



Know What I Mean

Today social media affords you and me endless opportunities that have no ceilings to the possibilities of success.

It's alleged that youth and the greater majority of today's society fit in one of three categories (1) either one does not read, (2) one does not read enough, or (3) one does not like to read.

The global use of Ebonics, in-depth slang and various other (twist of languages and shortcuts) abbreviations to communicate via text messages, social media, etc. have become the norm.

It's funny how times have and acceptance has changed since the 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s associated with the use of Ebonics, the transgender communities and so much more.

Back then to say "know what I mean," "know what I'm saying," "you know" amongst other slang would actually get you into trouble at home, in school with most teachers (lol), not limited to language classes.

I can remember talking to friends' parents and if we said any parts of "know what I mean," "know what I'm saying," "you know" etc. that would literally drive them crazy. We would receive responses like "no I do not know what you mean or what you're saying, talk English and explain yourself."

Today globally regardless your race, culture, generation, urban, rural, community, profession, etc., everyone incorporates and or relates to some form of Ebonics in their daily communications. However we must find ways to strengthen the desires and importance of reading, which is arguably the mind's best exercise.

In the 70s, 80s, 90s and before those times it appeared to be socially a crime to admit, socialize or to be any part of the LGBT community.

Today hat it, like it or love it, the LGBT communities have grown and continue to grow at a rapid pace.

In addition today the LGBTQ and all communities are relevant and globally accepted on all levels and phases of life, not limited to entrepreneurship, the corporate world, the government and the church.

If only we can continue to graduate the definitions of equality, unity and acceptance for all.

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