

# **Aché: (a·chāy) [from the Yoruba word ase/ashé] the breath that gives life, the-power-to-make-things- happen; literally "so be it," "may it happen."**

The existence of Aché is a deep & satisfying joy to me. It is important that we encourage and support an organ of communication exploring the potentials of black lesbian communities.

**Audre Lorde**  
writer/activist



For a long time I felt like there was nothing in terms of a focal point in the community. Aché is so much of a focus, it's like a star shining, drawing other entities...

**Storme Webber**  
poet/activist



I can't tell you what Aché has done for me. I'm just coming out and I don't know any black lesbians. I read each journal from cover to cover, I don't want to miss a word. Aché makes me feel a part of it all.

**"Too Shy"**  
Aché subscriber



I think Aché is a magnificent idea, because it is not dependent on somebody else to get the truth of our lives out.

**Barbara Smith**  
publisher, Kitchen Table Press



I attended your benefit "Celebrating Ourselves" and it was wonderful! I felt warmth, love and an incredible positive

glow in the room that I took home and will carry with me forever. Thank you for being there and touching my life and my soul.

**N.J.**  
Aché supporter



What's really important is that you seem to have (for the first time), put together a paper that shows 360 degrees of blackness. Finally, we're all together with no explanations or rationalizations. It's about time someone dared to show our diversity from Park Ave. to the park bench. I think Aché is great, and I want to thank you for having the guts to make your dream a reality!

**Avotcja**  
poet/musician



Aché is a very powerful communicative device which is helping to bring black women together. You're putting out something that we can hold onto until we can reach each other.

**Gwen Avery**  
musician



Long after I'm gone there are going to be women who will continue to do the work. This is why I got so excited by the work you're doing with Aché. It's an extension of that...

**Pat Parker**  
poet/activist



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