

Developing the right attitude

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True wisdom is the possession of men and women who bring into harmony that inner voice, where the best that is in them lies.

Everyone is writing a book in which he is recording day-by-day experiences. Of course, there are plenty of black spots in the book, and there are also "true bits" that give genuine value to our lives. Whatever bit of a person's work is honestly and benevolently done, that bit is his book. It may be mixed with evil fragments and with ill-done, redundant, affected work, but if you read right-ly, you will discover the true bits.

It is a fact that an inner sense and contentment contributes in the most practical way to finding happiness and satisfaction in our work.

True work concerns us realizing we have certain work to do for our bread, and that work is to be done strenuously; we have other work to do for our delight and that work is to be done heartily; neither is to be done by halves.

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or shifts, but with a will and what is not worth this effort is not to be done at all. True wisdom and true work go together beautifully; however, the attitude in which work is done determines the results.

It may seem strange, but there is one thing of particular note and that is people who keep busy at useful work, worry the least. Life has always been unpredictable. We cannot know what the wheel of fortune will bring us. The important thing is to develop and maintain right-thinking attitudes -- sane attitudes -- in the face of the events that crowd the days.

We broaden our horizon and add another dimension to our lives when we engage in work "for our delight." It helps to expand our vision and stress the intangibles and straightforwardness, believing in a happy blend of realism and idealism.

True work involves the attitude of service and the person who gives service also receives the rewards of that service and the better service he gives, the greater will be his reward.



Learning Computers

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Samuel R. Pierce Jr. and Mrs. Vera White, principal of the Jefferson Junior High School in Southwest Washington, D.C., look on as students Darryl Brewer and Warren Tildon try their hand at operating a computer loaned to the school by Pierce's department. The school has officially been adopted as part of the president's "Partnership in Education Program," where HUD employees have volunteered to help in a number of ways.

Seamen return home

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Steven R. Martin, son of O. Ray and Retta E. Martin of 1133 Whitaker Road and Navy Seaman-Curtis Hairston, son of Leon and Jeannette Hairston of 329 Hemingway St., recently returned from an eleven month deployment.

Both are crewmembers aboard the battleship USS New Jersey, homeported in Long Beach, Calif.

The New Jersey originally left its homeport in June 1983 for what was to be a three-month deployment.

Navy Chief Petty Officer Margaret W. Tucker of 3981 Valley Court, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Eastern Mediterranean.

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Each camp session is on a first come first served basis and will be limited to 34 students. For further information call Dr. Virginia Newell, Chairperson, Mathematics/Computer Science, Winston-Salem State University at 761-2153 or 761-2154.



Graduates

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that black parents don't care.

Challenge those who preach that you should love your neighbor, yet whose churches do not give a dime to the hungry and naked in their own neighborhoods.

Challenge those whose ignorance and myopia attempt to dissuade you from supporting Jesse Jackson's historic and significant presidential bid.

Challenge those who distort our great history and who would have you believe that Africa was, is and always will be a "jungle wasteland" or "Tarzan's playground."

Challenge the hypocrisy of a judicial system which now, more than ever, dispenses justice on the basis of one's race or the size of one's bank account.

Challenge the greediness of a medical profession which apparently is more concerned with stock certificates than birth certificates, more attuned to the pulse of Dow Jones than that of Mrs. Jones.

Challenge corporate America to open its collective door, if it wants our collective dollar.

Challenge your mamas, daddies, sisters and brothers to patronize black-owned businesses.

Challenge an entertainment industry which gives you clowns, buffoons and freaks in black-face on a daily basis.

Challenge a sports industry which continually exploits our sons and brothers on the courts and fields, and still refuses to hire sufficient numbers of African-American coaches and managers.

Challenge "black-on-black" crime and police brutality. They aren't mutually exclusive.

Yes, challenge and confront untruth and injustice. Challenge and confront hypocrisy and the hypocrites. Challenge and confront the lies and the liars. Challenge, confront, probe, ponder, and then act.

For your community, your nation, your world awaits you. As Maya said, "Commencement Class of 1984, commence."

May God bless, keep, inspire and give you all the courage you can muster. You most certainly will need it. Amen.

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American opiate

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Whether one realizes it or not, this is a subtle way of stating that most members of the American society are racist.

They are expected to react on the basis of race.

They think race, live race, travel racially, eat racially, worship racially, study racially, play racially and anything else which transpires is done against a background of racism.

This is just as normal as apple pie and motherhood,

and there is nothing wrong with it. It is human nature.

As long as we allow ourselves to think this way, our society will not improve racially in any significant way. We will always find excuses instead of seeking correction and change.

Maybe we are not ashamed of being racists. Maybe we need that weakness in order to feel strong.

Maybe we are not as great as we thought we were, and racism helps pacify our true feelings.

Maybe racism is the opiate of the American society.

Uncivil rights

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The political philosophy behind this reactionary assault on civil rights is Reaganism -- a vicious, cruel and, in the end, criminal distortion of the social reality of American racism. Its apologizes come in all races and in both genders. The Reaganite staff director of the Civil Rights Commission, Linda Chavez, argues that high unemployment rates, the gross disparities of income between national minorities and whites, and the continued existence of the ghetto have nothing directly to do with racism. Chavez also opposes "comparable worth," the proposal that individuals should be paid equal salaries for jobs which require comparable educational requirements and technical skills.

Reaganite Commissioner John H. Bunzel, a Democrat, is even more crude in his shoddy attempt to blame the victim. Bunzel states, "It is a gross oversimplification to suggest that racism and discrimination are still the root cause of income and educational inequality. Does anyone really believe that the special ills which still trap the black underclass in poverty and failure can be blamed solely on discrimination?"

The NAACP argues cogently that this new Civil Rights Commission is actually worse than having none at all. So the Washington office of the association has begun to pressure congressmen and senators to de-fund the commission. Within the commission, however, a small minority still preserves the original integrity and vision of the old commission.

In the battle against racism, Mary Frances Berry has become the new political conscience of the civil rights tradition. As Berry states: "The Civil Rights Commission has become a twin of the civil rights divisions of the Justice Department, and the bank of justice, as Martin Luther King used to say, is now bankrupt. The commission is no longer the conscience of America on civil rights. I despair for women and minorities in this country."

Along with Berry, we must commit ourselves to an unconditional struggle to restore a truly independent commission, free from the hypocrisy and hatred which the Reaganites have used to combat the principles of justice and equality.

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