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The Power of Fear

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“The only thing we have to fear is fear itself... nameless, unreasoning, unjustified, terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance.” This quotation spoken by Franklin D. Roosevelt in his First Inaugural Address on March 4, 1933 has been called the most famous “*fear*” quote of all time.

Fear is an anathema put in the hearts of men and women by someone other than God. Fear is not a vehicle that produces positive vibes in those of us who walk the earth. On the contrary it is a manacle that halts us in our tracks and prevents us from walking down that path in our lives that leads to the peace and good that God intended for us all. Fear keeps men from walking into a darkened room to retrieve a needed object. It keeps us from climbing aboard a modern passenger jet to fly away to a paradise across the ocean. It controls our very being worse than any substance addiction known to man, and yet it arrives in our lives at an early age and there it usually remains until our very last breath. The weapon of fear is used by many as a way to cower, oppress and suppress knowledge from those weaker than they as a means of control and manipulation.

The Communist regimes of the USSR, China, North Korea, the despotic tyrannical leaders the Middle East and the African Continent have all controlled their citizens through fear and intimidation for decades and centuries, much as the United States did our African American citizens for a couple hundred years. Thanks to a bold stand against the “*evil empire*” of the Soviet Union by President Ronald Reagan, the wall fell and the people of those captive nations are just beginning to establish themselves as freedom enjoying citizens of the world.

Also, because of a bold stand against evil and terrorist states in the Middle East by President George W. Bush, the citizens of those backward, third world countries who have never tasted freedom or modern life as the rest of the world knows it, are nibbling at the crumbs being thrown off by newly liberated Afghans and Iraqis. With each bite they take they are gaining knowledge that it doesn't have to be the way it has been forever. Each taste of news and rejoicing by those receiving liberty encourages those still oppressed to plant a ray of hope in their hearts that they, too, may have a realization of their own freedom.

It began with the Taliban of Afghanistan, then Saddam of Iraq and now, glimmers of freedom's light are revealing changes with Assad of Syria in Lebanon, Mubarak of Egypt, Abbas of Palestine and the Mullahs of Iran.. Places that were written off as impossible to have democratic governments are suddenly moving from within as their citizens shed the burqas and robes of oppressive fundamentalism and fear to raise voices of dissent. Will the reality of freedom and democratic elections be easily achieved by those yearning for it. No! But as fear takes a back seat to hope in their hearts I'm sure these captive souls will attain their goal.

Unfortunately, in these United States there are supposed enlightened minds that believe a class of Americans still cannot handle the freedom they've been granted. Thankfully, wiser heads prevailed to end the subjugation of black men and women whom were classified as ordinary chattel by our courts of law, and whom were murdered and raped at will. However, even though freedom for the blacks has been recognized by our courts it has not truly been realized by the recipients because of the power struggle of their leaders.

Names of Jackson of Rainbow Coalition, Rangel of Congress, Farrakhan of Nation of Islam, Sharpton of New York Wannabes, Bond of the NAACP and Kennedy of the Democratic Party are all striving for recognition as *the friend* of African Americans and the leader of record but none are truly leading. Allow me to let you read from the pen of one of those African Americans who is wise enough to have cast off their attempts to control her with the lie she could not exist in the real world without them.

Columnist Star Parker, a former welfare mother, is President of the Coalition on Urban Renewal and Education and author of a newly released book '*Uncle Sam's Plantation.*' She writes the following concerning one of our country's oldest black's rights organizations, the NAACP:

"The NAACP was once at the vanguard of the civil-rights movement. That movement began because blacks wanted freedom. Yet blacks hear today from their leaders that they are incapable of being free, that they are incapable of taking care of themselves and their families, and that staying on the government dole is the only answer for them.

The prize blacks should have their eye on today is freedom, ownership and independence. If the NAACP can't provide the leadership toward these goals, we should find new leadership."

Ms. Parker has cast off her fear and attitude of "*victimology*" and is trying to spread the word that freedom for all African Americans can be realized if they will do the same. Let's all continue to take the truth to her people that their sought after prize is within their

grasp if they will just start thinking for themselves and acting accordingly. Perfect Love (and truth) casts out fear!

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