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I AM--NOT

A Slave – I have been - Enslaved

Poor – Poor is -a State of Mind

At Risk – I have been depleted of - Opportunities, Exposure, Rights

A Minority – I have been - Minoritized

Oppositional – I POSSESS -Strength & Identity

Always ANGRY – I value Me & My Assertive Ability to know ME

A Deficit – I AM Somebody & I AM Proud

“Special” – I AM -SPECIAL

My Community is NOT:

Urban- it has been-Urbanized

Poor- it contains Spirit, Life and Joy - it has been -Impoverished

Lacking Value – Although marginalized, it possesses CULTURAL WEALTH

I AM:

**LOVE, LIGHT, A LEADER, UNAPOLOGETICALLY GIFTED TALENTED &
BLACK**

A CHILD OF THE ANCESTORS THAT BUILT AMERIKA

If YOU are going to Teach ME-KNOW ME

I Will NO Longer be on the Receiving End of what was Done to ME! ©

Author Note

Angeline Dean is an unapologetic, Black female, community educator, adjunct professor, and a local and national activist/organizer who possesses a strong disdain for ‘plantation’ politics and systems, and those who fuel the fire with their rhetoric while most times serving intentionally as oppressive predators themselves. Those who mask themselves as gate openers, but once the mask is removed, they are no more than gatekeepers sent to maintain the status quo. She is a Ph.D. candidate in the College of Education at Rowan University. Her primary focus as a doctoral candidate is examining colonial plantation frameworks, both economic and pedagogical, their existence in today’s systems, and how the intentional and predatory nature fosters new methods of enslavement. Her Oppression/Plantation Paradigm© (OPP-Other People’s Property) model outlines components of the “slave creation” process via whiteness and internalized racism.