

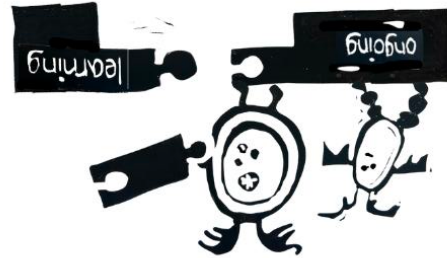
"I am responsible to people for what I do."
 "I do difficult, rewarding work with others who are building a different future."

To be defiant against white supremacy is to make a commitment:



Responsibility for racism is not about blame, but about belonging.
 Not punishment, but practice.
 Not a burden to escape, but a vow to create a more humane world.

Responsibility centers relationship, makes us accountable, and moves us toward action.
 Not because we caused the racist harm, but because we refuse to let it continue.
 Responsibility is a bridge back to our humanity.



Affirmation

I release guilt.
 I embrace responsibility.
 When racist systems continue to function, I challenge them.
 When people are left behind, ignored or hurt, I notice and work to right the wrong.
 I am not a bystander or a consumer.
 I am not a ghost.
 I am a participant in making a more humane, anti-racist world.



BUT... Responsibility and guilt are vastly different and opposing energies.
 -Guilt shuts us down into a state of freeze.
 -Responsibility helps us embody change.



Western society teaches that WHITENESS is detached from racism.
 "I don't owe anyone anything."
 "I didn't start the fire. It's not mine to put out."
 This unrootedness confuses freedom with irresponsibility.



Whiteness



Rejecting Guilt
 Embracing Responsibility
 (A Monstrous Opportunity)



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