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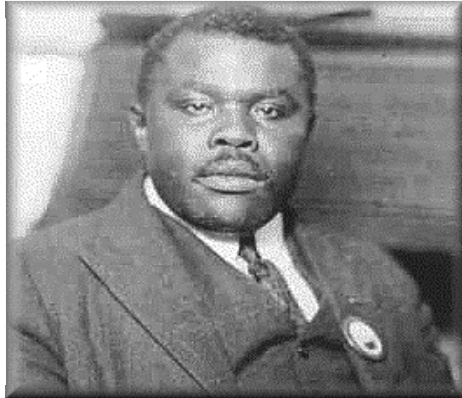


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For man to know himself is for him to feel that for him there is no human master. For him Nature is his servant, and whatsoever he wills in Nature, that shall be his reward. If he wills to be a pigmy, a serf or a slave, that shall he be. If he wills to be a real man in possession of the things common to man, then he shall be his own sovereign.

When man fails to grasp his authority he sinks to the level of the lower animals, and whatsoever the real man bids him do, even as if it were of the lower animals, that much shall he do. If he says "go." He goes. If he says "come," he comes. By this command he performs the functions of life even as by a similar command the mule, the horse, the cow perform the will of their masters.

For the last four hundred years the African has been in the position of being commanded even as the lower animals are controlled.

Our race has been without a will; without a purpose of its own, for all this length of time. Because of that we have developed few men who are able to understand the strenuousness of the age in which we live.

Where can we find in this race of ours real men. Men of character, men of purpose, men of confidence, men of faith, men who really know themselves?

I have come across so many weaklings who profess to be leaders, and in the test I have found them but the slaves of a nobler class.

It has been sometime now that not much is heard nor seen of ORAL as an active Ras Tafari Organization. Blessings to all, Jah Ras Tafari! Some of issue that comes to mind is membership, I have spent considerable time thinking and reasoning with ones and ones on the same. ORAL seeks to represent all INI and provide a uniform voice on issues of interest to Ras Tafari community in Botswana and indeed issues of concern to relevant authorities and stakeholders in the country.

It is therefore very important for organized Ras Tafari Idrens to rally round and actively involve I selves with ORAL. ORAL has successfully conducted numerous functions in and around Gaborone. We commend ones and ones who did full- take in such works. We want to take this opportunity to invite ones and ones to the next general gathering of ORAL at the end of September 2006. This shall be a general meeting followed by a family fun day with lots of ital on sale.

## BOTSWANA AT A GLIMPSE

Alas, we are only 43 days away from 40 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE. We ask, independence from whom, whom were we depending on, and for what. Through our independence, did we achieve what we were looking for? Not to be clever about anything we were depending on the colonials at that time – British and other Africans French - Democratic Republic of Congo, German -Namibia (then South West Africa). Botswana boasts of great infrastructural development thanks to our geologic setting. The government has endeavoured to provide and set-up health care facilities throughout the country even to the most remote. With a population of almost 2 million people is limited in terms of human resource to compete actively in the global arena.

## Marcus continued.....

They perform the will of their masters without question. To me, a man has no master but God.

Man in his authority is a sovereign lord. As for the individual man, so of the individual race. This feeling makes man so courageous, so bold, as to make it impossible for his brother to intrude upon his rights

So few of us can understand what it takes to make a man - the man who will never say die; the man who will never give up; the man who will never depend upon others to do for him what he ought to do for himself; the man who will not blame God, who will not blame Nature, who will not blame Fate for his condition; but the man who will go out and make conditions to suit himself.

Oh, how disgusting life becomes when on every hand you hear people (who bear your image, who bear your resemblance) telling you that they cannot make it, that Fate is against them, that they cannot get a chance.

If 400,000,000 Africans can only get to know themselves, to know that in them is a sovereign power, is an authority that is absolute, then in the next twenty-four hours we would have a new race, we would have a nation, an empire, - resurrected, not from the will of others to see us rise, - but from our own determination to rise, irrespective of what the world thinks

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## SO JAH SEH



If in truth the basic struggle in the world today is for the minds of men, then that nation or group of nations, which seek to impose, its will upon any African will most assuredly be vanquished in this struggle. Africa needs and desires and welcomes the help of others, both physical and moral, but Africa must never-the-less be left to develop herself, her people, her resources, as Africans determine. Leave to us freely and without qualm, the choice between oppression and liberty. Our choice will be the

### PSALM 87 .....

Glorious things are spoken of thee mighty city of Jah Selah, I will mention Rehab and Babylon to them that know I. Behold Philistia and Tyre with Ethiopia. This man was born there. ....

## JAH FIRE

The Scepter shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh come and unto him shall be the gathering of the people. **Selah**

### RAS TAFARI UPCOMING IVENTS

Panel Discussion at U.B mid September on Marcus Garvey  
Organization of Ras Tafari Livity (ORAL) annual gathering – end of September 2006  
Dancehall session at Boatle at only P20 on 23 September 2006.

## ORAL continued...

Just to step it up, we need to distinguish membership in terms of individual or organization. We clearly encourage ones and ones to be part of a local structure. We have to organize at our homes. We have to organize at our wards our villages and towns – **be part of a local stricture!**

We want to recognize all Ras Tafari organizations in the country Medi ya Afrika, LAHUPA, Jah Revelation Sounds, Nyabingi Order Theocracy Reign (Death to Black And White Oppressors) to mention a few, Selah.

**ORGANIZE AND CENTRALIZE...**

## FREE MUMIA ABU JAMAL



**23 Years On Death Row  
Former Black Panther  
Voice of the voiceless**

