

Integration

Ice Cube

"I'm speaking as a Black man from America... which is a racist society.
No matter how much you hear it talk about democracy...
It's as racist as South Africa or as racist as Portugal...
Or as racist as any other racialist society on this, on this earth.
The only difference between it and South-Africa: South-Africa...
Preaches separation and practices separation.
America preaches integration and practices segregation!
This is the ONLY difference.
They don't practice what they PREACH!
For in South-Africa preaches and practices... the SAME thing.
I have more respect for a man, who let me know where he stands...
Even if he's wrong.
Then one who comes up like an angel and is nothing but a devil."

"I, uhm... I don't agree with him because I don't have to follow anyone to defend myself.
I think that, uhm... there are, every people, uhm...
All people have been... frustrated in some form from another.
But, uhm...
I don't agree with him, I don't follow a man, and I don't think anyone should follow one man.
I think they should follow their conscience!
I think the most of them, most negroes, that they feel sorry for themselves.
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And I think that this keep some that, uhm...
Much more than they would be.
If they didn't feel so sorry for themselves."

"If Martin Luther King, Roy Wilkins or any of these uuh...
Compromising negroes who say exactly what the white man wants to hear...
Is interviewed anywhere in the country, you don't get anybody to offset what they say.
But whenever a black man...
Stands up and says something that...
White people don't like then the first thing that white man does,
Is run around and try and find somebody to say something...
To, to uuhm... offset...
What has just been said!
This is NATURAL!
But it is done."

"You know what I think?
I just think... I think you, you... you givin' up! (givin' up on what?)
An ideal of an integrated America, the dream of Martin Luther King, I think you givin' up.
This is not, I'm not tryna be a "Smarterica", I'm calling you honestly...
That I think you givin' up! "

"You know, it's interesting... how... white folk... sit here...
Thinking that... I have a reason... to lie to you...
As though you are so powerful.
And you are so wonderful...
And I am so ashamed of my words, that I have to twist and turn, please!
You are not dealing... with that kind of man.
You're dealing with a man... who means what he says.
And says what he means, now listen! "