



Symbology:

The Winged Figure:

I chose the archetype of the winged figure because in so many cultures, this alludes to angels or angelic beings. Those who have attained or have access to, some greater knowledge, purpose, or understanding. Simultaneously, it could represent an ancestor, or a collective embodiment of ancestors, perhaps even the spirit of **George Floyd**, whose death turned out to be such an incredibly galvanizing spark for so many. That he could return as a being of greater understanding, shepherding the way to a better life paved by his death.

The Presence of the Tome/Book:

He holds us to account for what has transpired and continues to transpire by holding the book etched with the names of Black and brown people who have fallen, so that we are reminded to do all that we can to make these cycles of violence cease. And through the statement drafted on the front page, he also offers a road through the current turmoil into a better, brighter future.

Instead of gazing at the book, the record of the past and present, he looks ahead to the waiting hope of the future, while letting us know he will not forget, and is not blind to the trials we will face in our quest for that future. He is helping us to remember by offering up a constant reminder of what we are facing, while giving us a glimpse of that which is possible.

The Space In His Chest

Though it is not precisely where the heart would be, I wished to express that his heart and ability to love is LIMITLESS. This is partially expressed via the feminine aspect at the junction of his throat and heart chakras, denoting his ability to hold an understanding, patient, discerning demeanor and come from a heart-centered space as opposed to solely from that of a militant place.

So if you catch it at the right angle, one will be able to catch sight of the sky through his chest.