

(An Intro to the 4th Principle of the Johari Sita)

DWT: Shifting Paradigms from European Centered to African Centered Perspectives & Points of View

ReAfricanizing the African Mind: An Exercise in Cognitive Restructuring

Europeancentric Perspective (External Locus of Control)	Africancentric Perspective (Internal Locus of Control)
George Washington Jones, Thomas Jefferson Jackson, Benjamin Franklin Williams, kwk are our <i>real names</i> .	➡ G.W. Jones, T. J. Jackson and B. F. Williams are really <i>slave names</i> first imposed on our African ancestors during slavery.
<i>Classical Music</i> is European music, e.g., Mozart, Chopin, Beethoven, Haydn, Brahms, kwk.	➡ <i>Classical Music</i> is also African and African-American music, e.g., Jazz, Armstrong, Joplin, Parker, Young, Ellington, Basie, Coltrane, Davis, kwk.
<i>Standard English</i> is the only proper, correct, intelligent way to speak and write. Blacks speak slang.	➡ <i>Ebonics</i> , which is the dialect of English spoken by most U.S. Blacks, is also proper, correct and intelligent.
Nelson and Winnie Mandela live in <i>South Africa</i> .	➡ Nelson and Winnie Mandela live in <i>Azania</i> .
The Asante, Ibos, Yorubas, Zulus, kwk, are African <i>tribes</i> .	➡ The Asante, Ibos, Yorubas, Zulus, kwk, are <i>African ethnic groups</i> or African <i>nations</i> .
The Europeans <i>discovered</i> America in 1492.	➡ Europeans developed the sailing technology which allowed them to <i>travel</i> to the Americas in 1492, where they found millions of Native Americans.
World history and culture <i>began</i> in Europe with the Greeks and Romans.	➡ World history and culture <i>began</i> in Africa with the Nubians and Kemetians of the Nile River Valley, who later established settlements in Europe and Asia.
Straight hair is <i>good</i> hair; kinky, nappy, African hair is <i>bad</i> hair.	➡ Kinky, nappy, African hair is <i>good</i> hair; straight hair is <i>also good</i> if it is naturally yours.
Ten Black youth working together is a <i>gang</i> .	➡ Ten Black youth working together is an <i>organization</i> .
My dream vacation is to visit <i>London</i> to see Big Ben, <i>Paris</i> to see the Eiffel Tower, and <i>Rome</i> to see the Sistine Chapel.	➡ My dream vacation is to visit <i>Kemet</i> to see the pyramids, <i>Jamaica</i> to sit with the Rastas, and <i>Haiti</i> to observe a Voodoo ceremony.
Blacks who stand up strong for Black people are <i>militant, radical</i> and <i>anti-white</i> .	➡ Blacks who stand up strong for Black people are <i>truthful, courageous, historical</i> and <i>pro-Black</i> .

Christianity is the only <i>true</i> religion. Christmas, Easter and the 4 th of July are the only important holidays.	➡	Ifa, Candomble, Santeria, Voodoo, Rastafarianism, kwk are also <i>true</i> religions. Kwanzaa, Black History Month and MLK Jr's birthday are also important holidays.
Africa is the " <i>Dark Continent</i> ", a land of jungles, populated with savages and ruled by Tarzan.	➡	Africa is the <i>birth place</i> of the human race, the <i>cradle</i> of human civilization, and Tarzan is a figment of E. R. Burrough's European centered imagination.
Africans were ruled by tyrants and witch doctors.	➡	African were ruled by <i>kings, queen mothers</i> and <i>councils of elders</i> .
Great art is Rembrandt, Michelangelo, Van Gogh, Picasso, kwk.	➡	Great art is also <i>Tanner, Duncanson, Fuller, Lewis, Bearden</i> , kwk.
Black people have contributed nothing to the development of world civilization and culture, except under the guidance and domination of Europeans and Arabs.	➡	Black people <i>created the world's first civilizations, invented writing, religion, and all the arts, smelted metals and built the first stone buildings, developed math and all the basic sciences</i> .
Black students are expected to sit in the back of their classes, and are lazy, loud, ignorant and very slow to learn.	➡	Black students are expected to sit in the <i>front</i> of their classes, and are <i>hard working, ambitious, scholarly, and quick</i> to learn.
The Black community is a dangerous, filthy ghetto, slum or project, home to poor, uneducated people with low morals.	➡	The Black community is an exploited internal <i>colony</i> struggling to become a <i>nation</i> while surrounded by a hostile power.
White means good, pure, holy, superior, etc. Black means bad, dirty, devilish, inferior, kwk.	➡	Black means good, pure, holy, superior kwk.
Educated Blacks have no higher ambition in life than to get a "good" job working for white people, and then buying expensive cars, clothes and homes. (dependency, individualism, assimilation, conspicuous consumption)	➡	Educated Blacks desire not only to <i>own their own business</i> and achieve <i>financial independence</i> so they can improve the quality of life for their families, but also achieve economic self-sufficiency and political sovereignty for African people. (collectivism, self-sufficiency, independence)
Black people born in the U.S. are Americans and citizens of the U.S.	➡	Black people born in the U.S. are also <i>Africans</i> living in America and are <i>citizens of the African World Community</i> .
Black artists, entertainers, writers kwk, are not really important, talented, gifted and worthy of note until the European community recognizes them.	➡	Black artists, entertainers, writers, kwk, are important, talented, gifted and worthy of not only when the Black Community recognizes them.

kwk (Swahili) = katha wa katha = and so on.