**All Tha Rap: The Limits of the Literary**

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**James Baldwin**

"Now, leaving aside all the physical factors one can quote--leaving aside the rape or murder, leaving aside the bloody catalogue of oppression which we are too familiar with any way--what the system does to the subjugated is to destroy his sense of reality. It destroys his father's authority over him. His father can no longer tell him anything because his past has disappeared.

In the case of the American Negro, from the moment you are born every stick and stone, every face, is white. Since you have not yet seen a mirror, you suppose you are, too. It comes as a great shock, around the age of five or six or seven, to discover that Gary Cooper killing off the Indians, when you were rooting for Gary Cooper, that the Indians were you. It comes as a great shock to discover the country which is your birthplace and to which you owe your life and your identity has not in its whole system of reality evolved any place for you."

James Baldwin
Oct 26, 1965

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**Malcolm X**

„Who taught you to hate the color of your skin? Who taught you to hate the texture of your hair? Who taught you to hate the shape of your nose and the shape of your lips? Who taught you to hate yourself from the top of your head to the soles of your feet? Who taught you to hate your own kind? Who taught you to hate the race that you belong to so much so that you don't want to be around each other? You know. Before you come asking Mr. Muhammad does he teach hate, you should ask yourself who taught you to hate being what God made you.“

Malcolm X
May 5, 1962, Los Angeles

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**Dr. Khalid Muhammad
@The Phil Donahue Show 1994**

“There is a little bit of Hitler in all white people.”

 **Khalid Muhammad speaks on Nelson Mandela & Jessie Jackson on Donahue**

"...t Nelson Mandela’s attempt at a multi racial government in South African after the murder of men, women, children and babies and the rape of South Africa a criminal settler colony that has been established like Israel, there in that part of the world , I cannot go along with one man one vote. Let me say why- If Someone broke into your home Mr. Donohue and actually bum rushed your home and black boots stomped your door down and came in and robbed and raped everyone in your household and was able to take the wealth of your home and parlay it into an empire, this is an invader , this is an intruder, this is a murderer, this is a burglar, this is a criminal - you have no responsibility to share your home with them [white people] after they broke in and committed the crimes that they [white people] did.”

1. **Black politics**Marcus Garvey, Nation of Islam, Malcolm X, Black Panthers
2. **Timeline - black conscious music**Langston Hughes, Billie Holiday, The Last Poets, Gil Scott-Heron, Public Enemy, Ice Cube)
3. **Lyrics (three examples of rap councious/political lyrics)**Public Enemy, Ice Cube, Arrested Development
4. **anti-white man attitude in Rap music**