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- Frederick Douglass

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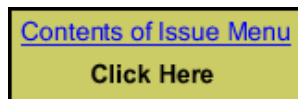
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Quote to Ponder: "What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July?
I answer; a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year,
the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim.
To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license;
your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sound of rejoicing are empty
and heartless; your denunciation of tyrants brass fronted impudence; your
shout of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns,
your sermons and thanks-givings, with all your religious parade and
solemnity, are to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and
hypocrisy -- a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of
savages. There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices more
shocking and bloody than are the people of the United States, at this very
hour." - Frederick Douglass

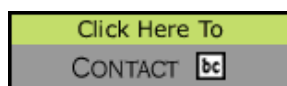
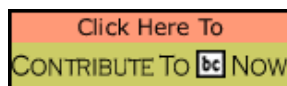
*This quote is from a speech given by Douglass on July 5, 1852 at an event
commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence, held at
Corinthian Hall in Rochester, New York.*

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