**VIOLENCE** - By Brandon Seward - 9.29.21 Greesville Correctional Center - Jarratt, Virginia

Violence is marked by extreme force or sudden intent to abuse/injure. I personally have 1619 tattooed on my face for the movement created to shed light of the enslavement of Afrikan/Indian people. Who came from the shores of West Afrika to Jamestown VA/New Orleans, LA. This alone was violence without an sense of mercy, compassion, sympathy. Not to mention that the Blk/Afrikan descendant was victimized, torture, maimed, raped, manipulated, & wte washed in to neocolonialism. & all their customs, characteristics, history, language, & culture.

Now I want everyone to follow my next words, u ever seen a construction site & u see a lot of potholes? Well that well constructed mortar is the mind of that Afrikan/ Asian descendant. So they the creators of the newly discover world r the doctors who built/constructed Frankenstein. Now 400 years later we talk of mass incarceration cuz of violence, drug dealing, gang banging & poverty. When if I don't have \$ due to lack of decision making, dropping out of school, or the same structural racism that deals with housing how could u expect ones goals to be Gucci, Doci, Michael Kors, Louie V?

This is no excuse, it's only a wake call. The mortar once constructed can be revamped. The moment we wake up them crucial life changing/altering decisions can be revised. That hole that sit in between your ears can be dugout. I did not say thugged out. I said dug out. By removing the b.s. The reason I mention the wte/European counterparts cuz we say we hate wte supremacy but buy their clothes/products. This is \$ if utilized correctly, we wouldn't live in poverty. Which is now a choice. We r making it a choice. Cuz now we know.

If u have big dreams of owning clothing lines, car lines, apartment buildings, running for political office, excelling in a position of power such as a CEO. & dump all the servitude/slavish activity, then we can come to the round table. Knowing the same thought process of selling narcotics could be put into entrepreneurship. Who is coming with me? If I can tell u to hurt someone using violence I can give u the same order in feeding the elderly/our children, teaching the uneducated, & running a day care center for single parents who work.

I see a lot of fathers in here who careless about their life they help manifest. What type of example does that set for your reflection? As we love this genocidal mortar. Michael Eric Dyson been called covid 19, covid 1619. Cuz the virus effects minorities/foreigners more than its counterparts. Its like still sitting in the back of the bus. When health is wealth. \$ wasted on drugs & alcohol could easily be invested in college tuition. If I was to say we were taught/groomed wrong u would say dis ni\$\$@ tripping but u still have the ball & chain on my man/sister. My shackles I used to wear is broken. I no longer fear loosing my chains. As feine shakur told her son "the opp, will easily give u all the tools to hang u with, wtf u mean u not a Blk leader?

We loved NH Nip but now is the time to fund/fuel the marathon. Not glorify what he done but revamp the same mentality. Not put each other in the dirt. Not voluntarily accept a bid for pride, ego, respect. Which is doing exactly why they want us to do. & the reason Y cuz we know

slavery was in several different cultures, yet in Amerika was mastered & more horrific. An example of that would be the burning on Blk Wall\$treet, & then in the newspaper blaming the citizen of Greenwood that they burnt down their own million dollar property, cuz a Blk man was accused of raping a wte woman (old trick knowledge). If this was true would they not burn down the other NH for making a false accusation? No becuz the same violence would've occurred but at a higher volume.

Or another example Rodney King being beat on camera & none of the good guys walking out the courtroom without any conviction. Now u see Walter Scott, Breonna, George, Eric, Travon, Mike, Jacoby, Sandra, the young kid who was locked up at rikers for 2 years & let out & he killed himself, the Blk girl who called the police for the fear of being jumped & was killed by the same police force, etc

Then u have the street/toy soldier who is groomed to kill. Y cuz he selling dope on my block, or she not from round here, or Y u keep lookin at me?, or did u just step on my J'\$? These r no reason to shoot someone. What is the difference in lashing someone over a pie, reading a book, talking back, looking boss in the eye? Or being lynched for freedom? Or aiding a friend to freedom? What could boss give u something u can give yo self.

I hope this one declaration allows u to stick a flag in some fertile ground & plant your seed. Cuz we need more of us. Take them shutters off yo eyes & build. R we not tired of being sick & tired? This comes from a prisoner who have been incarcerated for a crime committed at 16 years old. I just turned 35 & shouldn't be in here for nothing more than manslaughter. Hence I trust God in his decision. Everyday is a struggle but I am one of his strongest soldiers. My only aim is to keep anyone from repeating the same mistakes I once made.

The plantation has to many ignorant brothers & sisters on it. The graveyard has to many ignorant brothers & sisters in it. Do u not realize they could've been the next Winnie Mandela/the next Colin Powell. Yet if their blood runs thru your veins when u going to strap your boots up? Anyone of us could be related. U seen find yo roots wit Henry L. Gates. We focus more on the surname. When jus like the autcion block separated our families, the prison now does the same damage.

My fiancé goes thru the same emotions & turmoil cuz she sees my greatness/creativity. We posses the same jewels but have to unlock the gate. Don't nobody want to be robin hood any mo. Take all the things that worked & install them, take all the things that didn't work & learn from them. Every situation is trial & tribulation.

Peace