



## The Gift of Gab

In too many instances the overall purpose and powers of education are both underestimated and unappreciated.

The lack of equality, availability and structure for inner-city youth programs and the lack of constructive community-driven activities are not only harming the quality of our youth and teenagers to a grave degree, it is destroying entire inner city communities.

Inner-city youth have been forced to place too much reliance on man and money. The illusion of success and money creates false beliefs and false credentials.

African Americans not limited to has been misinformed about their cultures and heritage dating back centuries.

Although we are in the new millennium we clearly remain in transition to a desired platform of equality that continues to elude most.

Imagine your wildest thoughts about the jungle's predators and prey statuses with a lone buffalo being the primary if not the soul meal of starving predators. Now imagine the jungles transitioning into a non-predatorial society without any preparations, food sources, notices or means of survival.

Where does it leave the fate of that lone buffalo to survive amongst a starving lioness family amongst many other predators?

The answer is very simple. That lone buffalo would not only remain the prey of choice, but that lone buffalo would also be hunted down, killed and digested immediately.

Although the days are starting to get better with some tools and means becoming available, today African Americans, Latinos and other cultures for all the wrong reasons still have to live the life and fate of that lone buffalo under unnecessary harsh conditions.

The only difference we are hunted by oppressive cultures, namesakes and formulas who would do anything not to feel inferior.

Life's starting lines and availabilities differ based on cultures and race, although a sad reality the facts remain its reality. However the mentioned different starting lines, starving lioness and buffalo example can no longer be used as an excuse by various cultures because our starting lines are visible.

Via oppression, rebellion, pain and tired of being tired we became chameleons, slick and witty with the tongue, swift on our toes establishing a gift of gab as a means of survival while trying to find our way in without any equal or quality means of survival.





Coming from absolutely nothing we wanted everything even the illusion of the alleged finer things like everyone else.

In many ways this remains true to this very day. However today we have to better understand the powers of our minds, choices and resources. Our senses and our ears are blessed, but our tongues can be a sword of life or of death.

I once heard a wise man say, "Sometimes its best not to speak to leave a shadow of a doubt, then to speak and remove all doubt."

In life there are so many healthy ways to fake it to you make it. However today there is no excuse why one cannot seek out the truth. We can do so via social media, Google, Siri or our many other hand-held or stationary devices.

The capabilities of the web are endless regardless the topic and there is no faking in that.

To go a step further, physical research remains the most healthy option. Why? There are some who allege our smartphone society makes us lazy and less inclined to use our memories.

Today we can simply press a button and ask a question about anything and our smartphones will answer.

So to reiterate it is not a good look promoting something that is not factual and someone exposes you on the spot or you caused you to miss out on opportunities without the means or recourses to explain or justify.

In life we cannot continue to focus on the messengers when it's the message that's most important.

Acting ignorant is inappropriate, however to be ignorant about something is not a bad thing at all. It simply means you do not know.

As individuals, the media, professionals and as a society we cannot continue to perpetuate information that is wrong, questionable or we are not sure to be true.

Clearly today the gift of gab is appreciated. However the real gifts and riches are in the powers of resources and research.

I'll close with a quote from my mother Brenda Jackson, "Always remember you are never too young or too old to strengthen your mind and or further your education."

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