**Essay on Dr. Michael Eric Dyson- Role model of a communicator**

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson is a public figure I have come to admire in recent years. His ability to capture the minds of his audience, demonstrated intellectual prowess, as well as the scope of his political and cultural insights, are thought provoking and noteworthy. What makes him a role model of a communicator is his strength of character, courage, and ability to discern and communicate truth. To Dr. Dyson’s credit, I have never seen or heard of him sacrificing truth on the altar of nepotism in favor of a more popular or favorable point of view.

In his views as they relate to influential figures, and their impact on society at large, I’ve always found Dr. Dyson to treat his subjects with empathy and fairness. He also has an innate ability to dissect an argument, reveal the flaws in that argument and introduce a compelling counterpoint. In this process, he often exposes malicious intent and flawed underlying principles and values that hide behind a presenters use of disingenuous banter, doublespeak, and euphemisms. He speaks truth to the issues he chooses to address and is no friend or protector of hypocrisy. His stands are clearly principled and based on a deep sense of right and wrong.

I find Dr. Dyson’s work embodies the highest standards of communications embraced by the National Communication Association in their credo that states “Ethical communication enhances human worth and dignity by fostering truthfulness, fairness, responsibility, personal integrity, and respect for self and others.” – *NCA Credo for Ethical Communication.* (n.d.). Retrieved from <http://natcom.org/Default.aspx?id=134>. Additionally, I hold the belief that a role model of a communicator is a person that is tactful, honest, respectful, bold and capable of stirring the intellect. This person would also be skilled at handling confrontation in a way that promotes the communication initiator and recipient becoming more enlightened, and respectful of other points of views that may not have originated with themselves. All of this, Dr. Dyson has demonstrated time and again in his public discourse and writings.

What I appreciate most about his work is his ability to assess prevailing issues of the day in multicultural landscapes, and present his findings in ways that add depth to the subject. What is even more impressive is that he does this with a great deal of integrity and conviction. He has a willingness to tackle subjects that others may feel not worthy of a scholars intellect, yet he broaches these subjects with unbridled passion and shows that there is true value even in matters that may appear to be insignificant to some. It is those gems that I am particularly fond of. They are real issues worthy of discussion and debate. Examples would be “Hip Hop’s “Commodity Fetish”, as well as Faith Complex: Michael Eric Dyson on Hip-Hop Theology, to be found on www.youtube.com.

Dr. Dyson has shown courage and academic integrity in representing people who some may see as insignificant castaways. His intellect cannot be denied whether you agree with his point of view or not, and he is an undeniably powerful voice in modern culture. He is a champion of the disenfranchised and under-represented masses populating our urban communities. Dr. Dyson’s work is important because, at a time when many seek to condemn the sub-cultures our youth tend to embrace, few seek to understand it. Not only does Dr. Dyson “understand” the culture, he reports on its reason for being, influence, past, present, and future with great clarity, empathy, and understanding. Dr. Dyson is a true “original” whose work is unparalleled, and worthy of praise and recognition. Dr. Dyson is a communicator extraordinaire, brilliant scholar, and credit to humanity.

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