



THEY ARE THE PRODUCT OF MUCH HOPE, SWEAT AND SORROW. PERHAPS IN THEM THERE IS SOMETHING OF VALUE.

SO, AS MY LIFE DRAWS TO A CLOSE, I WILL PASS THEM ON TO YOUNG PEOPLE EVERYWHERE IN THE HOPE THAT AN OLD WOMEN'S PHILOSOPHY MY GIVE THEM INSPIRITION. HERE THEN IS MY LEGACY.

I LEAVE YOU LOVE...LOVE BUILDS. IT IS POSITIVE AND HOPEFUL. ITS MORE BENEFICIAL THAN HATE.

I LEAVE OU HOPE...YESTERDAY OUR ANCESTORS ENDURED THE DEGRADATION OF SLAVERY, YET THEY RETAINED THEIR DIGNITY,

I LEAVE YOU THE CHALLENGE...OF DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE IN ONE ANOTHER. AS LONG AS AFRICAN AMERICANS ARE HEMMED INTO RACIAL BLOCKS OF PREJUDICE AND PRESSURE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THEM TO BAND TOGATHER FOR ECONOMIC BETTERMENT.

I LEAVE YOU RESPECT FOR POWER. ...WE LIVE IN A WORLD THAT RESPECTS POWER ABOVE ALL THINGS. POWER INTELLIGENTLY DIRECTED CAN LEAD TO MORE FREEDOM.

**POWER UNWISELY DIRECTED CAN BE A DREADFUL  
DSTRUCTIVE FORCE.**

**I LEAVE YOU FAITH...WITHOUT FAITH NOTHING IS  
POSSIBLE. WITH IT NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. FAITH IN GOD  
IS THE GREATEST OF POWER, BUT GREAT TOO IS FAITH IN  
ONE'S SELF.**

**I LEAVE YOU RACIAL DIGNITY...I WANT AFRICAN  
AMERICANS TO MAINTAIN THEIR HUMAN DIGNITY AT ALL  
COST. WE AS A PEOPLE MUST REALIZE THAT WE ARE  
CUSTODIANS AS WELL AS THE HAIRS OF A GREAT  
CIVILIZATION.**

**WE HAVE GIVEN SOMETHING TO THE WORLD AS A RACE  
AND FOR THIS WE ARE PROUD, AND FULLY CONSCIOUS OF  
OUR PLACE IN THE TOTAL PICURTE OF HUMANKIND'S  
DEVELOPMENT.**

**I LEAVE YOU A DESIRE...TO LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH  
YOUR FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS. THE PROBLEM OF RACE AND  
COLOR IS WORLD WIDE. ITS FOUND IN AFRICA AND ASIA,  
EUROPE AND SOUTH AMERICA. I APPEAL TO AFRICAN  
AMERICANS BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH, EAST AND WEST, TO  
RECOGNIZE THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS AND UNIT TO  
SOLVE THEM,**

**LEAVE YOU FINALLY, A RESPONSIBILITY ...TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. THE WORLD AROUND US REALLY BELONGS TO THE YOUTH, FOR THEY WILL TAKE OVER ITS FUTURE MANAGEMENT.**

**OUR CHILDREN MUST NEVER LOSE THEIR ZEAL TO BUILDING A BETTER WORLD. THEY MUST NOT BE DISCOURAGED FROM ASPIRING TOWARD GREATNESS. FOR THEY ARE TO BE THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW. NOR MUST THEY FORGET THAT THE MASSES OF OUR PEOPLE ARE STILL UNDERPRIVILEGED, ILL-HOUSED, IMPROVERISHED, AND VICTIMIZED BY DISCRIMINATION.**

**WE HAVE A POWERFUL POTENTIAL IN OUR YOUTH, AND WE MUST HAVE THE COURAGE TO CHANGE OLD IDEAS AND PRACTICES SO THAT WE MAY DIRECT THEIR POWER TOWARD GOOD ENDS.**

**FAITH, COURAGE, BROTHERHOOD, DIGNITY, AMBITION, RESPONSIBILITY...THESE ARE NEEDED TODAY AS NEVER BEFORE. WE MUST CULTIVATE THEM AND USE THEM AS TOOLS FOR THE TASK OF COMPLETING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUALITY FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS.**

**WE MUST SHARPEN THESE TOOLS AND USE THEM IN THE STRUGGLE THAT FACES US AND FIND NEW WAY TO USE**

**THEM BECAUSE FREEDOM'S GATES ARE ONLY HALF AJAR.  
AND WE MUST PRY THEM FULLY OPEN.**

**IF I HAVE A LEGACY TO LEAVE TO MY PEOPLE , IT IS MY  
PHILISOPHY OF LIVING AND SERVING. SO AS I FACE  
TOMORROW, I AM CONTENT, FOR I THINK I HAVE SPENT MY  
LIFE WELL. AND I PRAY NOW THE MY PHILOSOPHY MY BE  
HELPFUL TO THOSE WHO SHARE MY VISION OF A WORLD AT  
PEACE.**