



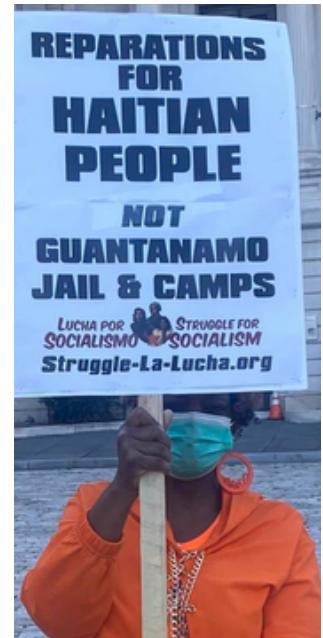
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JoyB: What Malcolm X Means to ME

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We share this piece to commemorate the revolutionary leader Malcolm X who was assassinated 60 years ago on Feb. 21, 1965.



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Malcolm X to me represents the “good” in adversity. The “loud” in alarm. Mr. X ...The scholar - the Minister & man of great tragedy. To me X was Unafraid - always ready to battle - not necessarily with a gun but always with the mind.

Born in Nebraska in 1925 - my dedication to this giant will never die. Fiery, eloquent and spokesman for an entire nation of MEN & women too.

X was leader - Black Nationalist too - if alive he would tell you all yes it's true. X was a force - who challenged Dr. King. Intellectual - Influencer & Intuitive too.

Malcolm X was my hero - then and still is now. With Flavor Orange in the White House - X would say *how*? Mentored by Elijah & sanctioned to Prison - Likely X would say things happening now would require immediate revision.

Malcolm X changed the racial climate back in the day. For me - Malcolm's legacy will always remain constant and true to the game. I love his stance on Education - which he always maintained.

Complex - who could figure Malcolm out? The Minister - The Man all clothed in power. To me & many more X is such a tower.

Let's talk more about Malcolm X - we could talk all day. Imagine being void of education - X would have an issue with that. Malcolm! Malcolm! I wish you could speak! That's nothing but FACT.

X was gallant - to me - tall as a Tree. Taking great pride in his culture - all he wanted was for Black people to live free. Malcolm the Warrior - Hustler and King ... alleged Con Man & Little with a DREAM! Malcolm X counted & courted defeat. Always on the move - forever in the streets.

He spoke of heartbreak in the fondest of terms. His was a mixture of both LIFE's twists and turns. The truth about "X" is that he was a King ... Like Martin Luther, he too had a dream. Malcolm X represents the word Bravery to me - how else did he live in a Foster Home & never tried to flee? I'd love to see Malcolm X alive and well - oh what stories he would sit and tell. Malcolm X would likely say we need to prepare for tomorrow and that would be true - he would insist that we snatch the future "he'd say - it's there waiting on you."

What does Malcolm X mean to me - X means hope and pride. An entire people representing an individual man - to me X typifies advancement & truth for all races. Again if he were alive - he'd take us through the paces. X wasn't afraid to speak truth to power - I love that - he wasn't one to cower.

Troubled & Tried ... Malcolm X stayed for the ride.
What's the name of the movie ... "Get on Bus" ... I
wish he could have taken all of us.

With X - civil rights became human rights. There are so many things about Malcolm - again we could talk all day. We could talk about his many achievements & by "any means necessary" mantra.

Every "L" was a small seed of its own (in the words of the Great Malcolm X) losses & lessons to be used as Courses in Improvement.

Malcolm great in stature - well versed in the ways of Islam. I pay both honor and homage to this man because he was bold enough to admit that Black people needed to come together against the "Common Enemy."

Malcolm X was accused of dealing in hate. I loudly proclaim this is a falsehood. This man spoke about oppression & exploitation. He forced us to take an intricate look at our own hatred - self-hatred - hatred of our own kind.

This question by Malcolm took me all the way in - at what we would eventually refer to as "rallies" - X put forth "Noooooooo - before you come asking Mr. Mohammed does he teach hate - you should ask yourself who taught you to hate being what GOD gave you."

Finally, I deem Malcolm X an icon - that was then and this is now!



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