Reflections, Expressions & Reviews



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understanding of American history is how black Americans developed the psychological stamina and collective social capacity to cope with the sophisticated system of racial domination that white Americans had anchored deeply in law and customs. One man whose genius was for 70 years at the intellectual epicenter of the struggle to destroy white supremacy as public policy and social fact in the United States cannot be ignored: William Edward Burghardt Do Bois.

One fundamental question to an

By David Lewis

W.E.B. Do Bois (1868-1963) was a poor isolated young Negro, born in western Massachusetts three years after the Civil War. He was educated at Harvard University and the University of Berlin and was acknowledged as the leader of black American opinion since the death of Booker T. Washington in 1915. One of his well-known works is "The Souls of Black Folk" (1903). He was a co-founder of the NAACP in 1910 and editor for 25 years of its journal, the CRISIS: A Record of the Darker Races, whose circulation exceeded 100,000 copies per month in 1919. Du Bois had a capacity to shape black public opinion enjoyed by no previous Negro intellectual. He was hailed as the towering intellectual of his race,

the chief advocate for the full emancipation of black emancipation Americans. Sometime later, however, he began to react to the leftward drift of his thought and developed a "new racial philosophy"----that of not waiting for some distant future when the white majority might change its mind and its behavior, but rather that Negroes needed to save themselves by economic coopand institutionaleration building. For the NAACP it was considered a frank acceptance of the social and legal fact of segregation. For the black left, it was petty bourgeois black nationalism. For the civil rights mainstream, it undermined the only program that had any chance of success---that of litigation and lobbying. For these reasons and the rejection of other black leaders, the CRISIS no longer financially independent because of declining circulation, in 1934 Du Bois resigned from the NAACP. In 1936 he toured Germany, Russia, China and Japan and received a triumphal reception. Soon afterward he began engaging in international affairs and returned to the NAACP in 1944 as director of special research.

As to his personal life, Du Bois wrote admiringly and frequently about beautiful and accomplished black women. He is depicted as a combination of charming cad and geriatric sex addict. There was a detailed account of Du Bois's arrangements to keep his wife either in another city for yeas at a time or even in a different place when they were living in the same city which indicated his predatory pursuit of young women. There is one account of how he was labeled an adulterer and that this 68-year-old scholar chased a 29 year-old teacher, and in Nashville "Du Bois and Shirley Graham slept together for the first time on the second night in January, 1936"......

The Communist Party put forth a major effort to capture Du Bois for their side in the war of ideas after World War II. As late as 1944 Du Bois had written that, for a minority group like American Negroes, "the program of the American Communist Party was suicidal." Yet not more than two years later he was surrounded increasingly by party member and fellow travelers. By 1947 as the Cold War began to reshape American politics, a double drift emerged: of an anti-Communist NAACP into the hands of the Truman administration and Du Bois unmistakably to the far left. After his dismissal from the NAACP in 1948, he found himself in financial binds. Through Paul Robeson's intervention and others from the "Left", he was able to gain financial assistance. At that time he was still not a Communist but in February 1950, became chairman of the Peace Information Center which had been denounced as a "Soviet propaganda trick". The PIC disbanded in October 1950 but

Du Bois was informed February 1951 that the 1 was required to register a agent of a foreign princunder the Foreign A Registration Act. He bounded by the internal set of the U.S. government a height of the Cold War. He indicted for falling to cowas tried and acquitte November 1951.

Although acquitted Bois became more isolated ing the 1950s and was den passport until the Supreme ruled in 1958 that the Department's passport powere in this regard uncon tional. In a final act of def he joined the Communist of the United States at the a 93 and exiled himself to A

Despite his attacks economic and social system Bois wrote that the United 5 was "my country and the la my fathers--- a land of ma cent possibilities---the hon noble souls and generous ple." Hopefully those "gen people" may come closer long-deferred understandir one of the 20th century's intellectuals------William Edward Burghardt Du Bois

Note: I contacted a entrepreneur, Mr. William Nobles, (also a relative) at affirmed, indeed, that the Bois Center was named to I W.E.B. Du Bois.

To the editor-

How grateful we are that one month (February) out of the year is celebrated as African American (Black) History Month so that honor, recognition, respect and achievement are credited to those individuals who have or are yet contributing to the ideals of American democracy.

African Americans have inspired America like no one else. We have shaped our national culture profoundly, from art to politics, style and entertainment. Our influence is enormous.

African Americans who are movers and shakers among us are Cohn Powell, Tiger Woods, Toni Morrison, Maya Angelo, Denial Washington, Michael Jordan, Shirley Caesar, Bill Cosby, Corretta Scoff King, and Kweisi Mfume. Locally,

we have David
Hammond, Michael Dixon,
Mildred Council, Bernard
Hazelriz, Jim Rouse, Bennie
Roundtree, Gaston Monk, Roy
Spell, Rev. Sidney Locks, Rev.
Randy Royal, Judge Jim
Wynn, Don Brown, and
Bernita Demery. These Blacks
have triumphed with blood,
sweat and tears.

The 2001 theme: "Creating and defining the African American community: Family, church, politics and culture".

Beatrice Maye



The Fight for Equality and the American Century



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Recently, I learned the Reverend Jesse Jackson fathered a baby through an extramarital affair. This reminded me of attempts to vilify the character of Mike Tyson, Michael Jackson, Bill Cosby, OJ. Simpson, and other heroes in America. Because I don't believe in double standards, I researched the private lives of numerous white American leaders (mostly former congressmen). I will mention a few who have fallen from grace since the mainstream press downplayed their sexual peccadilloes.

Rep. John Young (Tex.), in 1976, increased the salary of a former staff secretary after she gave in to his "sexual advances." Rep. Howe (Utah) was arrested in 1976 on charges of soliciting two policewomen posing as prostitutes. Rep. Richmond (N.Y.) was arrested in Washington in 1973 for soliciting sex from a 16-year-old boy.

Republican Rep. Hinson (Miss.),

in 1980, admitted committing an obscene act at a gay haunt in Virginia. Rep. Evans (R-Del.), Tom Railsback (R-Ill.) and Dan Quayle shared a cottage with Paula Parkinson (a lobbyist) during a 1980 Florida vacation. Railsback and Quayle denied having sex with Parkinson. Conservative Republican Rep. Donald Lukens (Ohio) was accused of having paid to have sex with a young girl since she was 13. Lukens was sentenced to only one month in iail

one month in jail.

Former House Speaker
Livingston recently resigned after
admitting having extramarital af-

fairs. Shall I say more?
From Thomas Jefferson, who, by today's standards, raped a slave to President Cleveland (fathered a child out of wedlock) and Jesse Jackson, many leaders have slipped. Jefferson, however, is remembered for the Louisiana Purchase and the Declaration of Independence.

Jackson, whose son is now a torchbearer for racial justice, must reconcile with his wife. Linda Ronstadt's quote "My big fantasy has been to seduce a priest" evinces the vulnerability of preachers with respect to the 'forbidden fruit".



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Spiritual Thoughts



Dr. George Hawkins

Free Your Mind of Satan's **Delusions and Lies**

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ:

The only way to rid yourself of the delusions Satan may have planted in your mind is to continually fill your thind is to continuary fill your thind with the TRUTH, As a full-grown thild of God, you must have a knowledge of the TRUTH concerning Christ... concerning who you are in Christ, ...concerning the power and authority God has given you... concerning Satan and his strategies.

You are deceived if you think for one minute you are going to be able to walk ih victory and power over Satan and his principalities with a half-hearted attempt at reading the Word. The reason why there are so many wishy-washy, nipple-sucking Christians today who are living in defeat is because they have neglected to fill their hearts and minds with the Word. The only time they hear the Word is when they are "spoon-fed" ty their pastor on Sunday, or other ministers at various meetings or on

television.

Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32, NAS). Notice, He said "if you

ABIDE in My word". That means you've got to get into the Word and get the Word into you, until your heart and mind is saturated with it. That doesn't mean simply reading a few verses mean simply reading a few verses every night before you go to bed. To ABIDE in the Word, you've got to make the Word of God such a part of you that you are LIVING in it... feeding your mind, meditating on it daily in your mind. As you ABIDE in the Word, your mind is going to be filled with TRUTH. Jesus told His disciples. "I am the way, the truth, and disciples, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." (John 14:6). When you are ABIDING in the Word, you are abiding in TRUTH and the very life of Christ

manifested in you.

As your mind is filled with the TRUTH, He is going to drive out all the lies and delusions of Satan, and you are going to be set free. Jesus said, "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.'

During this counterattack of Satan on the Church, the only way you are going to be able to stand is by first filling your mind with TRUTH...the Word of God... and then fixing your faith on it. Free Your Mind of Satan.

The Lord showed me a while back that a shaking was coming to the Church. He said: "Tell my people everything that can be shaken will be shaken. Tell them to fix their faith. If their faith is not fixed during the crisis, they will not stand. They must fix their faith on that which is infallible, and that which is impregnable. They must have a fixed point of their faith and that fixed point is the Word of God."

The Word of God is 100 percent INFALLIBLE... that which cannot be questioned, that which is incapable of error, that which is not able to mislead, that which is incapable of deception. The Word of God is 100 percent IMPREGNABLE.. that which is invincible, that which is incapable of being taken by assault, that which cannot be

Once you have saturated your heart and mind with TRUTH... God's Word... there is absolutely no way that Satan and his deceiving spirits can penetrate your mind and deceive you!

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