

POVERTY

The Worlds Most Dangerous Uncured Epidemic

There are many realities including the misuse of power which keeps us as human beings from reaching our potential to create a peaceful and loving world that so many desperately want and need. The nature of human consciousness shows its true colors through the worlds many different cultures. From violent crime to unfit leaders there is one element which has stood out that has plagued all man kind throughout history. This element we define today as poverty. Those who suffer from the grips of poverty are the people who truly experience pain on a daily basis. According to a recent 2007 study by the University of Pittsburgh on race and the social problem, national statistics show that Black Americans suffer from poverty at three times the rate of White Americans. I believe that the core of this problem is that as Americans we have set up a system that too often allows a hardening of the heart towards others who have less. Power and greed has taken over the minds of many of the wealthy people of America which has allowed them to become victims of this modern epidemic of delusional thinking. Today there are million dollar companies that exploit the body and spirit of their customers everyday. Under the illusion of low costs, these companies sell unhealthy products to the poor. Many of these low cost products including certain types of fish, toys, and even corn syrup, have been shown to possess poisonous deadly chemicals such as mercury and manganese. If you're paying attention you can see that many of these low cost products have shown up on the national product recall list. Through agitation propaganda which causes a paralysis of analysis, the poor communities of America have been lured into becoming consumers. As one studies the majority of the African American community you'll see this consumer everywhere. Many of the African American youth who are at the bottom of every American economic category will buy a pair of tennis shoes that cost \$150 before starting a savings account. This clearly shows that poverty is a mind state.

Realistically poverty hasn't been cured because many people in the world today are caught up into a physical realm which worships materialism. Through this physical realm you can see that there are wars and epidemics that have manifested themselves through poverty. Epidemics like thugism and haterism in the black community are just two of the many epidemics that get their roots from poverty. Growing up poor, I understand clearly why people do things that they wouldn't normally do if they weren't suffering from poverty. These many things which all gets their origins from menticide has plagued the minds of many of today's youth. Across the world you can see poverty's effects through African countries in the Sudan who have billions of dollars of resources in the soil but because they are at civil war they are considered a third world country in need of economic aid. The reason this is, I believe, is that many of the leaders in these so called third world countries lack an intimate relationship with nature which allows them to become victims of corrupt mentality.

To destroy this modern epidemic called poverty, all humanity must move from thinking to a clear understanding. We must all realize that without self actualization, self esteem, self love, and self safety it's almost impossible to live a decent life on this planet. As

historian Anthony Browder states, “The world’s inhabitants must start to identify with higher ideals” so that the “have nots” who are suffering from poverty can truly regain their pursuit of happiness. Many believe that the American recession is over but in many poor communities that couldn’t be furthest from the truth. If we are all to survive, the gap between the poor and the rich must decrease which will ultimately help change the current destructive course of human evolution.