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<i>James Baldwin</i>: When the word democracy is taken to mean, is taken to be a synonym for, mediocrity.

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When the trust of a society is not to raise, all of its members to the highest, possible level.

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But on the contrary, to reduce, such members as aspire to excellence, down to the lowest common denominator.

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We have begun to see, what happens when a country confuses its politics, with a popularity contest.

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We have begun to see, that the grasp of reality which I'd say we do not have, is what endangers us far more than Khrushchev and far more than Castro.

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In the world, that what we do not know, about our black citizens, is what we do not know, about ourselves.

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And what we do not know about ourselves, is what we do not know about the world, and the world knows it.

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Nothing can save us ( -- ) not all our money, nor all our bombs, nor all our guns,

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if we cannot, achieve,

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a long, long, long delayed maturity.

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