

## Chapter 8

# An Examination of Solutions

### ABSTRACT

*This chapter focuses on the solutions that both the author, politicians, activists, educators, religious leaders, etc. have proffered throughout the literature review and the analysis of the issues that have been discussed throughout this book. These solutions act as a salve to the wounds of injustice throughout the world. Many of these solutions are not panaceas or end all be all solutions. Some of the solutions are short-term remedies while other solutions are long-term remedies. To be frank, it is impossible to return land masses – in complete, return the dead to life or to heal all the wounds from the emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and spiritual abuses that have occurred worldwide. It is also impossible to salvage some of the cultural losses via identity as well as artifacts. None the less, an examination and discussion of said solutions may bring about a better understanding and a better solution.*

*“Support them, but my hope is not in law enforcement” -KB, Dark Skin (2021)*

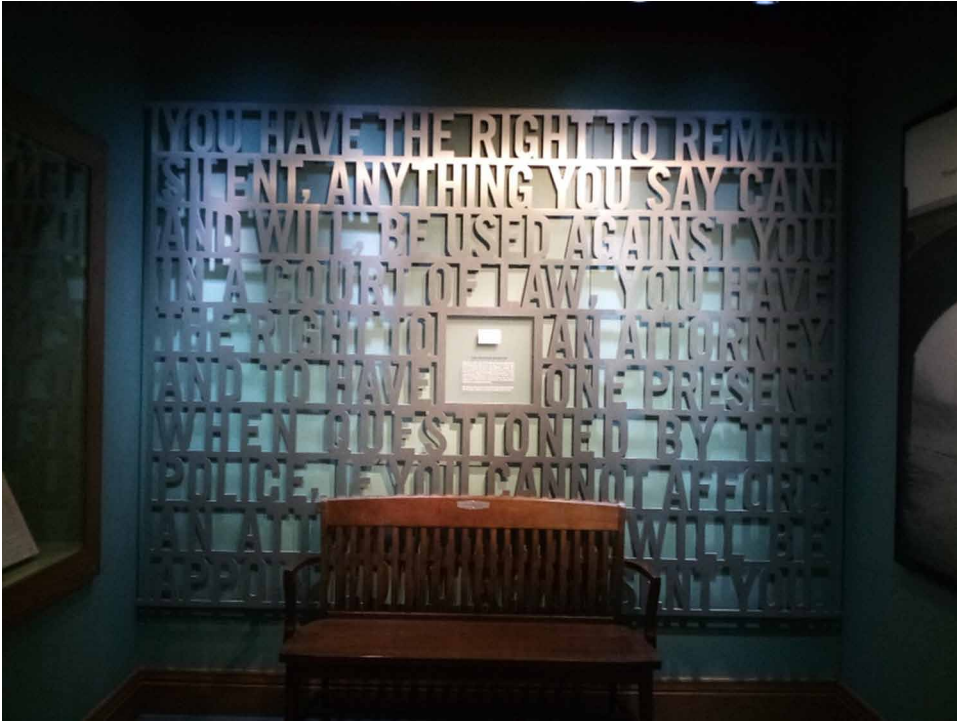
*“I wish it need not have happened in my time.”- Frodo, The Fellowship of the Rings*

*“So do I, and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given to us.”- Gandalf, The Fellowship of the Rings*

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*Figure 1. Centerpiece regarding Miranda Rights, National Law Enforcement Museum, Washington, D.C. 2022*

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## INTRODUCTION

For many Black people who were slaves, they, like Frodo in *Lord of the Rings*, wished that it had not happened in their time or to them. Yet, some form of slavery has occurred and been experienced by almost every people group on earth. Slavery appears to be the precursor of police brutality (Baker, 2021). This is one of the key issues that is discussed in this book as it relates to Black deaths in custody. In examining solutions, it must be noted that conversations must take place. However, how those conversations take place will dictate how much truth is discussed.

At the end of a clip where Malcolm X discusses the difference between the House Negro and the Field Negro (i.e., the parable of the House Negro) at a talk he gave in Detroit, Michigan at King Solomon Baptist Church on November 10, 1963, he described James Baldwin, a famous Black author (Columbia University, Center for Teaching and Learning, n.d). Malcolm X

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