

Peace in America

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The world will never see such another site in history, where the entertainment industry came out in *A-List* style to party with President Obama and celebrate his historic victory for being the First African American President and re-elected African American President of the United States of America. Stars included, power duo Jay-Z and Beyoncé, who sang the *Star Spangled Banner* at the Presidential Inauguration, Alicia Keys, Jamie Foxx, Kelly Clarkson, Katy Perry, Lady Gaga, Usher, etc. At the Inaugural Ball, Jennifer Hudson dazzled, amazed and wooed the President and First Lady with her powerful voice, singing Al Green's *Lets Stay Together*. The First Lady, who sported a new haircut in bangs, was a stark reminder of pure class. Mrs. Obama embodied a classic elegance in Thom Browne's navy-silk checkered-pattered dress and coat, and exuded a delicate confidence in Jason Wu's fire red, empire waist sleeveless gown at the ball. Coincidentally, the President's Inauguration speech was scheduled on MLK Holiday, as if to suggest that the prophecy of Dr. King's *I have a dream* speech is fulfilled.

Quite the contrast from America's negative perpetuation of black image in the media, being that of the absent incarcerated black father and the crack-out uneducated angry black single mother, the Commander in Chief, his lovely wife and poised daughters have utilized their mere presence to enlightened the social consciousness of blackness in America. There lives are a testimony that everyone deserves a fair shot at liberty. Americans of all creeds can use Obama's presidential victory as a guide to conjecture their own capabilities. No man is greater than the next. Our constitution dictates that "we hold these truths to be self-evident, that all

men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The GOP considers Obama’s speech as a Libertarian Argument that disavows the nation’s economic meltdown. However, the speech is a Communitarian Argument that talks of innovative measures to strengthen our economy. Obama calls on GOP legislators to shift from their absolutism ideology and consider what is necessary for modernity, “we must harness new ideas and technology to remake our government, revamp our tax code, reform our schools, and empower our citizens with the skills they need to work harder, learn more, and reach higher.” No longer should Americans be motivated by selfish economic greed, the collapse of New York’s legendary Wall Street is indicative of that. A decade of war has ended. The time for peace is now. Let us never forget the brave soldiers who paid their lives just so we could inherit peace of mind. We are indebted to their brevity and we must honor them by living peacefully amongst ourselves. By being “a source of hope to the poor, the sick, the marginalized, and the victims of prejudice” (Obama, 2013) we spread global peace. We do this by accepting the divine principle that all men are created equal. We owe it to ourselves and to the future to enact this as the golden rule of life.

“Our journey is not complete until our wives, our mothers, and daughter can earn a living equal to their efforts. Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law – for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well. Our journey is not complete until no citizen is forced to wait for hours to exercise the right to vote. Our journey is not complete until we find a better way to welcome the striving, hopeful immigrants who still see America as a land of opportunity; until bright young students and engineers are enlisted in our workforce rather than expelled from our country. Our journey is not complete until all our children, from the streets of Detroit to the hills of Appalachia to the quiet lanes of Newtown, know that they are cared for, and cherished, and always safe from harm.” (Obama, 2013)

Dr. King preaches that “our individual freedom is inextricably bound to the freedom of every soul on Earth.” We have a duty to American civilization. We must correct social injustice by working hand-in-hand to make the American dream a reality for every American.

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