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My dear Mr. Barnes:

Why establish a Home Study Department? What need is there for such an effort? Why not let the established schools do this work? The answer is simple and clear.

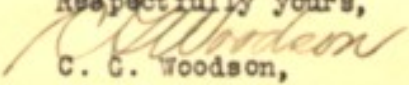
Recently a Negro instructor in a college was asked to give a course in Negro history. He treated the request as a joke. He has been well instructed in the story of the Hebrews, the Greeks, and the Romans. He has made a special study of the achievements of Europeans and Americans. He has been taught that these nations accomplished all. From his point of view, therefore, there is no other history worth considering.

The fact is that the so-called history teaching in our schools and colleges is downright propoganda, an effort to praise one race and to decry the other to justify social repression and exploitation. The world is still in darkness as to the actual progress of mankind. Each corner of the universe has tended to concern itself merely with the exploits of its own particular heroes. Students and teachers of our time, therefore, are the victims of this selfish propoganda.

The Association is trying to bring before the world the whole truth that the truth may make men free. To do this it has decided not only to publish informing books but to offer by mail instruction in Negro life and history. The Home Study Department has, therefore, been established for the special benefit of those who would like to study the aspects of African civilization which were neglected in the schools in which they were trained.

These courses are conducted by correspondence. They cover every aspect of the history of the Negro race, its economic progress, its social problems, African art, African Anthropology, and African Philosophy. Some of the most distinguished scholars of this country have been secured as instructors. The circular herewith enclosed will give particulars. The undersigned will be delighted to answer further inquiries and will enroll any one desiring to become a student.

Respectfully yours,

  
C. G. Woodson,  
Director.