



In the sight of God there is no color line, and we want to cultivate a spirit that will make us forget there's such a line anyway."

Booker T. Washington

What a Difference a Day Makes...

Actually, even less. Only hours after the polls closed Nov. 4th, it was official: Barack Obama will be our next President of the United States.

He promised change. OK. But how we respond to change makes all the difference. A healthy response to 'change' involves progressing from: emotion (feel) ► re-evaluate (think) ► pick best option (decide) ► change behavior (act).

Disregard for the moment the disruptive change that our current economy will bring this new year. Instead, consider the potential for change in racial attitudes with the advent of our nation's first black President. It is time to examine one's own private attitudes about race - toward ours *and* in relation to others. Clinging to attitudes mired in white guilt or black alientation/victimhood is both energy-sapping and counter-productive. Obama's success has proven it.

In the eyes of our Lord, we are all equal *and* unique... members of one race - human. Booker T. had it right. There is no color line... Now is the time.. "to cultivate a spirit that will make us forget there's a line anyway."

We are not naive. Cultural and racial clashes won't disappear. But let our differences be *solely* of opinion. **Yes, we can...** affirm an *indivisible* America, striving as one to achieve a more perfect union with justice and liberty for all.

Happy New Year,

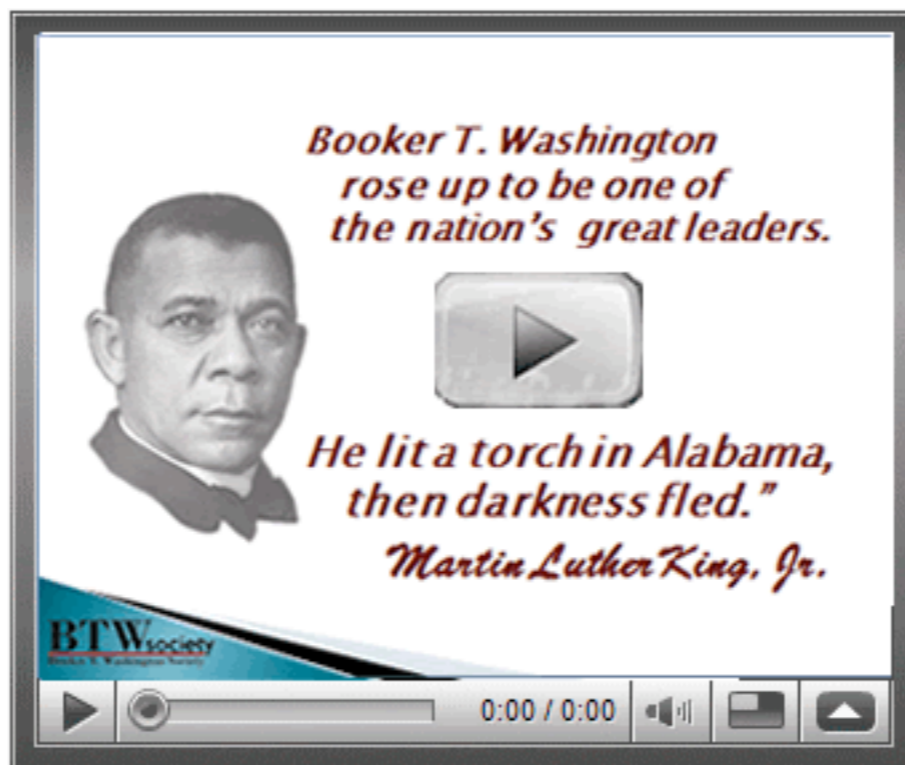
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In His Own Words... by Booker T. Washington

Upon Founding the National Negro Business League
- BTW's Opening Address, Boston Massachusetts, August 23, 1900

...One object of this organization of business men and women... is to bring together annually those of our race who are engaged in various branches of business, from the humblest to the highest, for the purpose of ... receiving encouragement, inspiration and information from each other. The other object is to originate plans by which local business organizations will be formed in all parts of our country... [Read More...](#)

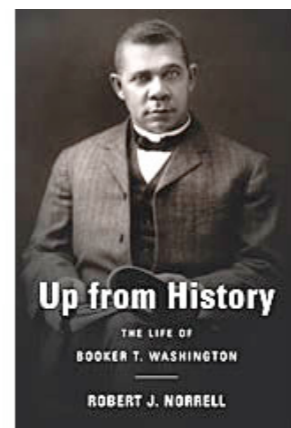
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