

# No Longer A Fairytale For A Black Man To Be President

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On November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at approximately 8:00 p.m. (pacific standard time), a fairytale became a *truth*. A year ago, past president, Bill Clinton, said these words, “A Black man becoming President of the United States of America is a fairytale.” Well, as I reflect backwards, being anything other than a slave or a good house negro was, a fairytale for Blacks in the minds of Europeans.

Let me just name a few of the things once thought of as a fairytale. For Blacks, being a Black female, and becoming the most influential talk show host in the world—Oprah Winfrey. A Black man inventing Blood Plasma—Dr. Charles R. Drew. In the early 1900s the first Black female, **Madame C. J. Walker**, became a self-made millionaire, as founder and owner of **her** haircare and beauty products company. Additionally, there was Bass Reeves, the **Black United State Deputy** Marshall; Hermon Grimes, Sr., invented the Folding Wing Aircraft which was used in World War II, Korean and Vietnam Wars and are still used in today’s military services—this is just to name a few. I recommend you visit [www.911forblackamerica.com](http://www.911forblackamerica.com)—click on the link Black Inventors.com. **I, also, recommend you** read the book Hidden Secrets about Black History, Volume I, by Francella Henderson.

Xenonia Clayton, founder of the “Trumpet Awards,” she showcases annually Black Americans who have affected and made an impact on the nation/world and those who have done, or are doing things that were once thought of as a fairytale.

The old folks used to say, “The cat is out the bag now!” What they were saying is “The truth has risen to the surface for all to see.” The Bible tells us in John 8:32, “*and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*” It is without a doubt that many

Americans have embraced such truth that God created all equal and that intellect and talent is in every race. In this historical 2008's presidential election, **we** witnessed these truths as votes were cast for Barack Obama.

The world took note of the fairytale phenomenal. They waited with the anticipation of a child who placed his toot under the pillow awaiting tomorrow's fulfillment of his wish. When newscasters broadcasted Barack as the President Elect, it was likened unto a baseball game; whereas it was the last ending, the scores were equal. The bases were loaded, the last batter was up, **he had hit two foul balls**; and the pitcher was preparing to throw his final ball. **The** world held its breath as its heart raced. The pitcher threw a curveball; yet, Obama hit a home run. Crowds in every country went wild, cheering, and tearing. Like the commercial about gas pain, "How do you spell relief?" It's not *Roloids*, but indeed it's getting the Republicans out of the White House.

Never before has the world taken such notice in the presidential election of the United States of America. This fairytale coming true, made the world stand still; the stars twinkled, moon became full, the sun had gone down, but I'd bet you it peeped. I believe there was an eclipse; we missed it due to the excitement.

May this historic moment of the first Black president of the United States sends a message to all, that with God's help even fairytales come true and may you keep hope alive and continue to dream.

Remember, the sky is not the limit; there is much beyond the sky. Today I feel more of a American than ever before. I am **cognizant** of the fact that Obama alone cannot change America but with all of us working together, yes we can.

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