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**Cynthia McKinney, DIGNITY, and a Salute to My Readers:
The Struggle Continues**

Keeping It Real

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If one is not lethargic these are exciting though extremely dangerous times. Nothing makes the people's victory more assured than the *determination to attain it*.

Your writer had just awoken this morning hearing the wonderful and myriad birds chirping. Yet, in my heart there was both love and rage as I mused about the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the *lack* of singlepayer universal health care and growing joblessness & homelessness and other injustices in this nation.

I thought to myself, "so where can I find humanity's beauty today?" Then, as is my practice, I decided to check on what my BC readers had written. I was stunned, for reader after reader had yet again written to me sterling words of determination and encouragement: "Keep up your writings and continue to speak truth to power;" "It's always good to hear your fighting words. Don't ever stop;" etc... Frankly, there are simply no words to adequately express my revolutionary love and appreciation for the readers of my column in *The Black Commentator*. Thank you!

As I read message after message from BC readers, I came upon a very recent incredible article and announcement by former U.S. Congresswoman and 2008 Green Party U.S. Presidential candidate, Cynthia McKinney, on the formation of the national organization known as DIGNITY, in *Op Ed News* (June 3, 2009). Words cannot describe my elation and trepidation, for Sister Cynthia McKinney has dared yet again to stand up for the social, political, and economic rights of Black, White, Brown, Red, and Yellow peoples in this nation and globally. Yet, she was betrayed. That's right! Betrayed by

many of those intellectual masturbators of the so-called *left* who opportunistically and treacherously chose to believe that real *systemic* change would be brought about by the pro apartheid Zionist, Wall Street-backed Barack Obama; *without real systemic organizing against the corporate bloodsuckers of the people - for a society and world dedicated to what **can be, not** what has been.* By now, thinking people must surely know that Obama is – more of the same, and in many respects *much, much worse.*

DIGNITY. Wow! What a concept! The *dignity* of standing up for the rights of the people, the workers, for complete and full universal single-payer health insurance, for judicial justice, and for an immediate and *real* end to the imperialistic wars waged by the elite of the U.S. Empire at the horrible expense of the peoples of this nation and world! Pay attention to this organization. Pay serious attention. Get involved!

Black, Red, Brown, White, and Yellow peoples of this nation and globe, though in the overwhelming majority, have been and are, repeatedly suckered and pimped by the machinations of a “minority elite” bent on using and then discarding them.

This reader salutes all my readers, Black, White, Brown, Red, and Yellow. Oh yes, I have heard from so many of you, and am reminded that *no one of us is as smart or as strong as **all** of us.*

Onward my brothers and sisters. Onward!...

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