

## From the Desk of Ayani\_Meli



### *Bio--*

I am a Child of the Most High, Author, (moderately unconventional) Poet, Playwright, Griotte/Storyteller and CEO of Revolutionary Disciples Media and mommy to the most anointed, precious and handsome little boy in the world.

After graduating from Davidson College, I taught drama at an alternative school, serving the needs of behaviorally challenged youth. I helped to establish Neighborhood Networks Computer Centers in culturally diverse areas in Boston, teaching regular computer classes, digital storytelling, and incorporating my love for poetry and drama into each center. The spiritual and educational needs of rural youth are very important to me. Currently I am sitting on a couple of Gospel plays for future production.

Writing is a ministry for me. I am not a stand up in the pulpit and preach kind of preacher like my Dad. But I can allow Abba to use my talents and gifts to heal hurting people. If I have to use humor, poetry or illustrations, I will do just that.

Most of my poetry is intentionally lowercase, unless referring to Abba Father or a transition from the flesh. One of the things I am inherently cognizant of is the use of the word I in poetry. You may see both capital and lower case letters in the same poem, because in different cases it is indicative of humbleness, strength, faith or completeness. I know that may disturb someone and may even think they are typos but what I hope is that they will read the work again...each time gleaning something deeper from it.

I have found that writing in the morning is different than writing throughout the day. I believe that you can achieve a level of communion early in the morning that you cannot reach at other times of the day. I have always known that time is precious, but time is your connection to God. If you don't have time to read the Word, you must make time. You must make time to worship, time to speak with Him in the course of a day and time to LISTEN to what He has to say. If we are always doing the talking, that is a problem. That is one way communication and we are not edified by that.

No matter how hard we try, there is always an area in our lives that needs work. The little foxes have a tendency to slip in under the radar; for many of us, it is



with our love walk. Examine yourself, examine your relationships and recognize where the problems reside. Find a way to make things right. Life is too limited to hold grudges and harbor hate. The spirit of offense is running rampant in our society. It is time to show more love.

The very first novel is “*Love Doesn’t Live Here Anymore*,” based loosely on my life. I started writing it about six months before I came back to Georgia. That actually turned out to be about a year before my Dad made his transition. It is amazing because the Holy Spirit allowed me to write the very words that would help me grieve before my dad went home.

*Images and Rhythms of Generations* is a two volume poetry walk down memory lane. These are not books of love poetry. All of the pieces are not sappy, syrupy sweet platitudes; although, love is easily a central theme. There are pieces that I wrote when I was married. Even though the marriage failed, the wisdom garnered by going through the fire was well earned and well learned...and I hope to share some of that with the reader.

There is a series of books for disabled children that Father has given me. The series is “*God Says...*” The first in the series is “*God Says the Struggle is Over*” and the second is “*God Says I’ve Changed Your DNA.*” There is also one currently being finalized entitled, “*God Says Spaghetti is not Just for Monsters.*” The subject of which is fear. You can find information at <http://www.godsays.biz>.

The metamorphosis from writer to teacher is easy. Teaching or speaking is a different facet of my ministry and ministry is nothing more than service. Helping folk to achieve their goals and bringing forth the God-given message inside of them brings me so much joy. It is easier than most realize to write the vision, publish it and distribute the work. I have been fortunate to help quite a few new authors through the whole publishing process. There are numerous seminars and workshops that I facilitate along this vein. Additionally, seminars regarding being a first time single parent over 45 and a mompreneur are also offered.

Part of the vision that was written on my heart is to produce a series of mini-sessions throughout the year relating to Revolutionary Christian Literary Conference. The conferences are designed to be inspirational, instructive, and geared toward every level of writing skill, beginner through advanced. As

writing can be cathartic, we have also partnered with Dr. Lafils Rivers, founder of From Victim to Victory. Sessions and locations will be announced soon.

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