

CHAPTER VI

C O N C L U S I O N

The character of Richard, in Black Boy, as the main character, is the prime aspect concerning the novel.

Obviously, Richard, is the center of the idea of the story created by the author as the tool to express his wishes. Through Richard, the readers are given clear description how everything happened in the South where most blacks live. Through his reports, his perceptions and ideas about what happened around him in his society and environment, and his thoughts about life, we know that race discrimination is cruel and inhuman.

Through his character we understand that blacks are not the backward race. As God's creatures, they deserve to get the same treatment as other, as human beings. Blacks are equal to other people despite their colors.

Being black is not one's fault. One does not beg for it. One can never blame for the color of his or her skin. However, they are all His creations, the world's occupants.

God creates people of many colors, who later become various races because of His own will.

Why should black people accept the hatred, suppression, humiliation and brutality of the white people merely because they have a different color ? Because of the unfair treatment, parents educate their children strictly, sometimes even too hard, in order to make them 'blind' in seeing the unfair treatment from the whites.

Blacks are afraid of the whites, therefore they do not want their children to find out the bitter exists. They do not want their children to know very soon that blacks are inferior to whites.

Many ways are used by black people to educate their children. Among others is to push them totally into the church's life rather than let them choose their own will to occupy their activities. They even beat them spontaneously whenever their curiosity are arisen and question their parents they learn from story books, knowledge, school , about the relationship between blacks and whites.

All these occur because the lack the feeling of love, understanding, and appreciation between the two different races which in reality are living side by side in the same country.

Race discrimination is wrong. It can even be categorized as a crime since more often it involves murder, lynching, torturing, and all physical

ill-treatment . It is not only a kind of physical suffering, but more than that, it is a kind of mental terror. It's a kind of disdaining human dignity or human basic right that is the right to be free, to give vote, give suggestions, to get jobs they like, to decide everything by their own will, etc. The assumption that blacks are worthless also hurt the black deeply; in fact, they can not tolerated at all.

Through Richard's characters, the author wants to give the readers a description how wrong race discrimination is, since it not only injures mentally and physically, but also it is considered an abuse to human social rights.

However, it should not exist and moreover it should be banished. Because no one, no nation, and no race could be permitted to violate other's life, personality and dignity.

Blacks are equal to white people, and with all the races in the world. There are no differences between them. Richard is able to see it with the eyes of his heart. His opinion is not different with ours; that, blacks are human beings like us. The world should treat them equally as people from other nations, and they should be given a fair judgement, love and attention and a chance to prove their existence .

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