wants a piece of him, perhaps psychologically in a sexual sense. They desire to rip him apart and find his weakness. Subconsciously, they hang onto him because they are attracted to his strength; they are attracted to his defiance to what is inhumane, unjust and hypocritical. On every corner the young ambitious black man is attacked. His society dictates him to be opposite from his creation. He who is created in the image of God is demonized and ostracized. His desire to stay happy, despite his many attacks, brings on more fury from those who are angry that he has yet to submit to their liking. The greatness within him, made up of the African Diaspora, inspiration from civil rights martyrs, and the consciousness of God's protective spirit gives him the will to pursue his dream daily. He must manifest himself in the vision that God has given him, for outside of that vision is a world built on chaos, misery and self-defeat.

The world will always fear a young ambitious black man. With the one life that we were given, how do we fulfill our purpose peacefully? Should we sell our souls as metamorphic serpents and become kin with the vipers who persecute us? Or should we simply look forward to death? This would be spitting in the divine face of our creator, which is worse than death. We must live in this world, even if some do not appreciate our talents. Like many before us, and like our savior Jesus Christ, we must regard ourselves as a precious light for the rest of the world.

Should we remain steadfast in believing and actively pursuing our destiny, we will become numb to the hateful attacks around us. Mentally we will escape this dreadful world. Our mind is already with our destiny and it will navigate our actions. On all levels of consciousness we will surpass those who are against us. Our faith, perseverance and action will make the days go by faster and with a blink of an eye we will live in our destiny. We will be out of the grasp of those who pursue and persecute us.

We are free to be ambitious. We are free to stay true to ourselves. We are free to not succumb to cruelty, injustice and hypocrisy. God's love for the world was met with his wounded and bloody son. We are his heirs. He died a horrible and fatal death so that we could live in righteousness and truth, meaning we must live as who we are. Those that desire to crush the young and ambitious black man will start to applaud him. They will testify to his spirit and their unsuccessful attempts to cripple his ambition. They will confess to the profound meaning that his presence brought. They will apologize for

their negative statements and will become advocates for the values he aims to share with the world. The young ambitious black man will remember these days as the lynchpin to knowing himself. He will understand that the sharp contrast to those who tried stifling him versus his own was a mirror for him to face himself and to see God within him. He was created unique and his experience would one day bring insight to others like him.

To the young ambitious black man, hold on and do not give up. The end to the nightmare is near. Keep your focus on the light between your eyes. Use your mental muscles to imagine the world that your spirit visits and is now ready to lead you into. Let everyday be steps towards your destiny, as it is your home. It is in your interest to perfect everything that you do. It only makes you stronger and makes you achieve your destiny faster. You will begin to execute decisions in your life with confidence and your judgements will be clear. The path to your destiny is lit by God. No man, woman, child, serpent, demon, or angel will stand in your way. God will sweep away any harm that would interfere with you reaching your home. It is he who made you for that desired purpose so he will make you live it. You must believe and you must trust in what you believe in. You must trust that it must be fulfilled. Your thoughts must be focused on your destiny and on nothing else. Your thoughts must be focused on your destiny and on nothing else. Your actions must be steps towards your home and nothing else. Your actions must be steps towards your home and nothing else. All that you do must be done with the higher conscious-self and with the wisdom from God.