

## THE LIGHT IS WITHIN ME AS US ALL.

WE are the leaders we all have been looking for.

Ever rising as the sons and daughters of tomorrow's longing for a better day and a better way

Wading in the confluence of ancient rivers with generations past, present and yet unborn

Standing on the shoulders of those now gone

who struggled against much worst with much less

Ever giving thanks for their legacy and pumping up positive expectancies--

the fertile breeding ground for miracles

Day by day, preaching a better sermon with our lives than our lips

Manifesting and modeling right walks and resolute will

Against the wall... At the edge... Yet ever pressing forward

Relentlessly affirming the positive and interrupting the negative!

Embracing every experience as a blessing or a lesson

that also can be transformed into a blessing

Lifting as we climb while

Igniting the vision and potential of new generations

Lighting the future for those yet unborn

Keeping our eyes on the prize

Still and always we rise

In spite of... if not because of...!

Guided towards our greatest and highest good

Letting nothing and no one steal our joy

WE RISE.

Ashé!

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## REMINDERS

Unity is strength. WE are children of the heavens and WE will not be crushed.

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# ***THE POTENT POWER OF 1***

*One song can spark a memory  
One flower can waken dreams  
One tree can start a forest  
One bird can herald the spring*

*One smile can start a friendship  
One handclasp can lift a soul  
One star can guide a ship at sea  
One speech can set a goal*

*One vote can change a nation  
One sunbeam can light a room  
One candle can erase the darkness  
One laugh can chase the gloom*

*One step must start each journey  
One word must start each prayer  
One hope can raise the spirits  
One prayer can show you care*

*One can make a difference  
And that one is you  
Individually and collectively  
You can! You do!*

*"Anonymous but passed along with respect by the SEED network of folk—Seeking Educational Equity & Diversity—who ask that readers own more of their own power-of-one as they remember to listen & respect where others' powers are located."*

*---Emily Style, SEED CoDirector*

**★★ *None of Us is Born Multicultural, so We are All Projects-in-Process!* ★★**

We must deliberately learn to be multicultural in order to transcend our ethnocentric mindsets and stereotypes. Systemic processes--sociocultural and sociopolitical-- lead us to think and feel the way we do without even knowing *why*. Stepping outside our ethnocentric comfort zones demands a conscious and a conscientious resolve to be and become lifelong learners with a reflective beginner mindset. Being and becoming an effective leader requires intensive and accurate awareness of ourselves--our capacities, our blindspots and our blankspots.

In this work, the SELF is our most crucial instrument.



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