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QUOTES FOR THE DAY

**“I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.”
Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

A beautiful statement from a great leader, to be reinforced during this Black History Month.

Followed by this:

“It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win. We must love each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains.” Quote, appearing this week on a Black Lives Matter, BLM, web site and being presented to NYC

public schools as part of BLM at School, “week of action.” Sounds pretty good, right? Just one problem, the speaker is Joanne Chesimard, aka Assata Shakur, convicted of the execution style murder in 1973 of a NJ state trooper, Werner Foerster. She escaped from prison in 1979, having been sentenced to life, fled to Cuba and is still sought by the Justice Department which posts a one million dollar reward for her capture. She was one of the worst of the worst of the Black Panthers, and BLM puts her on a pedestal for the City’s school children? Think about it.

PRESIDENT BIDEN’S EXECUTIVE ORDER ON ADVANCING RACIAL EQUITY

Equity, equality – what do they actually mean? These are going to be major topics for many months to come. Let’s start with what VP Kamala Harris has to say, “There’s a big difference between equality and equity. Equality suggests, ‘Everyone should get the same amount’. The problem with that, not everybody’s starting out from the same place. So if we’re all getting the same amount, but you started out back there and I started out over

here, we could get the same amount, but you're still going to be that far back behind me. It's about giving people the resources and support they need, so that everyone can be on an equal footing. Equitable treatment means we all end up in the same place."

Columnist, Michael Gonzalez, has his take on what Ms. Harris is saying, "Equity has now come to mean the functional opposite of equality. The latter means equal treatment to all citizens such as the Constitution calls for in the clause of the 14th Amendment that deals with equal protection of laws. Equity means treating Americans unequally to ensure that outcomes are equalized – the old tried (and failed) Marxian standard." One commentator conjured up an image of two very long escalators; one, ferrying the privileged at one mile an hour and the other, carrying those less privileged at ten miles an hour. Interesting dialogues ahead with major philosophical and ethical implications.

**ANOTHER, "DO AS I SAY, NOT AS I DO,"
MOMENT**

Fresh in all our minds are the numerous instances of public officials telling us to stay in place while they go off gallivanting to the French Laundry for dinner or head off to family reunions while we are told, “Don’t even think of it.” Along comes our new Climate Czar, John Kerry, taking a gas guzzling private jet to Iceland. Why? Well, of course, to collect a climate change leadership award. Said Kerry, “It was the only choice for someone like me.” I mean, wow!! Kerry went on to say, “I can’t sail across the ocean. I have to fly to meet with people and get things done.” Kind of a disappointing statement as we both attended St Paul’s School, where I believe, by third form, we were qualified to read commercial airline schedules and, perhaps, even knew how to spell Reykjavik.

POLITICAL NO, NO

This is not a blue vs red issue it’s a blue vs blue issue. What did the vice president think she was doing when she ventured onto the West Virginia air- waves to tout the 1.9 Trillion dollar rescue package to the citizens of W Virginia? Well, first off, she wouldn’t have done

that without the president having told her to do so. The problem, of course, is that no one told Senator Manchin (D) that she was going to do it. While a Democrat, Sen. Manchin is in a state that gave Trump a victory by 39%. It is a state highly dependent on the energy sector and Manchin is one of two Democratic Senators who have said they will never vote to get rid of the filibuster.

The Democrats really need Senator Manchin and they had better walk around him like on egg shells. He was highly po'd at not being consulted – managed to compose himself enough to say, “I saw the interview. I couldn't believe it. No one called me. We need to work together.

That said, here's a few interesting things about W. Virginia: one in seven families are hungry; one in six families can't pay rent and one in four small businesses have closed due to the pandemic. So, no doubt the relief package would be attractive to many in the state.

One of Manchin's key objections to the relief bill is that a federal minimum wage of \$15 is

included in the package, which Manchin believes should not even be a part of the relief package. Aside from the Senator's view on that aspect, it's hard to see why the \$1,400 cash payment to U.S. citizens is that hard to rationalize, especially if it is more tailored for those who really need it. Does a couple making \$100,000 or \$150,000 really need it?

NOW THAT TRUMP IS GONE

Oh, yeah – you can get at least two or three pages a day on him, but 80% of the paper- no longer. So, the poor press corps has to start looking at the new administration to fill pages. We come across an article about “dark funds”. Dark funds are those monies that come in from anonymous donors who will never be identified in published reports. According to Mark Moore, “Democrats have long condemned such fundraising because it allows the candidate to dodge any scrutiny about the source of their backing.” Oops!! Turns out president Biden took in \$145 million in dark funds compared to Romney, who in his failed bid for president took in \$113 million, compared to Trump who took in \$24 million in

dark funds in his 2020 race. Oh well, just one more, “Do as I say, not as I do.”

BRING SOME KAMBO INTO YOUR LIFE

Dear readers, do you suffer from migraines, anxiety or any feelings of general malaise? Well. You’ve come to the proper place in this HH exclusive; you have just got to try Kambo.

Kambo is a gluey substance produced on the skin of the giant South American monkey frog – actually poisonous secretions. It is being widely touted by west coast jet setters and silicon valley executives. It is said to have wonderful physical and psychological properties, but at a high cost (dollar and physical).

Julia Allison, a San Francisco based media strategist told the NY Times, “It was the worst experience of my life, and I can’t wait to do it again.” What lies ahead for the user are short term symptoms including projectile vomiting, diarrhea, increased heart rate and a swollen face. “Practioners say that the intense negative sensations afterwards help create create

**feelings of strength and power.”
Hospitalizations and even deaths have been reported, though that may be changing. The International Association of Kambo Practitioners has now certified more than 400 specialists. Fits right in with doing your west coast thing.**

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The Supreme Court just ruled against a football coach in Bremerton, WA. who sued because he was fired for gathering the players together after games for a moment of silent prayer – Nope, says SCOTUS, you can have all sorts of other profane and hateful stuff going on, but the risk that you might appear to be espousing a religious belief – that’s a big no,no. America the beautiful!!

SORRY MEN, TURNS OUT YOU’RE NOT SO HOT

Big new survey reflects that a large majority of women would rather quarantine with their best friend than with their romantic partner.

Your faithful scribe

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