

My reason to Keep on keeping on

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When address ^{King} a huge audience on his last night on earth, Dr. King finished his remarks by declaring that ^{he} he had been to the mountain top, that he “might not get there with you (us)” but that he had seen the “Promises Land.”

The very next day ^{He} ~~Dr King~~ was assassinated. A year ¹¹ days latter, I stood firmly in the very midst of the Promise Land ^{He was in the land.} To us a Iraq War term that was applied to the media, I was embedded jam smack in the middle of the Promise Land. That was the case when I became the Assistant Secretary for the Wage and Labor Standards Administration and the United States Department of Labor.

Working from an imbedded position

Why was I imbedded ~~square~~ in the middle of the Promise Land? Because I was charged with administrating, the 18 statutes, rules, regulations and guidelines, that did the following; set both the workplace and workforce standards the applied to America’s 86 million strong workers. For a Black

mission to carry out on behalf of the country and this very critical hour in both it and the worlds history.

If I am right then you defiantly need to know what's on my mind, in my head and on my heart as I run the final lap of my life's journey. Therefore I am sending the enclosed writings to help your become aware of the mission, the cause, the objectives that I have devoted the last 60 years of my adult life to, 1943 to the present 2003.

And guess what? I have had just enough success in championing the cause expressed in these documents, to smell, taste, and savor the spiritual benefits of success not only in my time, before my journey ends, but with enough stamina and energy to stay the course a little longer. Therefore, with what little remaining time there is I want to do my utmost to do the following; not only make the changes I am responsible for permanent , but use them as a launching pad.

By doing that the generations that assume the responsibilities for managing our country throughout the 21st Century wont have to cover ground that's been covered already. The future will be too competitive, treacherous, and dangerous for that.

Mr. Jackson, I am sure you realize that this century promises to be the most competitive in the history of civilization. If 9/11 coupled with bitterness that has emerged as a result of our military success, in Iraq, isn't a wake-up call, I don't know what is. We know now