

GOOD VIBRATIONS

A LETTER TO MY SON

By Rev. Harold E. Palmer, Jr.
To: David Kedar London Palmer

It's early in the morning and I find myself putting together a collection of thoughts that I want to express with you. I decided I'd better place these thoughts on paper because no one is promised tomorrow and if I am not here when you start asking questions about the world around you, I want to leave you something to reflect on.

As you grow up I know that sooner or later you will become more aware of the reality of being a person of color. Despite, my son, the advances in race relations that the life of your mother and I may exemplify I cannot, in good conscience, tell you to expect in general the same

opportunities as whites, because prejudice, though waning, lingers. Yet, I wonder, how do I tell you about prejudice, for the signs of racial discrimination which were clear in yesterday's world are now just subtleties. However, these subtleties my son are still designed to make you believe that you are something less because of your color.

I hope that you learn to enjoy the gift of reading, the joy of listening and the pleasure that comes with being observant. Take time out, my son, to understand the historical perspective of African-Americans living in America. Our history will reveal the struggle of survival in a land where we have experienced discrimination and varied forms of institutional racism. You will

find that your kinfolk were and are brave and proud people who faced the police, the soldiers, the dogs, the whips, the tear gas, the clubs, and the hanging tree because a group of people had a need to control another group of people and grew financially rich in the process.

Sadly to say, in light of the prejudices, the ambiguities, the discrimination and the foolishness of our people, you will see that we are disorganized and dysfunctional at times. Please don't get caught up in that mess

and don't let anger control your thoughts because then the other side has won and you can't become a positive force for change. Remember, I tell you these things not to frighten you but to prepare you for the real world beyond the toys and games of youth.

Study my son, Pursue an education so that you can become a student in the global society. Listen my child to the voices around you so that you will be able to discern the truth. Train your body, young man, so

that you will be ready to accept the physical challenges of life. Learn to write, David, so that you can express your thoughts on paper and use the pen as your sword. Also, do not be afraid, Kedar, to come in touch with what you feel, for the beauty of being can be found in the process of becoming sensitive. But above all believe in yourself. So that one day you will structure something for the development of your people and be an instrument for human progress.
Love Always, Your Daddy

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WORLD RENOWNED MUSLIM AUTHOR/SCHOLAR DELIVERS ADDRESS

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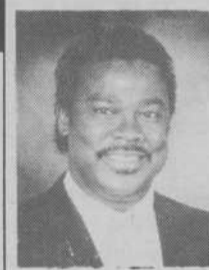
DR. AHMAD H. SAKR ADDRESSES AUDIENCE AFTER READING SENTINEL-VOICE
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