



We define Black Consciousness as an attitude of the mind, a way of life. It must not be misconstrued to mean anti-whiteism but, a pro-black movement. It means seeking identity with oneself and the community. It is a positive attitude towards the Black Experience as opposed to negation of Blackness. It is the healthiest call ever to separate from the Black world.

It means a realization by Black people that for anyone who is poised to participate in this game of power politics must operate from a position of power. Whilst not necessarily advocating polarisation of the populace it is unfortunate that for us to find ourselves ~~we~~ need to be alone and not ourselves first.

Black consciousness then is the notion of the peculiarity of Black existence; of who we are and what we should be. The peculiarity of our place in the world which ~~does~~ belongs to no other people. The peculiarity of our history (aced with its terrible misfortunes ~~which belongs to us~~) should not be confused with any other history, the peculiarity of our culture which we intend to live and relieve in an even realer manner.

This notion then of our peculiar experience is the watchword of the Black student movement - Black consciousness or Black ~~life~~ awareness. Its basic tenet is to liberate the Black man from psychological oppression. It is the pivot of Black life in the seventies and we must base our ~~action~~ movement on this liberatory philosophy. ~~Umasawa~~