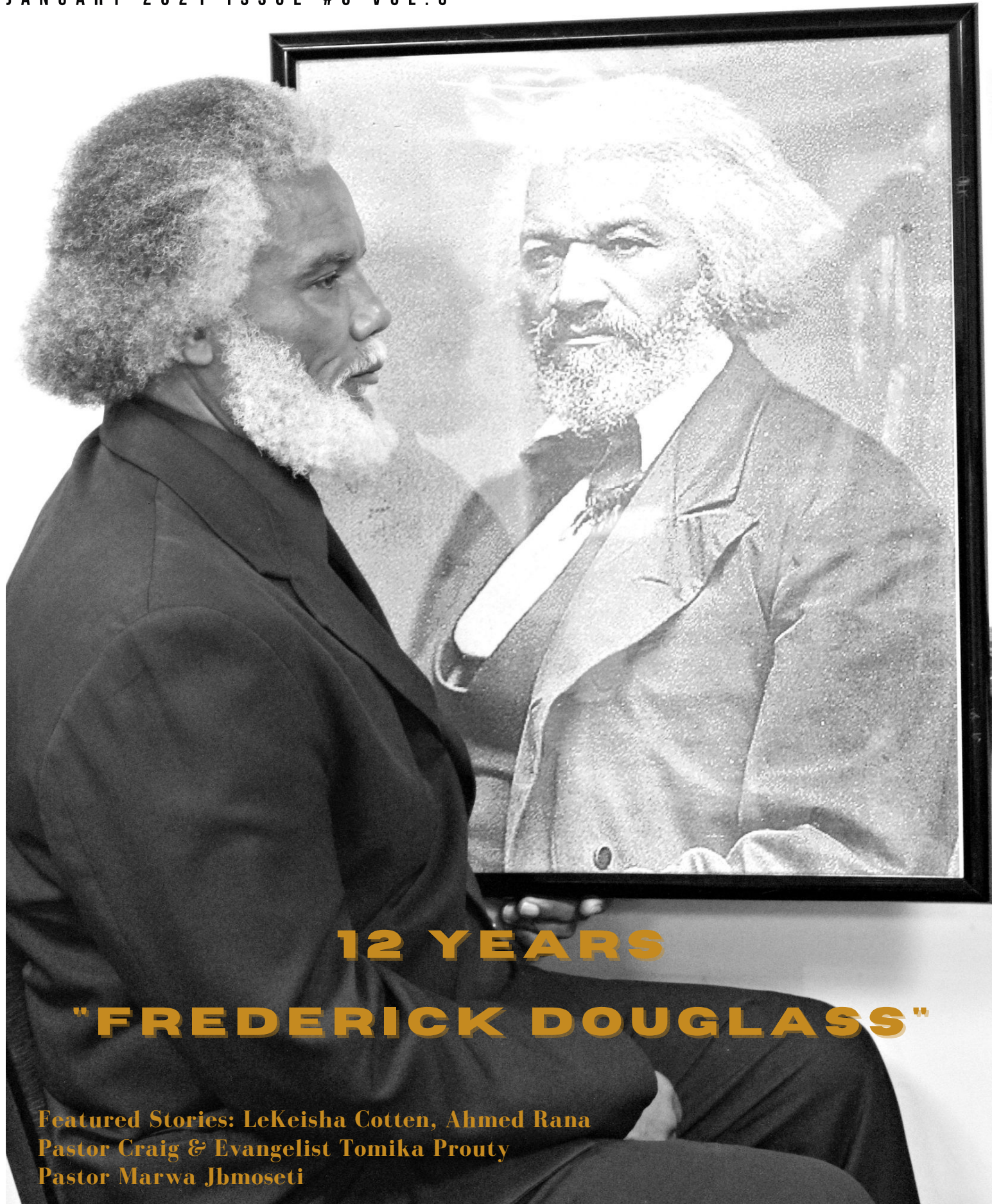


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**Featured Stories: LeKeisha Cotten, Ahmed Rana
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Editor's Note



“UP WORDS” is a magazine dedicated to the inspiring journeys of people from all walks of life living in all areas of the world. Each cover story in the magazine focuses on people who, often against great odds, inspire hope in others through their story or journey. The cover story is complemented by various sections such as entrepreneurship, education, art, music, folk world, lifestyle, sports and spirituality- all of which highlight positivity.

Our world is filled with so much negativity and violence. And because of that individuals from all walks of life tend to forget that what gets us through the dark days are stories of hope.

“UP WORDS” stories of hope are those that say to the reader, “look what he or she has done; I too can do that.” “UP WORDS” also intends to differentiate itself from others by researching and telling the inspirational stories of the ordinary individual. The ordinary individuals' stories tend to be neglected; yet they comprise the majority of the population across the globe.

“UP WORDS” seeks to spotlight them, for they are the ones who will light the flames of tomorrow's generation. “UP WORDS” has something for everyone, young and old, male, female and individuals from diverse socio-economic backgrounds. It seeks to build bridges of understanding, facilitate dialogue across society's divisions and build peace for tomorrow's generation. The magazine believes that life's limitations can inspire us to strive for heights we may not have reached otherwise.

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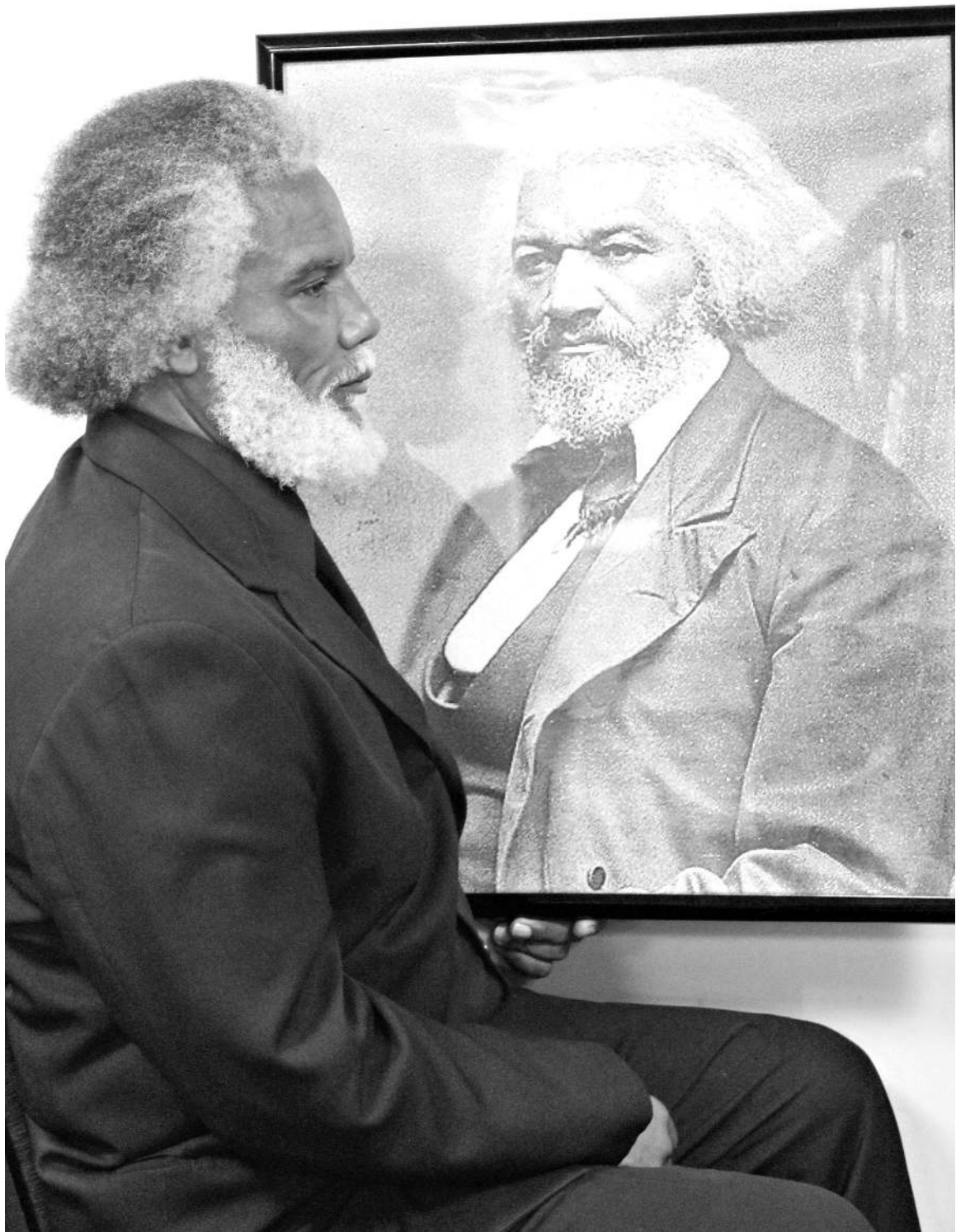
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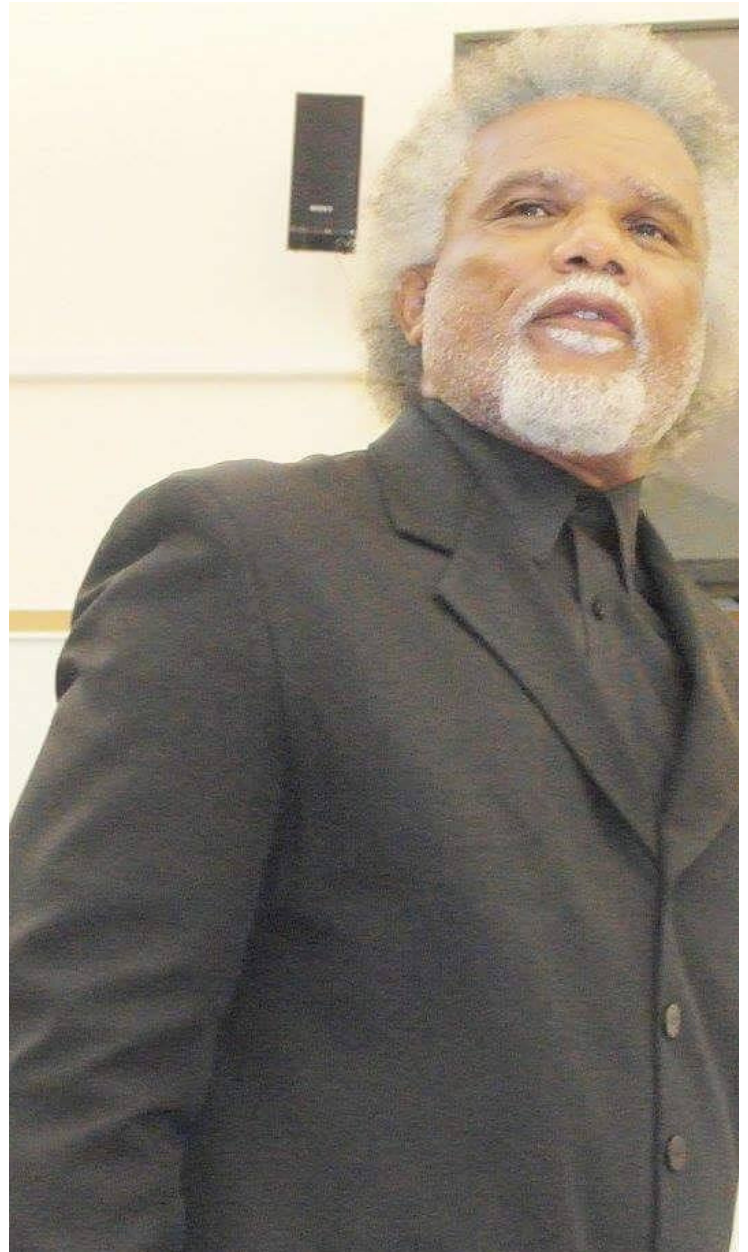
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- Donald L. Dowridge Jr.



The day would start as normal as any other day. Awakening to the peeping morning sun through the closed shade. Turning over to CNN and the News of America's First Black President Barack Obama preparing to sign a \$827 Economic Stimulus Bill to boast the country out of its current recession. February 3rd, 2009, brushing his morning breath, out of the four corners of walls it's heard with clarity! He is left in aww as to where the whispering *three times* of "FREDERICK DOUGLASS " was seeping from.

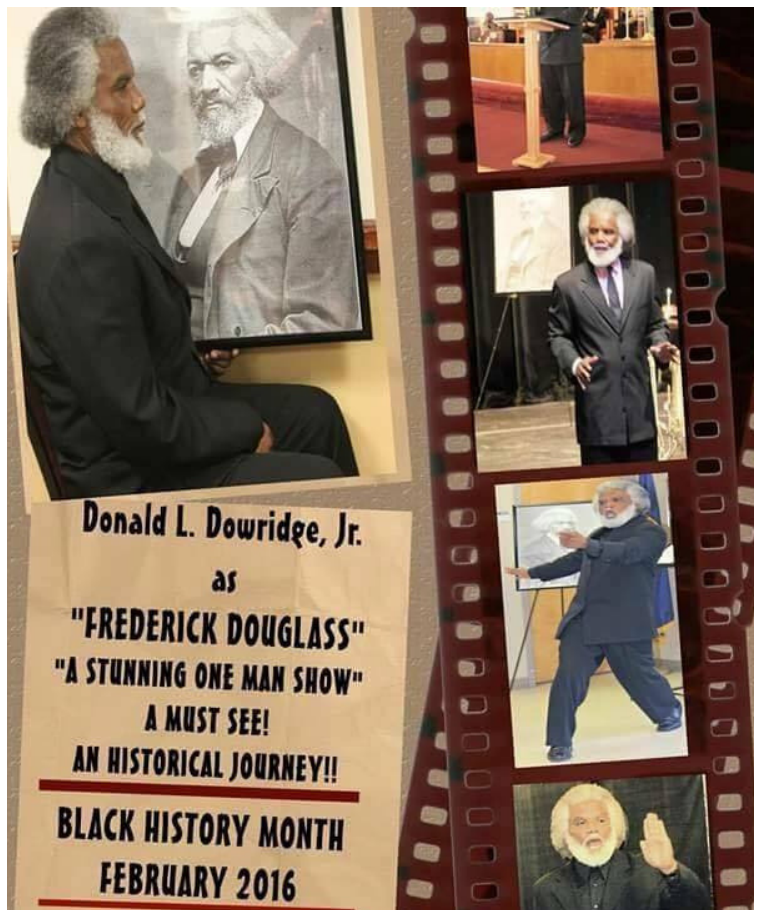
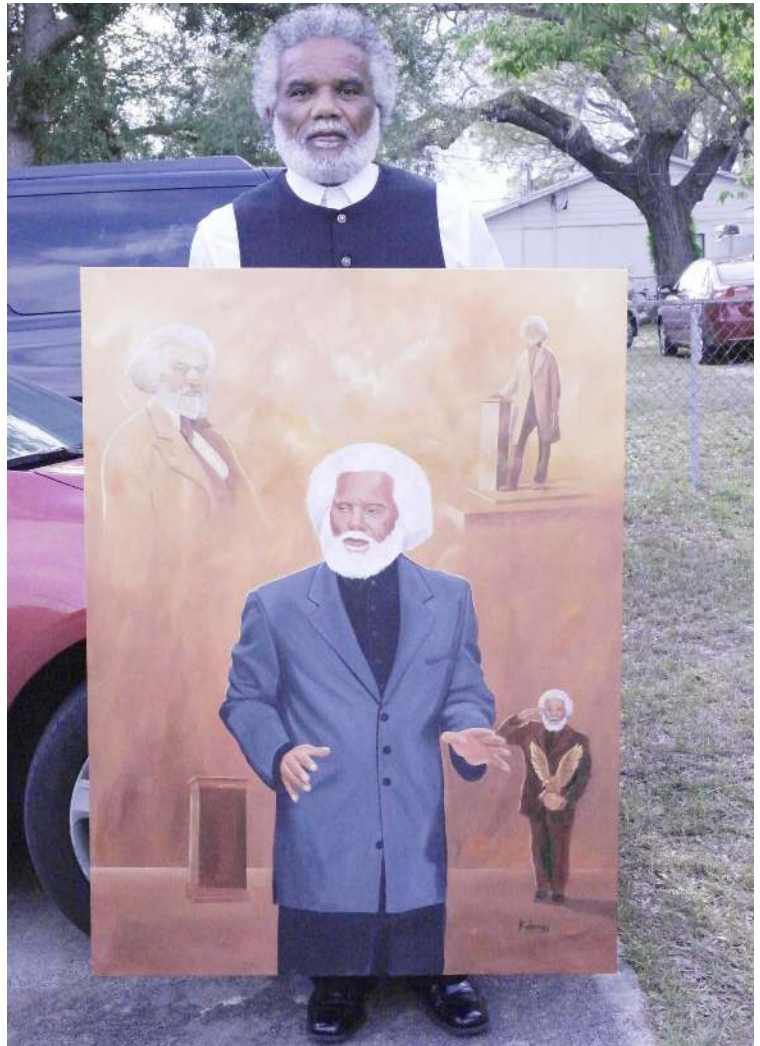


After securing morning hygiene and gathering proper attire, it was on to the then Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. While at the center an impromptu meeting was arranged, the meet would conclude with the *two hundred seat* TECO THEATER (*Special Mention Ms. J. P. THANKS SINCERELY*) secured!. Yes, it was the beginning of a New Chapter and New Venture into America's Black History with one of the greatest Black History figures America ever birthed on its sole. GOD had the perfect individual to portray him (*What an HONOR*)!! Since the inaugural inception, February 3rd, 2021 will mark 12 Years performing throughout the country to Standing Room Only and Standing Ovations for a performance that have left audiences totally in amazement at the spectacle just witness. To engulf the mannerisms and to project a tune that is striking and somewhat similar to Mr. Douglass is astounding especially when no actual recordings of him speaking exist. We are left only with written testimonies of those who befriended Mr. Douglass in that era.

In reference to the monologue's tell of Mr. Douglass venture through life, it begins with his birth on February 14th, 1818 then the story winds through the path from the childhood slave towards the important incident as a brawny teen which ultimately leads to his freedom on September 3rd, 1838.

Donald L. Dowridge, Jr, is known as the 21st Century "FREDERICK DOUGLASS!" He has/is delivering a new perspective to a non-fiction biography that's been illustrated through literature, quotes and stage plays educating the public for centuries of this Great Black Statesman.

Dowridge has taken full control and brought Mr. Douglass to life and mesmerized his audiences with his exact look-a-like appearance. Note: There is no wigs or makeup involved. His stage presence, knowledge, dramatics are rewarding within itself. To perform and display in such a manner rouses up and hold captive the audience for forty-five to an hour is truly remarkable!





It should be noted, if you have not ventured to see Mr. Donald L. Dowridge, Jr. as "FREDERICK DOUGLASS," 2021 is your time! Public Schools, Universities, Black Heritage Festivals, State Fairs, Washington, D.C. US Embassy, Churches, Youth & Adult Penal Systems to name a few have taken advantage and booked this remarkable one man show with no regrets! Though we are currently under the Covid-19 restrictions, *the show must go on.* With Social Distance and attendance limited, ZOOM Broadcast in simulcast will be available for wide Viewing & Edutainment!

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Ahmed Rana aka “Baltimore Tax Man” has been serving the Baltimore City and surrounding communities for over 15 years. As a young boy growing up in Brooklyn, New York, coming from Pakistan, he learned and came to understand what having a strong work ethic meant. He spent many years working various jobs that would show him the true meaning of what it was to earn a hard days salary. Taking those young adult skills that he learned he has now turned that into a business that not only does taxes but other business assets that he uses to make a difference in other people’s lives.

The “Baltimore Tax Man” as he is affectionately known around town places a premium on serving the community to make it better. His desire is to help humanity and bring diverse communities together.



His way of bringing the Baltimore City community together is by showing the diverse cultures how they can benefit each other as well as learn from each other. His businesses range from Real Estate investing, to Tax Preparer as well as an avid Cricket supporter. As he goes about his busy day you wouldn't think that this humble, quiet and generous man would have such a great impact on our city.

Ahmed has a hectic schedule that takes him all over the city throughout the day but no matter how busy he is he makes it a point to put his family first. He believes that there should be a balance between the work we do and the family life that we live. Keeping his family at the forefront of his life he makes sure that he does not allow his work to interfere with the time that he spends with his family. He has also made sure that when he is working he is working and always thinking what is next?



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Fulfilling the Great Commission with faith, power and boldness

Pastor Craig *and* Evangelist Tomika Prouty are Founders of “Truth Revealed Global Ministries” located in Macon, GA.

We were called to Street and Outreach Ministry in September 2016. However, prior to 2016, we were both used in different capacities in our local Churches and military Chapels located in Germany, Hawaii and Georgia.

Pastor Craig and I enjoy teaching the Word of God. Many people have expressed that our style of teaching is unique. A simple yet practical approach, easy to understand and applicable to daily lives. Our overall mission is to fulfill the Great Commission and meeting people where they are. Showing the love of Christ while sharing the Good News of Salvation.

We met while serving in the U.S. Army. After a brief courtship we were inseparable and made the decision to become man and wife. The Bible declares in Proverbs 18:22, “He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the Lord.”

We married in 2011 in Honolulu, Hawaii and continued our military service in the U.S. Army. I retired in 2015 and Pastor Craig retired in 2018.

We have a beautiful blended family; Kortneye, Samantha, Rachel and Faith. We thank God for bringing us together as one solid family unit.

As we grew together as a family we also grew together in faith. Pastor Craig was ordained as a Minister in September 2015, as an Elder in June 2017 and installed as a Pastor. I was called (Evangelist) by God and licensed to preach the Gospel in July 2018.

I was awarded an Associate of Arts in Justice Administration from Hawaii Pacific University (September 2007). Pastor Craig and I attend Middle Georgia College of Theology. We are pursuing a Graduate degree. (June 2021).

Pastor Craig is a co-author of Unshakable Faith: Twenty Testimonies by Men & Women of Great Faith. However, this is not his first published work. Inspired by the untimely death of his father from cancer, in 2016 he authored Daily Message: Truth Revealed. God later inspired him to share his daily messages with the world. In July 2018, he released the Daily Message Truth Revealed App.





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I am truly passionate about my relationship with Christ. This passion is why I was inspired to pen my first Memoir, *A Soldier's Story: Strength Despite Adversity* (March 2018). I discussed the hard truth about war and how I overcame many obstacles that were meant to destroy me. But God! I co-authored *Daughters of Triumph* (November 2018) with 20 amazing women. I completed my first book collaboration *Unshakable Faith: Twenty Testimonies by Men & Women of Great Faith* (April 2020) under my publishing company, House of Stone Publishing. This book contains twenty powerful testimonies by men and women who overcame unforgettable trials and tribulations by activating their faith.

It was written to inspire, encourage and motivate you to walk in greater faith and obedience, receiving all that God has for you. I also co-authored *Urgency: Releasing Right Now Prayers* (December 2020) with 37 amazing men and women. I co-produced (visionary) *Sisters of War: The Reunion* (2017) which captured three veterans combat experience to Iraq/Afghanistan. Glory to God! To be continued...



PASTOR MARWA

COMMITTED TO SERVE

J B MOSETI, is a first-born son among 10 siblings to Bishop Sammy Muniko and the late Catherine Weisiko. A father to boys and girls and a husband to Anne Marwa.

He oversees several churches that run under the Ministry of Jesus Christ Kenya based at Kehancha. He is in charge of the Ministry of Jesus Christ Olongoiyo church located in Transmara among the Maasai communities.

He is also a high school teacher. In the five secondary schools he has taught, he played the role of a counselling and career guidance master. In three of this schools he served as the school principal.



His 30 yrs experience of handling high school students and 13 years as a Minister of the word puts him at a very good position to advise on prayer and how to present prayers before the living God and is in the process of publishing a book with the tittle” MY PRAYERS’.

Other Ministry of Jesus Christ activities include “MISSION LINDA WAZEE” (A mission to take care of the aged) This involves visiting aged people, to pray for them, chat with them, provide food and clothing for them, and distribute bibles for them.

As a school teacher he mobilizes resources to improve the living standards of his students for example in the a finished borehole to provide clean water.





THERE'S MORE TO HER THAN MUSIC

Award-winning Singer, Entrepreneur, Minister and business woman, LeKeisha Taylor Cotten, is a USA Mississippi Delta girl born in the city of Indianola. She is a product of humble beginnings, yet remarkably self-accomplished. LeKeisha has traveled the world abroad singing, teaching, and ministering in both music and business.

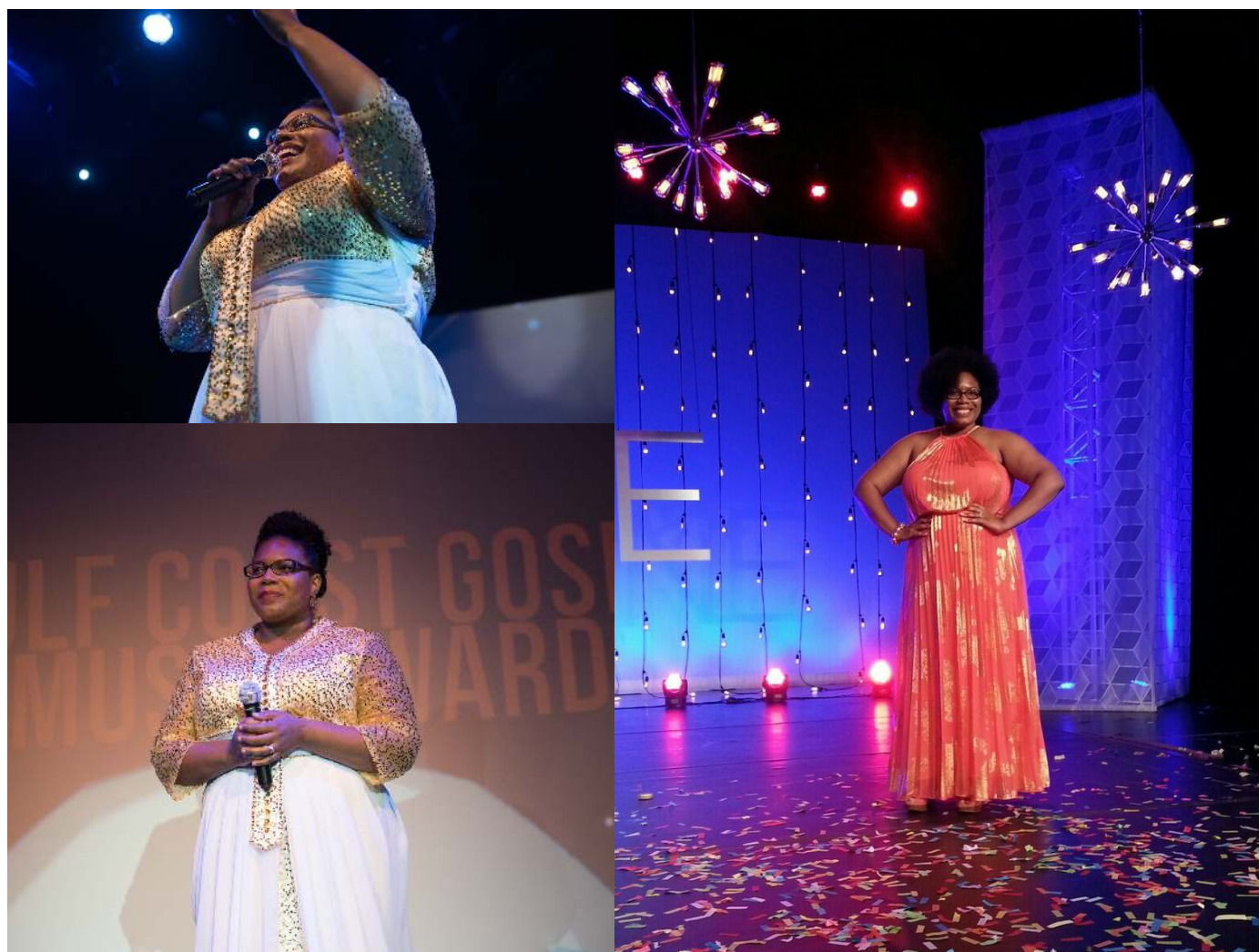
She is an ordained Minister and has shared the stage with countless greats, impacting the likes of Musical and Political giants -Kirk Franklin, Tamela Mann, Lyle Lovett, CeCe Winans, Donald Lawrence, Sir The Baptist, 2 U.S. Governors, 2 U.S. Presidents, and 1 International Ambassador, just to name a few. She is the Founder of the Gulf Coast Gospel Music Awards, which has honored local, national and international individuals in the gospel music industry.

LeKeisha holds several awards for her incomparable voice, to include magazine publications, national level talent titles, business awards, and musical accomplishments. Her pedigree currently spans over 15 years. In 2015, LeKeisha made her mark as an International Artist by becoming the Actors Models and Talent for Christ (AMTC) VIP Choice Winner selected by music industry trailblazers and icons, from a selection of over 900 other individuals. It has been said that when she takes the stage to sing, audiences can feel the power and sharpness of her voice. The spiritual impact she possess when singing has literally broken chains and brought deliverance to the masses.

Her most impactful project, The Gulf Coast Gospel Music Awards (GCGMA), reaches communities and cultures of people in 19 states and 4 countries. LeKeisha and her brand (LeKeisha Cotten Enterprises) have contributed significantly to national disaster relief manuals, financial and health literacy for families and radio/TV broadcasting, garnering global attention.

These contributions span across music, performing arts, multi-media, and business education that provide long-term infrastructure and economics for communities, starting on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in the United States.

In 2020, she has made her biggest move, yet -National Television broadcasting of her 4 year old music awards show to hundreds of thousands of viewers world-wide!



In 2018, she launched her Gospel Music T.V. Show, The Platform, and in 2019, became the Program Director for WQFX Power Gospel Radio. In November 2019, she took the stage with Donald Lawrence and Sir the Baptist at Joel Osteen's church, Lakewood Church in Houston, TX ministering to over 40,000 people.

LeKeisha Cotten is a brand all by herself. Her work in philanthropy has afforded her the opportunity to work with organizations across the world to affect change for social and economic justice. She was an intricate piece to post-recovery after Hurricane Katrina affected the Mississippi, Louisiana, Florida, Texas and Georgia Coastal States, by serving as a Community Recovery Leader for the Children's Defense Fund. Her efforts helped to write and submit a disaster recovery manual to, then U.S. President, George Bush and incoming President Barak Obama.

She is known as a talented business woman who has the ability to influence the gifts in others to shine and reach their highest potential.



KARMA WITH DHARMA IS THE MANTRA FOR SUCCESS IN 2021



2020 has been an unprecedented time for all of us. Two years ago, in one of my predictions, I mentioned that the year 2020 and half of 2021 would be tough economically. In December 2019, I had predicted in one of the interviews that with the alignment of multiple planets coming in one house, it might result in a planetary war like scenario. Little did I know that this planetary war would turn out to be a global pandemic. Around April 2020 I had again predicted that by September things would look better and the world will find a cure or vaccine and life will slowly get back to normal. There are many vaccines on the horizon now and hopefully the world will get these vaccines with better effectiveness and minimal side effects. Now we are entering 2021 and many have been asking me to look into the future with some HOPE. When things go down, the only action plan is to go up. I feel we all are sailing in turbulent waters, but the boats are of different sizes for everyone; depending on their individual horoscopes. Things went downhill in every aspect, but we can see signs of revival across all fronts now.

From an Astro perspective, 2021 is an interesting year. Saturn is in its own house “Capricorn” and it is in the 10th house in Kalpursh Kundali. It is the house of Karma, where Saturn is at its best. Jupiter too is in the house of Capricorn but is debilitated and may not sound good in generic terms. However, Jupiter, the 9th lord is in the 10th house and the 10th Lord Saturn is in the 10th house, forming the most powerful Raj Yoga: “The Dharma Karmadhipati Yoga”. Till 5th April 2021 before Jupiter goes to Aquarius, the impact of Dharma Karmadhipati yoga will be huge. After 59 years, Jupiter & Saturn are aligned together in Capricorn. Rahu is in Taurus, in exaltation and till 5th April 2021 Rahu will be aspecting Jupiter in trine, weakening it further. This combination of Saturn (which rules masses & workers) along with debilitated Jupiter (which rules dharma or religions), aspected by Rahu (which rules politics & manipulations) has already created turbulence in different areas. This may end by 5th April, when Jupiter will be out of affliction & move to Aquarius. As a result this is a turbulent time for the Indian central government, as the Prime Minister & Home Minister are also experiencing a change in their ‘Maha Dasha’ in their individual horoscopes which will lead to a new beginning & situations. Things will be under control post 5th of April for everyone. The mantra for success in 2021 is simple, do your karma with dharma and work hard to attain the fruits. Opportunities will knock the door throughout the year and those following Karma with Dharma will see new changes in life and achieve great material and spiritual success. The stars are aligned and are indicating a general well-being, but one must work hard while maintaining a balance between materialistic & spiritual life.

-Celebrity astrologer Sundeep Kochar

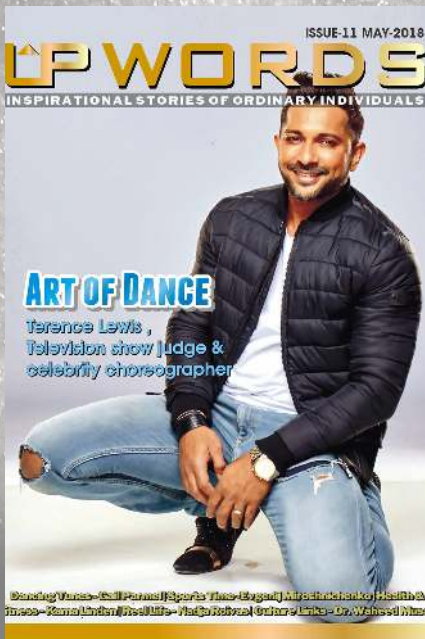
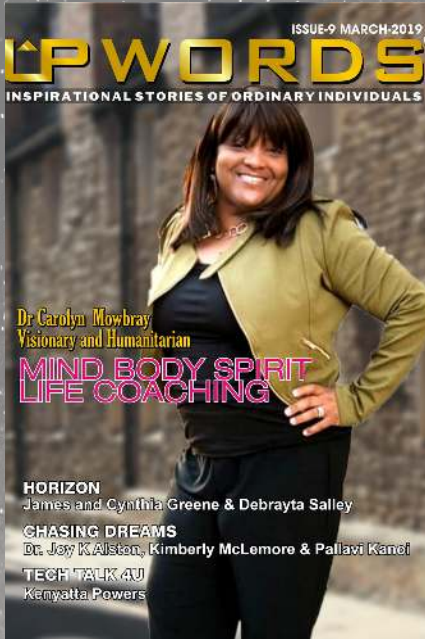
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