

Black Man's Pledge

Paraphrase of "BLACK MAN" by Haki Madhubuti

You will recognize me by the way I act and move throughout the world.

There will be a strange force about me, there will be unspoken answers in me.

This will be obvious not only to you but to many.

The confidence I have in myself and in my people will be evident in my quiet saneness.

The way I relate to women will be clean, complimentary, responsible, and with honesty.

The way I relate to children will be strong and soft, full of positive direction.

The way I relate to men will be that of questioning our position in this world, will be one of planning for movement and change, will be one of working for my people, will be one of gaining and maintaining trust within the race.

I will train others and the disciple I display will become a way of life for many.

I know this is difficult but this is the life that I have chosen for myself, for life.

Black Man's Pledge-continued

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I will be the example.

I will be the answer.

I will be the first-line builder.

I will be the creator.

I will be the first to give up the pleasures.

I will be the first to share black value system.

I will be the worker.

I will be the scholar.

I will be the provider.

I will be the historian.

I will be the doctor, lawyer, farmer, priest, and all that is needed for development and growth.

You will recognize me and I will not betray you.