



High Priest Ptah Ra: Musings



Given the amount of writing that I have done recently in preparation for the events that I have participated in I have decided not to write a column for this issue. Instead, I will share with you some responses that I have issued to articles that I received. The first is a posting from a social network group that thought worthy of an answer, and the second is an essay written by Mr. Bernie Hayes, a prominent local St. Louis radio and television personality, a long time activist for the black community and a friend of mine.

The social network commentary was written by a Mr. Trace Evans and is titled 'In Defense of the White Man'.

In Defense of the White Man

I know I'm bound to get some flack for this but I feel someone has to say it. 1st off, I'm half white. My father is German and my mother Vietnamese. Both were born in their mother countries. I was born in Naha Okinawa. Being of 2 old world families from different cultures

altogether, my learning and the perspectives taught to me were broad. I have friends from many cultures and ethnic backgrounds as well as religions. I have for many years heard the woes and complaints against the white man for other's troubles. I understand and have compassion for those who have been wronged. My mother too lost her own country. My grandfather on my father's side was in a Russian "Reeducation Camp" and was down to less than 90 lbs. when he escaped, even though he was taller than 6 ft. On my mother's side, the family was to high ranking to be executed by the communists. They too were put in "Reeducation Camps". I had a cousin who came to live with us. We had a mouse problem and when one of the traps sprang, he asked my dad if he could eat it since he found it in the trap. One of my uncles came to live w/ my parents after the Communist Party released him from one of their prisons. He would always eat the spoiled food because that is what he is used to. I tell you this only to give you a history that I understand human suffering at the hands of others. This has been detailed to me since a small child. I point this out in my defense before anyone lashes out that I am a racist or elitist. I wish you to set your emotion aside for a moment and dissect what is being written here.

For a long time now, we have heard or even expressed the woes against the white man. I find this quite sad really. So many of us hang on to a past that isn't even our own personal one and it keeps us from moving forward. It is true that the white man once had more rights than anyone. In trying to rectify this, he has become the person with the least rights. There are clubs,

schools, scholarships and countless government grants and programs aimed at everyone except the white man. One can argue that the white man has kept others ignorant, yet many programs are aimed to help those who wish to educate themselves. That means the ignorant are ignorant because they choose to be. These programs, specifically aimed at this group or that one has no parallel for white men. White women have a few. If one existed for white men specifically, it would be considered racist or sexist or both. Yet I don't see anyone calling any fund or private school or any other such thing designed around one race or religion that isn't white, prejudiced. There are screams of hatred for past wrongs that were not committed by today's children. People use this as a crutch. They blame others so they don't have to face their own inadequacies.

My Response

All experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

—Thomas Jefferson.

Sir, there are five (5) things in your brief essay that I would like to take issue with. First let me give you a little background about myself. I am an African man, born in and living in America. I am to a great extent American educated but with a solid grounding in my African heritage and traditions, and a good understanding of some of the things that are wrong with American society.

You stated that *"It is true that*

the white man once had more rights than anyone. In trying to rectify this, he has become the person with the least rights." The white man has no more or less rights than any other ethnic or racial group in this country or the world. What he has is the power to circumvent the achievement of the rights that other ethnic groups are entitled to. The chief means of the use of his power to circumvent the rights of others is in controlling the educational curriculum that the other non-white ethnic groups have access to. Despite all harping to the contrary, all people are not alike and they require different information educationally. A strong sense of racial or ethnic pride is not attainable when the heroes and heroines a people are given to emulate do not look like themselves. While I am not suggesting that the white man is morally or legally responsible to educate a people in their own origins, it is immoral for him to deny, destroy and discourage the culture and heritage and traditions of any people in order to advance his own in their society. This, the white man has done repeatedly throughout history and is yet attempting to do today. On a large scale we can see this occurring in the battle for the mind and soul of the people of the middle east who despite the overwhelming adversity directed against them, cling doggedly to their own views (enlightened or not) of how and what their society should and will be. On a much smaller scale we can see the same thing happening in the case of the Texas School-book Commission and its refusal to

allow non-white and non-Christian views into the curriculum that will be adopted by school districts throughout America. The prevailing attitude in each situation is simply this "my way is the only correct way". Because they hold the 'power' no thought is given to the rights of other people to receive education according to their own cultural understandings.

You next state that *"there are clubs, schools, scholarships and countless government grants and programs aimed at everyone except the white man. One can argue that the white man has kept others ignorant, yet many programs are aimed to help those who wish to educate themselves. That means the ignorant are ignorant because they choose to be."* While it is true that there are millions of dollars of aid appropriated for nonwhites, it is but a small percentage of what is available to white people. I am not and would not advocate for more aid and assistance for nonwhite ethnic groups, but I insist on the right and power to 1) control the expenditure of those funds we do have and receive, and 2) to control the operation of those programs. What we have in place now is akin to a parent giving a child an allowance and then taking them to the store and directing how every cent of it is to be spent. Giving the child the allowance is just for show since the child has no power (authority) over the money. The child could well have stayed at home and waited for the parent to return with what the parent decided should be done with the

money. You go on to state that *"these programs, specifically aimed at this group or that one has no parallel for white men."* Yet it is the white man that makes the appropriations to these other groups, and the appropriations are but miniscule amounts of what he has reserved for himself. In withholding the greater part for himself he has included the white woman. In fact, the designation of the white woman as a minority was for the purpose of extending control over the use and availability of the funds made available to non-whites. How in the world can one-half [1/2] of the ruling class be designated as a minority? Again, this is a use of power to retain control despite the false appearance of giving or granting rights to another people. America and all of its prominent institutions and organizations are the province of the white man, and while it is racist by one standard, it is his right to have and maintain this structure to assure the maintenance of his power. The right sought by nonwhite groups is the right to acquire, display and wield such power. But a concept such as this is threatening to the white man, so he acts accordingly.

You also stated *"yet I don't see anyone calling any fund or private school or any other such thing designed around one race or religion that isn't white, prejudiced."* Sir, who would call it prejudiced except those that are not allowed into them? And if those not allowed into them call them prejudiced, how is that any different from nonwhites excluded from white institutions calling the white institutions prejudiced? The difference is in the power wielded by the party on the outside. The nonwhites do not have the power to regulate or destroy the white institutions, but this is not true of the whites. And history teaches us that

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when the white man perceives that something he values is at risk then he sets out to systematically destroy whatever is posing that risk to him. This is yet another example of his current ability to wield power regardless of whether it is a correct use of power or not. It will be interesting to watch his reaction to the perception and growing reality that his influence and power in the world is in decline.

Finally you state that *“there are screams of hatred for past wrongs that were not committed by today's children. People use this as a crutch. They blame others so they don't have to face their own inadequacies.”* Well my friend, the truth is the alleged innocence of *today's children* is offset by their acceptance of the wrongful gains of their forefathers who actually perpetrated wrongs against other people. It is akin to receiving stolen goods and benefitting from stolen goods although you did not participate in the actual theft of the merchandise. In a court of law not under his power and control the ‘innocent’ children would be convicted of receiving stolen merchandise, the merchandise confiscated, returned to the rightful owners, and the convict sentenced to atone for their crimes. And I am sure that this is not a set of events that will be welcomed by the ‘innocents’ even as they proclaim “as you sow, sow shall you reap”.

Bernie Hayes regularly issues commentary on his observations of issues in the black community. Here is the most recent correspondence I received from him.

Bernie Hayes Understands

July 21, 2010

BH 398

Black media is abating its mission!

Numerous studies find that people of color continue to be

under-represented, stereotyped or misrepresented, and the spread of racist thinking in the Tea Party Movement and Right Wing Media has many of us lost in a sea of misinformation, and black radio and television outlets are actually contributing to the crisis.

Not too long ago, in the African American media names such as Frederick Douglas, Thurgood Marshall, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X, infused our national awareness.

We heard and read about the achievements and writings of A. J. Rogers, John Hope Franklin, Dr. Ivan Van Sertima, Dr. Chancellor Williams, Dr. Leonard Jeffries, Dr. John Henrik Clarke, and listened to Dr. Ben, Percy Sutton, Douglas Wilder, and David Dinkins on Bob Law's Night Talk radio program; Wesley South was speaking to Jesse Jackson and other religious and political figures in Chicago; Joe Madison was interviewing members of Congress; Mildred Gaddis and ‘Martha Jean’ were talking to Coleman Young and others in Detroit. I was talking to Dick Gregory, Naim Akbar and Malauna Karenga. Ty Wansley was keeping the community of Pittsburgh informed with timely news and events that impacted the African American community. There are others who made positive differences and created positive change. We were communicating.

We used to discuss how and why African-Americans fought for American independence, the abolition of slavery, civil and equal rights. Black media that featured black programs provided this information to the people. Today the industry has become filled with buffoonery, sarcasm and silliness, with hours of hip hop music that lulls us to sleep.

While Armstrong Williams, Ann Coulter, Bill O’Rielly, Laura Ingraham, Sean Hannity,

Russ Limbaugh, Michael Savage, Hugh Hewitt and others are blasting the airways with their points of view, we are being entertained by Tom Joyner, Michael Baisden and Steve Harvey. Katt Williams being arrested is headline news. I am afraid that we have failed our mission.

Despite the fact that the right wing media machine is creating and spreading false impressions of the Obama administration and the African American and Latino communities, most black owned and black oriented media outlets are engaged in a war to promote themselves as “number one in hip hop and old school”.

Black talk radio and black oriented television stations have to return and be a place where conversations can begin, where communities can be strengthened, and where the human spirit can be celebrated. The main mission for our existence should be to provide outlets to broadcast the truth, or in any case to counter the lies and untruths that some of these so called *conservative* media moguls are spewing.

In the past black radio, black oriented television stations and African American newspapers were the only means of communications, and acclaimed as the champions of African Americans, the poor and people of color. We were a critical communications link that offered programs that motivated, inspired, and educated. We interviewed experts in marketing, business, personal development, health, and music.

Are the black radio and television stations today forward-thinking and positive? Black media outlets can provide valuable input and should be realistic, operational, inspirational, motivational, informative, and even emotional, and should be reassessed on a regular basis by the public that it serves.

Collaboratively we must define our fundamental purpose, philosophy, and values, and we must verify whether the Black media is doing its intended job and making the *right decisions* for the community.

Life can be a real challenge at times and Black radio and TV audiences include a diverse group of individuals: young children, students, intellectuals, political figures, young parents, the elderly, and while understanding social media we ought to be required to entertain, to engage, to inspire, and to inform the listeners of the truth with dignity, and continue to honor the commitment of the pioneers that gave black talk radio, black newspapers and black oriented television its rich heritage and proud legacy.

Please listen the Bernie Hayes radio program Monday through Friday at 7am on WGNU-920 AM, and watch the Bernie Hayes TV program Saturday Night at 10pm and Friday Morning at 9 am on KNLC-TV Ch. 24.

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Be Ever Wonderful!

Bernie

My Response to BH 398

My brother, according to the philosophy of Fahamme, the situation you describe in BH398 is but yet another symptom of our 'lack of culture'. The times in our history during which we exhibited the greatest racial cohesion (unity of purpose) were times of great oppression during which we were denied access to the venues of success of other people (races). This cohesion and interdependence was not the result of a cultural program designed for racial preservation, nor to foster racial pride, self emulation, self success, excellence of efforts, etc., it was the result of imposed sanctions upon the black community resulting in the

necessity for black people to learn to work together and build institutions to promote our survival in a hostile environment. Under these conditions we began to show glimmers of a brilliance once commanded by our forefathers and ancestors. We began to produce leaders in response to our earnest supplications to a higher power for a way out of the oppression we labored under. We began to respond to the leadership of our newly produced leaders that instructed us that we could do and be as good as any other people if we were willing to work together to promote our own institutions of deliverance from oppression.

To this end we produced the likes of Nat Turner, Harriet Tubman, Booker T. Washington, Dr. George Washington Carver, Frederick Douglas, Dred Scott, Phyllis Wheatley, Paul Laurence Dunbar, William Crowdy, Richard Allen, Toussant L'Overture, Noble Drew Ali, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Dr. Cheikh Anta Diop, the black press, and others. During those times even the black church was dedicated to relief and survival of the race. What each of these people and institutions had in common was the theme of self reliance and self determination. Accompanying this general theme was a growing underlying theme of readopting our African heritage and traditions which is the beginning stage of the development of our own unique culture. Our actions—then and now—in these areas pose a direct threat to the established power of the Nordic based culture and society in America, and they could not be allowed to continue. The response to our early efforts of self determination and self reliance was to destroy and undermine each of these efforts. Hence we have the Rosewood incident, the Florida massacre, the Tulsa, OK

massacre, the undermining of Marcus Garvey, the assassination of Malik El-Shabazz and Dr. Martin Luther King, the infiltration and destruction of the Black Panther Party, the issuance of the Cointel Pro initiative, and on and on go the efforts of the ruling class to prevent the emergence of the Black man as a power (social, economic, or political) in America and the world. Their obvious program of action is to contain the black race to a position of servile dependence.

The move toward 'civil rights' is but the most recent undertaking by the ruling class to bolster their efforts of containment of the ambitions of the black population for self direction. Our one time ambition to become the best in areas of endeavor other than sports and music, and to create and own our successes, have been replaced by the concept of having a 'right' to an equal portion of the fruits of the labors of others. Hence, we no longer seek to produce the essential fruits we need, through our own labor.

Into the move from self reliance to increased dependence we now venture, and what we have is the circumstance eloquently described by you in BH398. We have given up fostering and protecting our genuine interests and rights as a nation of people for the promise of safety and security under the law that has failed to promote and protect black people and their interests since the inception of this nation.

If it is true that an individual or a nation reaps what it sows, then we must stop and ask ourselves what seeds are we sowing that results in the continuing crop of adversity we are reaping? You state that "numerous studies find that people of color continue to be under-represented, stereotyped

or misrepresented"... I would ask, are we represented to the extent of our significance to the people supporting and promoting the other media? Should not we be in control of the media that creates the public persona we wish to have displayed? Why are we on the sidelines pointing out what is not being done **for** blacks instead of doing these things for ourselves? At this time in American history, when we can now claim possession (or at least access) of the alleged highest seat of power in the world (the presidency of the U.S.), why do the problems you describe persist? What are we missing? What are we as a race not doing?

You go on to say that "the spread of racist thinking in the Tea Party Movement and Right Wing Media has many of us lost in a sea of misinformation...". Being lost in a sea of misinformation is a manifestation of not controlling the assimilation and distribution of our own messages, and perhaps not wanting a message tailored strictly for our consumption. It is evidence of our having chosen to become dependent upon sources outside of the race for information affecting us (good or bad information).

I could go on and on like this with each of the points you raise in your missive, but the sentiments you address are dead on correct. We need a culturally based communication system comprising radio, television, electronic (internet), recording and print media, under the control of 'race conscious' individuals to oversee such an enterprise. A daunting task to be sure, but one we must address.

I also concur that as a race "collaboratively we must [*again*] define our fundamental purpose, philosophy, and values, and we must [*then*] verify

whether the Black media is doing its intended job and making the *right decisions* for the [*our*] community". As we continue to understand our need for a culture that addresses our unique situation, we will begin to produce positive solutions to our unique problems. I implore you to continue to be "ever wonderful" and stay as you are. It may seem that at times you are a lone voice of consciousness in a vast sea of despair. But be assured, I am ever at your service in this effort.

God bless you Bernie Hayes.
Fahamme.
Ptah Ra,
High Priest, Fahamme Temples

If anyone wishes to provide a response or reaction to my comments, please email me at fahammehighpriest@yahoo.com
All input is welcomed.

Maat

"Ma'at is the Kemetic goddess of universal harmony. She also represents truth, justice, righteousness, harmony, reciprocity, balance, order and propriety. Of equal importance to Afrikan men [and women] are consciousness awakening questions about Ma'at. The following are but a few that we should constantly be considering. Do we understand that Ma'at is a female deity and, therefore, possessing a dominate female energy? Do we understand why the mind of Afrika chose this to be so? Do we understand why all of these fundamental, life-giving, universal principles would fall under the domain of a divine feminine energy?."

Mwalimu K. Bomani Baruti
Complementarity

Their Hope

By Shontay Gipson
St. Louis, MO

To be an Afrikan in America
Is to me to be proud
And different
And strong
And resilient.

After all
We are the descendants
Of a mighty continent
The womb from which
All this world came forth.

Mother Afrika!
I speak your name
With strength and pride
Though I've not yet
Walked upon your soil
You are my guide.

I seek to honor my ancestors
I seek to honor myself
And with this lifelong journey
I hope to leave a legacy of
Wisdom and joy.
For I intend to plant seeds...

I am the heir of the ancestors;
I am their dream;
I am their daughter;
I am their hope—so are you
The hope you and I carry within
Is their hope...
That we would each return to
Mother Afrika...
To reclaim our greatness.

I listened and watched as Shontay presented this poem at the Kwanzaa celebration hosted by Sabeyet Cultural Center last December. She is a sparkling young woman with a very positive attitude about herself and her race. When I approached her and asked for permission to reproduce her poem in our newsletter she readily agreed and presented a copy to me. I momentarily lost track of it so it did not make it into a prior issue. So please accept my apologies Shontay, I have now fulfilled the promise I made to you. God bless you and keep up the good work.

Imam Bak'ha Malik Weds

The beautiful wedding ceremony was held June 12th, 2010 at 3:30 pm in Tower Grove Park's MUSIC STAND.

My Queen and I would like to thank all of our cultural and extended family. This was truly an awe inspiring day. This could not have been a more delightful day. It started with the rhythmic beat of the African drums to the syncopated movement of the dancer's feet. To those who couldn't attend, there was a point when the ceremony became very spiritual. In fact it could only be described as electric. After reciting our wedding vows, (just shy of saluting the bride) the Beneficent God made it to rain shower briefly putting his seal of approval on this union. What an awesome Omen! May the peace and blessing of the Most High be upon us all. Until we talk again." One representing his God and Race is better that representing **ANYTHING** else." Selah



From Eldest to youngest (Right to Left) HIGH PRIESTESS Atefa Neith, Sister Hatsephi Kushma, Sister Razana Nuru Menu'Ra and Sister Almas Khemseth. Here the goddesses are proceeding to the altar.



(Right to Left) Sister Hatsephi Kushma, Sister Almas Khemseth, IMAM Bak'ha Malik, IMAM Khemsu Onassus, SHEIKH Amsi Menu'Ra, Sister Kia Nailah Ahmad, HIGH PRIESTESS Atefa Neith, and Sister Razana Nuru Menu'Ra .

This is where the goddesses take their places to represent the cardinal places in the heavens, as the Imam and Sheikh welcome the guest and prepare for salaah.



(Right to Left) Sister Hatsephi Kushma, Sister Almas Khemseth, IMAM Khemsu Onassus, IMAM Bak'ha Malik, SHEIKH Amsi Menu'Ra, and Sister Kia Nailah Ahmad.

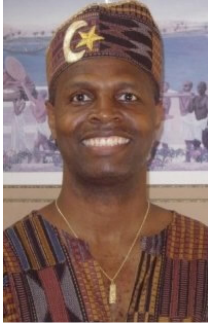
Our illustrious Sheikh Amsi'Menu'RA give us an enlightening talk on the sacred relationship between male and female. He sanctioned the day and recited special passages from our Fahamme Kitabullah.



Here is the happy couple immediately after the momentous occasion basking in the glow of love. Sister Kia Nailah Ahmad and Imam Bak'ha Malik

Your Thoughts, Your Destiny

Chela Priest Khalid Omar



To have Health, Prosperity and Happiness are God's gift to Man. Chapter 26 of the Holy Fahamme Gospel says that one of the steps in securing these three gifts is to attract what you desire, and this can only be done when the inner self is permitted to act, to manifest, and to direct the forces of the outer-self. This utilizes the Law of Attraction. Simply stated, the Law of Attraction states that much gathers more is true on ever plane of existence and loss leads to greater loss is equally true, you get what you give, another way to say it is, you get out what you put in, and still another way to say it is that you reap what you sow and so on. The Law of attraction brings to us the things that we have created by our thought processes, whether consciously or unconsciously.

"All possessions are based on consciousness, all gain is based on cumulative consciousness and all loss is the result of scattered consciousness"
Charles F. Haanel

An important question to ask at this point is, what are our desires? Are our desires what we say we want or what we demonstrate we would like to have? Your desires are that that you demonstrate you want, your actions. Your actions are a manifestation of your thought process.

When you do a thing, what do

you expect, benefit or detriment? Some things people do may seem on the surface to be quite harmless, but if you understand universal principles and the Law of Attraction then you will understand that everything has it's consequences, everything. Step back and take a look at yourself. Ask yourself, is this where I want to be. How did I get here? Was it because of correct thinking or because I did the right things or because I made certain choices? You are living those thoughts, what you have done, choices you have made. Can we blame it on someone or something else? If we chose. Is that going to change things for you? I doubt it. If you want things to change, and that's a big IF, then you will have to change the way you think, and make different choices.

The High Priest likes to ask for the definition of insanity. When you keep doing things the same way and expect different results. In other words, you are insane if you believe you can keep thinking negative thoughts, the way we have been taught, and believe that we will get different results. Fahamme is a new way of thinking, a correct way.

Every decision has its consequences, EVERY ONE. That is the law, Gods law.

Oh yea and one more thought, speaking on thoughts, as long as you are living you can never run out of thoughts, but you can not think correctly.

Selah

Upcoming Events

Every Friday, 2010, 8:00 pm

Study Session and Salat with Chela Priest Khalid Omar.

Call for directions to meeting.

Starting Soon: Amharic classes taught by a new member

Native Ethiopian.

August Observations:

3rd: Last Quarter

10th: New Moon

15th: High Priestess Maryam Yathrib Aaten birthday.

16th: First Quarter

23rd: All Virgins Day.

24th: Full Moon

September Observations:

1st: Last Quarter

8th: New Moon

15th: First Quarter

22nd: Day of Judgement and Justice.

23rd: Full Moon

October Celebrations:

1st: Last Quarter

7th: New Moon

14th: First Quarter

23rd: Full Moon

23rd: Temptation of the Gods (Saints).

30th: Last Quarter

November Celebrations:

6th: New Moon

13th: First Quarter

21st: Full Moon

23rd: Holy Day of Victory.

25th: Thanksgiving Day

28th: Last Quarter

December Celebrations:

5th: New Moon

13th: First Quarter

19th: Lecture by High Priest Ptah Ra, Sabayet Cultural Center, 4400 Maffitt St. (Pending)

21st: Birth of Ra the Glorious Winter Solstice

21st: Full Moon

25th: Isis-Tree Festival of Eternal Life.

28th: Last Quarter

August, September, October, and November Birthdays

A very happy birthday wish to all readers born in the months of August, September, October and November. If you would like a more personal acknowledgement please send us your name and your date of birth.

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