Each One Teach One Interview Series #7

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Question #1: You really impress me with your understanding of what to do with anarchist principles. Tour nose-to-the-grindstone work is clear, thorough & right on point – unlike so much "anarchist" activity (or lack thereof.) Trace your intellectual history. What were your influences? How did you develop into such a whirlwind of anarchist instruction?

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Answer: Personal experiences dealing with my life played a major role developing my anarchist instruction. When I got wrongfully convicted of all the charges in my arson case, being treated unfairly, and then being abused here in prison, I just blew my top off. I was really pissed off about everything. Now, I just want to fuck over the system like it fucked over me. They call me "offender" but what about all the unpunished offenses they commit?

You might hear promises made by judges, prosecutors, politicians, military personnel and other right wingers. Promises turned to lies. Lies made into excuses. People are so blind to all of this. They're too busy working their slave job (or jobs) just trying to survive. People are so naïve or unaware these days. They think things such as nothing bad could happen to them. They think the system isn't bad because they haven't experienced it or gone through it. Then, the shit hits the fan. Judas kisses them on the cheek. It's like the movie *The Matrix*. Lawrence Fishbourne is right there telling you all about the system. Which pill do you take? The red one or the blue one? It's really eye-opening and scary.

More people need to experience that. More people need to see how they're being fucked over by our state and federal governments; how they're all in cahoots to keep ourselves below them.

I took the red pill, but I'm being held captive. I'm like their show display. It's like they like to brag, "Look at this. This is Eric. We fucked him over." They want to add on to this collection because they get a sadistic pleasure off of it. They – the judicial system – hate that I voice my opinion and challenge them.

In prison, I was searching for answers. I now hated the government. It betrayed me. Used me. I was their pawn and toy. Their scapegoat. I wrote a lot of letters seeking free books. I came across some catalogs and anarchy material. I read the material. Agreed with it. Connected to it emotionally. I bought some books dissecting anarchism.

I was heavily influenced by Albert Meltzer, Sam Dolgoff and Michael Bakunin. They all died anarchists and were strong voices in anarchist history. I was very sad that they were dead for a while. I don't want them and their work to be forgotten. I wanted more people to know of anarchism, so I started writing my own literature and I was met with opposition by prison officials. This led to a high profile lawsuit. See: Smith v. Carrasco, 423 F. Supp. 859 (N.D. Ind.

2006) (A legal opinion you can get from your local law library). Then, I found you, Anthony, and the rest is history. 3

People need to hear the truth about government. How it works. What it does, etc. Only people like us can tell them. I keep plugging away because I care about everybody. I want to help. I don't want them to go through what I have. I'm not Christian, Wiccan actually, but here's a good analogy from Matthew 20:26 of their Bible:

If you want to be great, then you must be the servant of the rest.

I want to be great, Anthony. That's one reason how I became this way.

Question #2: Your case is very interesting, yet basically unknown. Was your "crime" politically motivated? What were your motives, how did it play in the media and what have you been made to go through, since you've been in prison & why hasn't the anarchist media taken up this case, as they've done with more prominent similar cases, out West for example?

Answer: On August 29, 2001, I was found guilty of 9 counts of arson and 1 count of conspiracy to commit arson as a class B felony, after 9 hours of deliberation by a jury. On September 26, 2001 (two weeks after the September 11th terrorist attacks) I was sentenced solely by a judge (who used to be a state prosecutor) to a maximum term of 20 years in prison, when probation could have been given.

No one died or got hurt in the fire, and I had never been convicted of anything in my life. In fact, I was an active member of the U.S. Army Reserves and had a good life for a 22 -23 year old.

I did not set the fire. I'm wholly innocent and I was railroaded because the arson was a high profile case in Indianapolis, Indiana. Yeah, I know what some people think: "Oh, everybody claims they're innocent!" But I truly am. I had alibi witnesses known by the court and my public defender but they never got to testify. And now, after all this time, I have evidence that supports the fire investigator and my alleged co-conspirator committed perjury and presented false evidence at my trial, which was calculated to add credibility to my alleged co-conspirator's testimony, who had given 3 different and inconsistent statements before trial.

On February 23, 2001, 12 townhouse apartments were destroyed (see attached photographs). I became a suspect because the fire started on the back concrete porch of one of my ex-girlfriends and my car was seen by a sheriff's deputy shortly before the fire by her apartment building. The sheriff recorded my plate number after talking to the driver of my vehicle – the alleged co-conspirator, who told the deputy that he was parked by the building because he was

waiting on a friend. Because of this, I got a call from the investigating detective.

The night of the fire, I had let my alleged co-conspirator borrow my car because he said he met some girls on the internet and that he was going to meet with them. It was a Friday night and he had me believing we could do some stuff with these girls, so I let him borrow my car while I finished up a project for my car club.

I told the detective this at an interview on the telephone, so I was released. The detective got a statement from the alleged co-conspirator, who told him the same thing. The detective told him that he thought we were involved, that I'm not looking at any prison time but that he was looking at 20 years. He then lets him go home.

Well, the next day on March 1, 2001, the alleged co-conspirator goes back to the detective with his mother, and tells him that he knows something about the fire, but doesn't want to get in trouble. The detective then promises that an attempt will be made to keep his case in juvenile court so he won't have to go to prison (he was 17 years old at the time. I was a manager at Wendy's restaurant when I met him in 1999, and we became friends.)

With the made agreement, the alleged co-conspirator told the detective that he and I had planned our stories and that he was the driver while I was the one who set the fire. He claimed he didn't see me with anything to set the fire with and that he thought that I wasn't really going to do it. He said he didn't really know why I had set it, but that when he heard about it on the news, he got scared and thus, planned with me our "stories" in order to stay out of trouble.

The detective arrested him on juvenile charges and took him to juvenile jail. He then came for me, arrested me and seized my car at work without any arrest warrant. I stayed in jail because I couldn't make bond. 30 days later, the alleged co-conspirator was released into the custody of his parents.

When the fire happened, nothing else newsworthy was going on, so when this all went down, the media jumped all over it. It was on television and in the newspaper. Everybody who I talked to knew about it. To make matters worse, the alleged co-conspirator got four people who I knew, and whom he was good friends with, to help him put the blame on me, by testifying that I told them I set the fire before I was arrested. However, three of these witnesses testified that I didn't mean to burn the building down and that I tried to put the fire out.

The prosecutors believed this too, even though in my alleged co-conspirator's third inconsistent statement, that he stated we agreed not to tell anyone about the fire. And now, he said he saw everything used in the fire and that we bought Duraflame fire logs at a Wal-Mart in Franklin, Indiana where I lived and that my motive for setting the

fire was revenge for my ex-girlfriend not wanting to go back out with me. They all lied. 5

First, one of my alibis talked to all of these new witnesses and they told him they didn't know anything about the fire. Second, I told my public defender to get the records from the Wal-Mart to prove they were lying, but he wouldn't do it. The Duraflame logs were never mentioned in the original fire report. Then, after the co-conspirator changed his story the third time and said that Duraflame logs were used, the fire investigator testified that he recovered Duraflame logs from the debris. He and the prosecutor then presented a photograph which supposedly showed a picture of a Duraflame log, but they did not produce the log in court nor did they ever forensically test it. I have now received information from Wal-Mart's legal department stating that no brand of such logs were sold by them on the date in question!

The only evidence against me was the word of these people. There were no eyewitnesses, nor any physical or forensic evidence! Moreover, the alleged motive was contradicted by the ex-girlfriend herself at trial! She testified that she had asked me out on Valentine's Day, but I rejected her, telling her we could be friends. She also testified that on her birthday, two days before the fire, I had sent her two birthday cards! Now, why would I burn her apartment down? I had a new girlfriend – my alleged co-conspirator's ex-girlfriend! So, we come to his motive.

First, I believe he set this fire, maybe thinking that somehow I'd get blamed for it or that I'd go running back to my ex-girlfriend to support her – so he would be clear to get back with his ex-girlfriend, but his plans got messed up because the Deputy saw him there in my car. So now, he had to blame it on me to clear himself.

Secondly, two weeks before the fire, he found out that me and his ex had had sex and this provoked a huge argument, which ended with me kicking him out of my house. He had been living with me at the time. It wasn't as if I had betrayed him by going out with his ex because they had only dated and from what I knew, they didn't even have sex. She called me and asked me out and I told him. He said he didn't care, that it wasn't serious and to go ahead and go out with her. So I did. We fell in love and he flipped out. While I was in jail, he kept calling her, trying to get back together with her.

The other witnesses had beefs with me, too. I had dated their ex-girlfriends and they were all addicted to drugs. While I was in jail, they stole some of my property. When I found out about it, one of them told my witnesses that she was gonna do whatever she could to keep me in jail because she said I could have all the property. She then punched holes in my bedroom walls to send me a message.

At trial, all their testimony conflicted in most respects. I couldn't believe I was found guilty – especially after the foreman of the jury

dropped his jaw in disbelief after hearing such conflicting testimony about where I was at and what I allegedly said. I mean, I looked right into his eyes and I'm sure he was on the same page as me.

The reason I was convicted was because my attorney didn't investigate my claims, didn't present a complete defense and didn't argue my case well enough. To add salt to the wound, some of these witnesses I had a beef with, came to my sentencing, laughing as I wept in tears, wearing my clothing. I got the maximum 20 year sentence. My alleged co-conspirator received nothing and has been free ever since.

Since my conviction, I've been trying to get a new trial, but I believe that there is a conspiracy against me. Because I'm representing myself, the courts are abusing their discretion in the guise of justice in order to deny me relief. They are not taking my claims seriously. It doesn't surprise me, though.

The state is oppressive. It needs prisons to create jobs and to perpetuate the existence of its members, loyal to it. Why would they grant me relief? I'm by myself. No one supports me. I have no living family. What would the judicial system look like if they granted me a new trial – especially after what they did to me? Why, so I could sue them for millions of dollars in a wrongful conviction lawsuit? So I could show the media how dirty its prosecutors are by submitting false evidence? Do any of you think they want this kind of media? That's why I'm being denied relief.

Even in prison, the prison officials keep me from submitting my evidence to the media and they will not let me show this evidence to the members of my jury, even though I have their mailing addresses! All the guards and prison officials know about my case and some have used my case to retaliate against me.

For example, while at the Westville Control Unit, I made some complaints about the counselor. He found out about them. He threatened me by stating he'd give me a new reason to hate the dates associated with my arson case. So, on February 23, 2005, he falsified a disciplinary report, alleging that I had abused the outgoing mail procedures. (February 23rd is the same day the fire occurred.)

Then, on March 1, 2005, I went to the disciplinary hearing, where the guards violated my hearing rights – and then beat me up, breaking my nose. (March 1st is the day I got arrested for the arson.)

I don't know why anarchist groups have not tried to help me. I've written to Clack Cross, Fifth Estate, Break the Chains and the Anarcho-Syndicalist Review, but I've never received any word back. The prison very well may not be mailing my letters out. They do that a lot in here. I wish someone would help, though, because I desperately need it. I am a comrade whose life has been taken away and I'm being physically and mentally tortured in prison. My losses and suffering have been great. I would do anything for the help.

Question #3: Indiana is a bulwark of Amerikan fascism. It's the birthplace of Eugenics and has always been a strong base for the Klan and other rightwing groups. Can you give us a brief history of these politics and how it translates into law and the prisons?

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Answer: In the 1930's and '40's the Klan was HUGE in Indiana. Growing up, I never saw any Klan rallies. It seems that they have segregated themselves from the groups of people that they don't want to be around. Believe it or not, I see more racism coming from black people than I do white. I've even heard that they get with white women so they can destroy the white race. Crazy stuff.

You're more likely to run into a skin or neo-nazi here in Indiana than an actual Klan member. Klan propaganda is still strong, though. You still hear a lot of racist Klan jokes. You see a lot of rebel flags – Confederate flags from the Civil War, but you seriously don't see too many Klan movements. To be honest, I've never seen any Klan rallies or town gatherings. I've just heard about a few meaningless ones.

From the Klan guys I know of here in prison, the Klan has grown into this quiet, secret society; like an elite special forces group. Everybody knows the name, but never knows what's going on with them.

In my opinion, any member of a right wing group might as well be a fascist, but the problem with that is that they all are trying to be the absolute rulers over a society, so they can't be a fascist. These right wing members in Indiana are very similar to Benito Mussolini's logic, and practice his idea and doctrines of the state: *"Everything for the State; nothing outside the State; nothing against the State."*

In politics, Republicans run the show here in Indiana, but I have no knowledge of the Klan or such other groups using their politics to influence the law and prison environments. They can't have too much of an influence because I remember this high profile case in Martinsville, Indiana where a high-ranking Klan member was found guilty of murdering this black girl almost 20 or 30 years ago, and Martinsville is the biggest Klan town I know of.

It seems to me that the right wing believes it is superior to all; therefore, anything not associated or belonging to it is to be manipulated, treated unfairly and simply used in order to perpetuate the right wing.

I think race issues are a distraction about the real problems with government, which is class struggle. It's about the rich and the poor. The rich use their resources, authority and influence to create the society that fits their beliefs. They do this by passing laws. The poor are too busy trying to survive, so that by the time they learn of these laws, they're already being punished for violating them. They vote for each other in local elections, so they can manipulate laws through

the "good 'ol boy" system. This is Indiana politics: all for us and for no one else. It's the opposite doctrine of the Three Musketeers! 8

Question #4: Are you from Indiana? Where did you grow up? What was it like in your family, neighborhood, community and surrounding towns? This would be the 1980's, I believe.

Answer: Yes, I'm from Indiana. I had a very rough and difficult childhood. My father died in a car accident in 1980 when I was only two. My mom re-married and I got adopted. That's how I got the last name "Smith" but I plan on changing it back to my father's last name Danachi, which is Italian. It's pronounced "Dah-nah-key." My mom's marriage didn't last long, so she divorced and raised me in an apartment in Greenwood, Indiana. She developed breast cancer and because of the bills, we had to live off of welfare.

Without a father figure, I was a mean kid at times. I was fearless and I liked to fight the bigger kids. I was rotten to my mother, which I regret, but I don't know why I was so mean. I was so bad that my mom asked her step-brother to take care of me. My mother later died in May of 1986. I was only eight-years old.

So, my step-uncle raised me for a while. He, however, divorced his wife and she became my new "mother." She was very strict and believed in beatings as punishment. I'm talking about chokings, slappings to the face, paddles to the rear, switches to the rear and legs – all kinds of crazy shit!

Everywhere I lived, and I moved four different times before I graduated high school, I lived in all white communities. My elementary schools were a part of the Indianapolis public school system, so black kids were bussed in from four miles away to attend our schools. This didn't bother me. I had a lot of black friends in elementary school. In fact, my best friend, Antoine Mitchell, from elementary school was black. After sixth grade, I moved to the country – Nineveh, Indiana, which is 12 miles northeast of Nashville, Indiana. We had a lot of land.

Since second grade, I always participated in organized football programs. I was always the starting running back. I was a fast white kid. More lightning quick than fast, though. People always had a hard time taking me down because I could cut on a dime, spin off them, and was just so elusive. I was short too, so I was hard to see behind the offensive line.

I loved Brown County. There, I was a high school football star. My sophomore year, our school went to the football sectional championships. It was a muddy and rainy game. I sprained my ankle in the 3rd quarter and we lost 14 – 12. We should have won but our kicker missed a point-after-touchdown attempt, so when we scored the would-be tying touchdown, we had to attempt a two-point

conversion. Our quarterback got sacked by a safety blitz. It was devastating.

In school, I was a class clown. I didn't take school work too seriously. I didn't care about grades as long as I passed. I could have applied myself better, but I had a lot of at-home problems.

I was being abused by my so-called new "Mother." She was crazy, man. Abusive and nutty as the late movie star, Joan Crawford, who abused her adopted daughter, Christina – you know, "Mommie Dearest"? I swear she was just like Joan Crawford, except more stronger and bigger – like a female bouncer.

I was really scared of her and afraid to do anything because her son, who was about six years older than me, was huge. He used to be the starting quarterback for Decatur Central High School. He was about 6'2" and weighed around 215 lbs. All muscle, too. His punches were like a mule kick! He hit hard.

Aside from the abuse, my childhood was okay. I played outside in the yard a lot and grew up listening to rock and heavy metal. Some punk, too. Billy Idol and AC / DC were my favorites. I liked Twisted Sister, London, WASP, Pantera, Metallica, Mega Death – a shitload of bands. I'd jam to 'em all day long. I always wanted to learn how to play an instrument, like the electric guitar or bass, but we didn't have the money to buy one or to take the lessons.

After my sophomore year, I ran away from home after my step-mother had choked me silly and abused me. A friend and his parents hid me, and reported the abuse to the authorities. I stayed in a foster home for a couple of months until my grandfather decided to take me in. I moved to Beech Grove, Indiana – a white suburban area southeast of Indianapolis.

Starting school there was hard. Making new friends sucked and I still struggled academically. I still played sports and hung out in popular crowds at school, but I still felt like an outsider. I had no direction. To make matters more stressful, my former Brown County High School football team won their first sectional championship in school history and I couldn't be there for that special moment. I had a lot of close friends at Brown County and everyone was shocked that I was gone. They were double-shocked when they learned why.

My junior year, I signed up with the U.S. Army Reserves under their delayed entry program. Even though I was barely passing high school with a D+ average, I still needed college money. I planned on getting a degree. After I graduated in 1997, I went off for Army training in the summer, and when I got back in October, I moved to Franklin, Indiana. I started to attend Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis as a part-time student. The weird thing is that in college, my grades were good. I was acing the business classes and walked away with an overall b- average. I quit college though, because of a girl I thought I would marry. We got a house together.

We didn't work out as I thought, so I broke up our relationship. The rest is history.

Question #5: It's so refreshing to read your work because it is written so clearly and usably, unlike so much "anarchist" writing we run across. It's obvious that you are a clear thinker who has developed a logical writing style that can really help others wade through the legalese jungle of confusion the system throws at prisoners who attempt to challenge injustice. How did you develop at such a writer?

Answer:

I've always liked writing. When I was in elementary school I wanted to be a writer. I guess I became good at writing by copying the styles of various writers. I'd think through what I wanted to write about, make rough drafts, and then draw up the final versions. Being a good writer comes easier if you know how to proofread, edit, and if you can keep an impartial mind. Getting your hands on writing books, helps too. Being a good speller and knowing the rules of punctuation is really valuable. I'd recommend everyone getting Mitchell Ivers' Guide to Good Writing (Random House) (1991). It's a great self-help and how-to book. Anyone who reads it seriously will become a much better writer.

As far as legal writing goes, I learned hands-on. I studied self-help legal books and learned the styles of the State's Attorney General's office. Making legal arguments are like writing essays – you argue two sides and explain why your side outweighs the other.

Overall, maybe my writing skillsa come from my education? In high school, I was in Honors English and Year Book classes. In college, I took more English. I even took a journalism class in high school, which was fun. I loved to write, but reading!? God, I hated reading! My teacher would pick out the most boring books! That was one of my downfalls in high school. I struggled because there was too much reading.

Question #6: I'd like to hear your honest assessment of the support you've had (or have tried to generate.) What is the problem with anarchists who claim to do this or that but actually do nothing, nor explain their malfeasance? What about other forms of support from other groups, family members and friends?

Answer:

I've tried to obtain support from many people to help me fight my arson conviction and treatment in prison, but I've never been lent any. I've written more than several private attorneys, law schools,

and civil rights groups, but they all write back requesting money I don't have. They state that they can't take my case because of lack of time and current case load or they simply don't represent prisoners.

My best friend's mother, who knows of my innocence, sent out a couple of emails to prisoner support groups, but they couldn't help, either. She wanted to start a website, but doesn't know how to start one. Now, she is discouraged, and has given up. Hell, I've even tried to write the jury members from my arson case (I have their mailing addresses), but dig this: the prison confiscated them, stating I // cannot write to them! These letters explained the relevance of my missing evidence, etc.

I've written a few anarchist groups like Break the Chains, the Fifth Estate and Anarcho-Syndicalist Review for help, but they never respond. To be honest, I don't even know if they ever received them because the prison officials read all outgoing mail and throw mail away.

I don't know what the exact problem of such groups are. I believe they all mean well, but that there are just too many people to help. The system is really dirty. A lot of innocent people are locked up and there are a lot of guilty ones that don't need to be behind bars. I'd say the contributing downfalls with these groups are poor communication, lack of adequate resources, and that they do not possess the knowledge to use their resources to their advantage.

Everybody talks, but they come up short when it's time to act. It makes us feel bad, too, because there is nothing worse than to experience a false hope. People like me have little or no family and friends. That's why a lot of us rot in here. We need voices.

Question #7: You've been courageous in the face of these brutes, challenging them every step of the way. Tell us how your captors "argue." In other words, document the assaults & penalties you've endured, why they occurred & what their "logic" was.

Answer:

You know how the government keeps lists of people they watch, hate, etc.? Well, with all the legal work I've done while in prison, I have definitely gotten the attention of state officials. This is obvious because I am being abused and treated differently than other similarly-situated prisoners, and the differential treatment did not start until after I started to question their authority in court. That's one way that they argue.

Here at the Indiana State Prison, back in October 2002, is the first time I was assaulted by guards in retaliation for a conditions of confinement and denial of court access lawsuit I had in state court. One of the defendants who I was suing, paid 4 gang members to force me to hide a package in my cell. These thugs had knives too, so I

had to accept the package. I'm not Bruce Lee, you know. 12.

Well, right after that, some guards came to my cell, searched it and found the package. They took off with it and I later received a disciplinary report. They said the package had two knives in it and a set of postal scales. In the meantime, I was taken to a "Special Management Cell" (a small suicide tank made of steel, no windows, just a bed, sink and toilet combination, and a camera in the ceiling watching your every move. You're also locked in behind a solid steel door.)

The "special" cell is used as a device of torture. There, you are not allowed any property, medication or commissary. You are also deprived of adequate meals, only being delivered a sack meal and either an apple or an orange. You have to wear a reed jumpsuit and the air conditioning stays on during the winter.

On the way up there (being handcuffed behind my back) a correctional lieutenant and two other officers slammed my face into an elevator wall, telling me to dismiss my lawsuits or worse would happen. To conceal my facial injury, the prison officials cancelled my visits and would not let my visitor see me.

Four months later, after being found guilty of the disciplinary report, I was in segregation. Two officers there said I threw "unknown liquids" on them (which I didn't.) I was taken again to the Special Management cell, but on the way up, two other officers slammed me into a wall, threatening me to dismiss my lawsuits because they were 'old school" and that they knew how to hurt you without leaving marks. I was later transferred to Westville and was sent to the Westville Control Unit on April 12, 2004.

The Westville Control Unit (it has gone by other names in the past) opened in the spring of 1991, and it is used to house predators, dangerous gang members and other prisoners who pose a threat to the safety of others. Today, however, prison officials also use units like this to retaliate against prisoners like me. They do this because you are severely restricted in your ability to possess clothing and other property. You are isolated by yourself in an enclosed cell for 23-24 hours a day, and only get to shower 3 times a week. You never get to go outside, and now, there is no group recreation. All meals are delivered to your cell and you are handcuffed behind your back, sometimes with ankle shackles, everywhere you go.

If you would like to know more about this place, contact the Human Rights Watch Group and ask for their report that they conducted in 1997 entitled: "Cold storage – Super Maximum Confinement in Indiana." (This place became famous nationwide when a prisoner there cut off his finger and sent it to his attorney to report abuse.) The following is a brief listing of the abuses I endured there – aside from the punitive restrictions:

June 18, 2004. Prisoners were flooding their cells because the guards would not feed us lunch. I kicked on my door to notify the guards that I needed a mop. The guards refused and told their 13 *superiors (who I had filed grievances against in the past) and the superiors demanded my shoes so they could see me walk barefoot in dirty toilet water. I refused and lay down on my bed. They responded by making me and then, when I turned on my stomach, they shot me seventeen times with a pepper ball gun.*

June 23, 2005. Prison officials refused to copy legal papers concerning an appeal to my arson case where I had a set deadline to file. In protest, I climbed up on the down stair's recreation wall, 20 feet up in the air and made a hammock by tying a bed sheet to some sprinkler pipes. I refused to come down until my copies were made. The guards responded by making me with 5 cans of mace and shot me about 40 times with pepper ball guns, blinding me temporarily and having no regard if I would fall to the concrete floor. I was taken to the hospital, and I later got my copies.

March 1, 2005. A prison official conspired with 3 other guards to retaliate against me for filing grievances against them. These guards beat me up, dragged me across the floor and broke my nose. I wasn't doing anything wrong, and I was handcuffed behind my back, in ankle shackles and connected to a lead rope. By the way, I'm only 5'4", 135 lbs. I was taken to a hospital.

January 5, 2006. Three guards on night shift maced me after I responded to their slander against me. They maced me in my cell for an hour straight, then locked me in a shower about the size of a small walk-in closet, and sprayed me full blast with a fire hose. They then destroyed the property in my cell.

April 10, 2007. When I was transferred back to Westville for the second time (which the transfer out from the first was calculated to escape jurisdiction of the court concerning one of my lawsuits), a guard who I didn't get along with and had filed grievances on, maced me while I was at recreation. I had done nothing wrong and when I asked for his superior, the superior came and ordered me to cuff up. Concerned for my safety, I refused. I was shot 40 times in the bare back with the pepper ball gun and maced with a can or two of mace. The incidents of excessive force occurring on June 18, 2004, June 23, 2005, and April 10, 2007 were tape recorded.

The logic of doing all these things was to gain a sadistic pleasure in the guise of safety and security concerns. Regardless, the amount of force that was used was too excessive and not necessary because there existed either other options to serve these interests. For example, they simply could have cell extracted me, waited me out, left me alone or utilized the disciplinary system by writing reports for any alleged rule violations.

When I first learned how to file lawsuits, I filed all kinds of them in state and federal courts, and eventually I obtained what the courts call "three strikes" meaning, I had 3 or more lawsuits dismissed because they were allegedly "frivolous" or that they failed to state a claim upon which relief could be granted. When this happens, the courts sanction you. Thanks to Congress and state lawmakers, they created laws stating that if you cannot afford to pay a filing fee you cannot file another lawsuit unless you are in danger of serious bodily injury, such as a loss of a limb - or death.

So what this does is that it gives prison officials a license to torture you and destroy your property, because such things do not amount to a danger of serious bodily injury! The prison officials know this, so they abuse me. For now, there is nothing I can do, either.

I have Indiana's three-strike law challenged in the Indiana Supreme Court, arguing it is unconstitutional, but no decision has been reached. I'm confident that I'll win this case. It was a high profile case and was on the news (there I was again) and a bunch of legal organizations filed briefs either in support or against the law.

Indiana laws and the state judicial system are really bad and corrupt and the people (or prisoners) have very few rights to seek relief. For example, there are no laws that grant a right to sue for violations of certain statutes, and there is no state remedy to sue for damages for violations of the state constitution.

The Republicans in Indiana are to blame for this because they dominate Indiana politics. Republicans feel that the People have no rights other than what's given in the federal U.S. Constitution. That's why they don't make any other laws to help the people concerning their legal rights. The result? Meaningless laws, made to make the system look good, that the government does not have to obey. The end result is arbitrary government action.

Question #8: You've also been bounced around from one gulag to another, with various levels of "security." Can you tell us what each of these prisons was like, how they are different? We all know their goal is to break prisoners and reduce them to states of hopelessness &/or madness. How does a prisoner maintain their sense of self, let alone move forward, doing productive work?

Answer:

Yeah, I've been bounced around. I feel like I'm in a pinball machine, and I'm getting lit up (bong! bong! bong-bong-bong!) (laughter).

Since I've been in the custody of the Department of Corruption, I've been transferred EIGHT different times! There is a new system

on how they classify the security level of a prison, now. The old system used a 1-5 number system. Level 1 prisons were places like a work-release facility, where prisoners have it made in the shade and level 5 were the supermaxes. 15

Every prison that had a wall around it was meant for violent prisoners (or those wrongfully convicted of such crimes) -places like the Indiana Reformatory in Pendleton, Indiana and the Indiana State Prison, located in Michigan City.

Now however, they just have a system using number 1-3. I'm not exactly sure why they changed it. Rumor has it that they changed the system to get special federal benefits and monetary awards and they changed the system to manipulate federal law. They wanted to manipulate it, so they don't have to give prisoners the rights they are entitled to. I don't know, but I believe it wasn't for anything beneficial to prisoners.

I started my prison sentence at the Reception Diagnostic Center ("ROC") in Plainfield, Indiana. This is the place where everyone convicted of a crime and sentenced to DOC time, starts at. It's like the Indiana State Prison and Westville Control Unit put together: you're either celled two deep in a pod area, where each section has about twenty cells, three tiers each, forming a flattened c-shape. These pods represent the "new" parts of ROC. Elsewhere, are barred cells located on ranges. These areas are truly hell-in-the-cell, because there's no air-conditioning and you're stuck with a cellmate.

The officers are militant. It's like they are all fresh out of DOC training. Yelling, walking around with their shoulders back – that type of shit. You are stuck in your cell 23-24 hours a day unless you are going to recreation, chow or on pass.

It's really a confusing time for beginners. Stressful for all. It's a process we all must endure and the prison staff makes a calculated determination on which of the 30 prisons in Indiana you'll go to. This is done by an awarded point system. You get points for various reasons: length of time, past criminal record, etc. The more points you have, the higher your "security level" will be. The higher the level, the more punitive and dangerous your prison will be. I was a level 2 prisoner, and got sent to the Westville Correctional Facility (the Westville Control Unit is on the same grounds, but separate from the facility where the general population resides.)

The Westville Correctional Facility is up far northwest of Indiana, out in the middle of a small nothing town. It's a 30 minute drive from the Indiana State Prison. Upon arrival, the view is very intimidating and shocking. About 30 guard towers surround the whole facility. Outside them are rows of razor-wire and now, all electric fences (too many escapes.) The buildings are old-looking, no higher than two stories, unless they are special buildings like the Health Care Building or Pre-Release honor dorms.

There's a lot of "set-tripping" here. A lot of young and uneducated

"gangsters." There's a lot of stealing and fighting because of race. There's some good too, but to get by peacefully in order to bit, you need to clique up with a few people, and stick with them. The rules are petty and it's not a place you want to be if you have ten years or more to do. A lot of prisoners are rebellious and hostile towards the officers, but a lot of us end up losing earned credit time, and get transferred to higher level security prisons as a result. A lot of 16 prisoners get forced and coerced by prison staff into slave kitchen jobs, which is no fun at all. This happens even if you are trying to get into educational programs.

From Westville, I got sent to the Indiana State Prison – the most dangerous prison in the state! There are about 30 foot tall walls surrounding the prison. Razor wire is fitted over the top, with guard towers and light towers. It's huge, and it is very old. A lot of the buildings were erected in the very early 1900's.

The prison is very worn out and dirty. Barred cells, like you see on television and there's a darkness to everything. You have to be careful in here because if you get into a serious fight, no guards can run to your aid because you're locked down a long range measuring about 100 feet. Thirty-three cells and a shower unit are located on each 5-story tier.

The place is big, and the prison has a hard time providing clothing, sanitation and hygiene. As a result, you see a lot of bearded prisoners with long hair, wearing used clothing (even underwear) and there is a lot of stealing. Your only prayer to surviving is to clique up with a few good guys and keep to yourself. If you have money, you can get whatever you want, even a piece of ass from a nurse or female guard. The more money you have, the more enjoyable your stay will be. Just watch over your shoulder.

Pendleton Correctional Facility is a little better than the Indiana State Prison as far as cleanliness and sanitation. That's due in part because a lot of the prison has been remodeled. The officers there are abusive, racist, and petty. It gets tiring having to bite your tongue all the time. There's a lot of gang-related activity there, too. A lot of drugs.

The New Castle Correctional Facility located in New Castle, Indiana (fun town by the way) is operated by the Geo Group, Inc. The DOC gave them a 10-year contract in 2006. Geo Group's website ([illegible].com) under New Castle Correctional Facility proudly states that it "provides secure care, custody, and control for Indiana Department of Correction offenders."

During that year, a prisoner was murdered, another had an outsider forge release papers by pretending to be a cop, and actually got released and CNN reported a full-blown prison riot where fires were set and graffiti written outside the buildings, reading "Naptown" and "Arizona." The prison rules are petty, but at least everything is

"securely cared and controlled."

The Westville Control Unit hold around 250 prisoners. It is a place of physical and mental torture. Unnecessary restrictions on property, clothing and food are enforced. A lot of prisoners have pending lawsuits for abuse by staff. The abuse was so bad, that video cameras were installed in the summer of 2007.

Here, you're trapped behind a solid steel door for 24 hours by yourself, unless you go to what they call "recreation" which consists of little or no physical activity. The place is air-conditioned and its design came from Pelican Bay's Supermax in California. Everything is controlled.

The place is constructed with only blocks, steel frames and lexan. It is hard time here. A lot of people go insane here. On August 18, 2007, a prisoner hung himself there. The place is energy-draining. Food items are reduced as unofficial punishment. A lot of prisoners lose significant weight and muscle mass. It makes you violent and wants to make you snap.

A lot of people do time their own way. There's really no set standard on how to do time. A lot of people maintain their sense of self by listening to music. Some get into religion. There's a famous saying: *Expect the worse, and hope for the best.* If you think about it that way, time will be less disappointing. Most times, however, we have to create our own avenues to escape. It's hard because not only do we suffer, but our family and friends suffer, too. Society should really be concerned about the animals they are creating in here and they should press for alternatives to incarceration. The judicial system is designed to convict and punish, regardless of innocence. This is true because the system is based on opinions and prejudice. What happened to me and other innocent people that have been wrongfully convicted, can happen to anybody.

Question #9: I know several conscious prisoners encaged in Indiana. Give us a rundown on the various progressive & revolutionary ideologies amongst prisoners, as well as the conservative, reactionary and fascist ones. How do we help prisoners transcend their (un) revolutionary suicide lifestyle (gangsterism) to one where they become willing to take the biggest gamble of their lives – to actualize themselves as a full human being, work to realize their innate talent, attain genuine education & self-respect & do right by others. And, if they do manage to attain this flowering of their humanity, under such horrific conditions, how will they instill this into their peeps in the 'hood, which are merely more open-aired hostile environments?

Answer:

Unfortunately, the majority of the prisoners here in Indiana are not revolutionary. They are institutionalized, and they would rather fight and steal from each other than challenge the institution's rules. A lot of us simply say, "Why fight? We cannot win!" This is their mentality. They are discouraged easily. 18

It's really frustrating, too. I don't think there is any way to transcend their current self to a real and full human being. Their "gangsterism" is too computed into their head. It gives them a sense of power and feeling of belongingness and protection, much of which a lot of them never had before their incarceration. It's a role they like to play. Makes them feel good to brag (and lie) about their "playerism" or "blingage." They can get away with it in here. The ones that do change and try to make a difference are few in number.

On the other hand, maybe these men and women feel that they deserve to be this way and are content with who they are because they were guilty of committing crimes? Maybe prison is all they have to survive?

More than likely, it would take credible voices – people out on the streets – to come into the prisons and meet with the prisons to instill life-changing inspirations in them. You work with the zines helps, but it would take more because prison officials sometimes confiscate them or prisoners just don't know about your distributing center.

A lot of prisoners can't even read well. In here, us "conscious" prisoners have to walk a fine line. What we say may offend other prisoners. Hell, they might even snitch on us! Trust is a bug issue. First, we have to gain that trust, then we have to gain their respect. Only then can we try to attempt to make a change in their life. But all of this is easier said than done.

Focusing on what makes a "hood" a hood can bring a community together. Neighborhood programs, youth athletic programs and community projects can be the only way to bring peace to a neighborhood, so hostile. Knowing that the "hood" isn't the only opportunity in life – that it's the government who wants them to kill and destroy each other and themselves, can bring a community together.

I would love to start a volunteer project where we could change the physical appearance of poor communities, and make such areas self-sufficient. I'd like to do some painting, re-modeling homes, installing solar panels and windmills for electric energy so no one has to pay these capitalist pigs money for heat, etc. This way everyone could be warm in the winter and cool in the summer. Things like this.

Knowledge is the key, though. A lot of these "gangsters" could help their members in the hood by becoming familiar with governmental programs and laws. Having good credit can help

people get jobs and loans. Anyone can clean their credit up, themselves. Although, it might take some time, it can usually be done within six months. All you need to do is contact each credit bureau (Experian, TransUnion and Equifax) and tell them you need a free copy of your credit report either because you are seeking employment or you believe you're entitled to a free copy because you believe you've been a victim of fraud (identity theft.)

Federal law requires these bureaus to mail you a free copy of your credit report. From there, look at all the adverse information. To erase this off of your credit report, simply contact each of the bureaus and dispute the adverse information, stating that you simply have no knowledge of these reports. By federal law, the credit bureaus must verify the information. A lot of the times it cannot verify the adverse information, this, federal law requires that the adverse information must be deleted!

There are a lot of good self-help and how-to books out there that can teach all kinds of shit. A good place to get a book catalog from is:

Loompanics Unlimited
P. O. Box 1197
Port Townsend, WA 98368
(tel) 1 – 360 – 385 – 5087
(email) service@loompanics.com

Question #10: Obviously you have hopes and reams of what you want to experience and accomplish, once you get out of the clutches of your molesters. What are they?

Answer:

First, I'd like to start my own business. I am currently writing a business plan dealing with the type of service business that I want: An automotive insurance company! I have a book from Nolo that explains how to write a business plan. I figure I can make at least $50,000,000 a month in sales revenue by only charging $50.00 a month for full coverage (no deductibles) and $25.00 a month for liability coverage. I'd pay my employees well, and I think I'd employ about 900 – 1000 people.

The reason why I would start a business is because it's gonna take some money to start a revolution. I want o use my profits to build self-sufficient communities, do charity work for prisoners and the poor. And start a militia aimed at overthrowing the government. I'd campaign against the authorities, and I'd work on taking over local governments first. I'd run and support candidates that are Anarchists to take over government positions and then have them reform and void laws – something like a computer virus that would eventually destroy government and work toward building a free society. I want to aid and support Anarchists and people like you,

Anthony, so our dreams and teachings are remembered.

I'd also like to get married and have a family. I'm worried about this, though, because I'm 29 now, and I worry about getting too old and not being able to find a woman that I can love.

I'd like to become fluent in the Italian and Japanese languages, and travel overseas.

I'd like to continue writing and publish a few books. I'd also like to become a lawyer so I could represent prisoners and people wanting to sue the government, just so I could harass the government. For some reason, I get a sadistic pleasure off of taking government officials to court. I enjoy seeing them held accountable in some way. Also, because the more people that get screwed over by these judges looking out for their governmental interests instead of doing what is right, the closer we become to revolting, etc.

Question #11: As serious anarchists, you and I both know that we can talk and write until we are blue in the face. Many people will be intrigued, entertained, even enthused by our efforts and example. But only a scant few will take up our challenge and emulate us.

For, resolve that drives real action only gains critical mass by the *desire* inside each of us to *want* to propel their lives past the fear line. How can we better help them take this giant leap in life?

Answer:

Somehow, if we could change our propaganda strategies, I think we could make a difference and make people want to become as passionate as so few of us are. We need to use television and radio. We need to institute anarchist theory classes in high school and colleges. We need to throw money-making events to fund such things. Car shows are an easy and cheap way to raise money (being in a car club and car show promoter in the past, I know this to be true.)

Basically, we have to make Anarchism "hip." Maybe an anarchist magazine mixing anarchist theories, writing stories on anarchist-minded people, and having fashion pages, etc. All mixed with it? Something political, but a magazine cool like *Maxim* magazine. It's a business adventure, but we have to do things like this. A sound marketing plan is needed.

On the other hand, if we could somehow cause the government to declare Marshall Law, I think this could spark a revolution and inflame the passions of people. The more fucked over the people are by government, the more they may become passionate about anarchism. Above all, we need to be supportive to the people, and let them know that we are here to help them the best we can. We need

to be patient and understanding.

Until better opportunities come about, we should continue to do the work we do. After all, your dedication and hard work lead me to you. Now, if you just quit or weren't around, where would people like me, be? In time, more people will come. Try dropping zines etc. in peoples' mail boxes. Set up zine stands in malls if you can. Be more active if possible.

Question #12: What's a typical day like for you? What would an *ideal* day be like in your favorite place? Any closing comments?

Thanks, Brother! I have a tremendous amount of respect for you. Stay vibrant!

Answer:

A typical day for me is filled with anger and rage mixed with work. There are days that I draft legal documents from sunrise to sunset. I do a lot of reading and studying of what I can. I'm really just pissed off a lot of the time, thinking quietly to myself. I know what I want, but I'm trapped in here. I feel like Prometheus – the first man placed in solitary confinement by the Greek God Zeus, where Zeus tortured Prometheus on a daily basis for stealing fire from heaven so all mankind could use it, and not just the Gods.

My ideal day would be with loved ones and friends, just relaxing and enjoying nature and the Earth. I'd like to make people happy. My favorite place is in my car, driving. I like to be around people who enjoy the same things as I do. Sightseeing is relaxing to me. It's a chance to meet new people.

Closing comments? First, I'd like to thank you for your work, Anthony. For a lot of people reading this, you should know how much of Anthony's free time is spent on typing these zines and distributing them. It's a self-sacrifice deserving the up-most respect and honor. This should tell you how much he cares about his dreams and beliefs, and how much he wants to share them with you.

Last, Anarchism is not a thing. It's not a form of dress or something discussed at asocial club for fun. Anarchism is the practical activity in whatever way helps to increase mutual aid, destroy capitalism and bring about libertarian communism. It is activity that opens out, rather than closes down into the dead end of political elitism.

Applying anarchist theories would be like taking back our God-given or nature-given freedoms, instead of submitting to conditional freedoms stipulated by a small group of individuals. Are we slaves? Are we nothing but working ants? Do you enjoy life as it is now? If you don't, do something about it. I'm with you – Black Flag raised high!

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Question #1: If Anarchism would bring out unconditional freedom, then why does society not embrace its theories?

Answer: Well, that's a complicated question with a lot of factors involved. I would say that basically people *do* embrace these theories, which are really just the articulation of natural harmonious human behavior. Almost all religious teach them, commonly known to us as "The Golden Rule" – do unto others as you would like to see done to you. Respect each other, cooperate, share fairly, don't be a bully, don't steal from others, don't coerce people into doing things they don't want to do (no slavery be it wage, chattel, sexual, contract or prison.) You shouldn't commit crimes, such as kidnapping, incarcerating, bombing, terrorizing, threatening, prosecuting using slave documents never agreed to, etc.

Anarchism is basically the articulation of elevating in social and personal use all the good qualities of humanity – kindness, mutual aid, solidarity, direct action, honesty, openness, inclusiveness, sustainability, and a general love and looking out for not just humanity, but other creatures and our planet as a whole. Many cultures from Africa to the Americas practices a type of "anarchism" before being overwhelmed by European conquerors, who instigated anarchy's opposite to these peoples – slaughter, slavery, a class and race-based hierarchy, with cynical parchments full of lies and vagueness which their august "judiciary" could interpret any way the powers that be wanted them to.

So, sadly, people in this country and pretty much throughout the modern-day world have no history or sense of what it is like to live cooperatively, without a hierarchical apparatus menacing them from above. From birth they are channeled into thinking life is "survival of the fittest" and that to "get ahead" they must get over on all those in their way. All they know is this demented consumerist society, as they are endlessly bombarded with lies on all subjects – politics, human relations, social relations, history, everything. Citizens are inculcated with fear and hatred of people who have less than them, and often blinded with envy and hatred for those who have more than them, who have different cultures, colors and interests. Our highest goal is to accumulate wealth to buy goods with and our humanity and concern for people and the planet is snuffed out. Our consciences are suffocated constantly, which explains the heavy drug use, the psychosis, the unhappiness in people, the bitter self-hate and so forth.

For the "ideology" of America is the almighty dollar, not long-accepted values like humanism, fairness, sustainability, equality, justice, etc. We have been robbed of our humanity, as the moorings to them have been ripped from us since day one, much like the 23 foreskin of so many baby boys. We are products of our environment. It's hard to have a history of cooperative, anarchist community when we are all atomized in our homes or apartments and our parents are forced to slave all day to provide food, clothing, housing, utilities, etc. No one has time to be a human being and what little time we have is sucked into highly addictive, yet malodorous behavior, such as violent movies, games, and schemes to rip people off and so on.

There's no real "autonomous zones" for people to latch onto for something different and viable. School teaches kids to can't stand to learn more than anything. It's such boring bullshit, plus it starts the tracking process to various roles – bourgeois sellouts, working stiffs or for the darkly complexioned &/or rebellious – prison. This lifelong process of destroying each person's initiative and natural desire to learn and grow is planned to do exactly what it does. Children are dying to learn anything and everything and do an amazing amount of it in the home. But you take them into these miserable schools, amidst often horrible neighborhoods, etc. and they puke it all up. Half the students drop out in high school because it is so horrible. Half! For, they are taught the lies and bullshit that those who control education want them to learn, not what they genuinely need to know for their real development.

Anarchy is never taught in schools. If it is mentioned, it is as a quickly dismissed aberrant, violent, dangerous and suicidal form of evil thinking that advocates "chaos." Bibles and mainstream social studies, self-help type books and pamphlets are everywhere, but serious anarchist tracts are rare indeed. Sadly, many of the few anarchist publications out there are irrelevant to most peoples' daily lives. They riff off on esoteric tangents that only a tiny cadre of anarchists would even care about.

So, basically, people aren't embracing anarchist thinking because they have no idea such a thing even exists! The ones that have run across a decent piece of it have been impressed. But, every single one of us has layers and layers of baggage of mental garbage cluttering up our minds. It's like a bag lady's dive inside everyone's skull! Each person needs to embark on major psychological house cleaning.

People have built walls of protection for themselves. They don't want to "go there" because it might be dangerous and scary. It's scary to confront your own demons and fears of inadequacy. But see, that's what's so wonderful about anarchist thinking. It's a plain and simple tool to use. It doesn't demand a damned thing from you!

if you give it your all and become a serious Christian, god bless you, Brother! I say "Brother" because they still discriminate against women! At its best, it should help you figure things out more clearly, which leads to delightful insights, which foster self-love, self-empowerment.

Anarchist thinking is what getting to the brutal truth of reality is all about. That's scary stuff because the state has made it very clear on endless occasions that they will kill everyone within a huge radius. They are that evil. Since the Paris Commune, an early 24 attempt at quasi-anarchist politics and living, all such vibrant bursts of consciousness and social agitation for anarchy has been met with a hail of bullets and bombs, endless torture in capitalist dungeons and frequent firing squads. *Kill the messenger*, indeed!

So who would want to stick their neck out like that, only to have them laughingly cut it off? I can't blame people, really - especially when the few anarchists they run across have a boatload of issues, themselves. But, the point is this. Anarchist thinking and analysis has a clarity lacking in all other belief systems. The reason for this is the only real requirement is the truth, a love and respect for humanity and an unquenchable desire to bear witness to it all *and participate fearlessly*. We're not asking you to listen to a politburo or any group of know-it-all fuckers, who may even call themselves "anarchists!" All calls are up to you! We feel people *deserve* the respect of being told the truth as well as a demonstration of courage in the face of these monsters.

I've met anarchists who I couldn't stand – and vice versa! I've also met some I'd go to the ends of the Earth for. No, it's not for everybody. But the ideas of empowering truth, sure as hell are! The "hell" is this tormented world called Earth!

Therein lies the "danger" of anarchy to the authorities. They DO *NOT* want their slaves to become conscious with anarchist principles. They want their factory workers numb, drinking beer, doing their work and watching sports games. They want students shuffling along their miserable campuses all alienated and putting on false faces. They want their prisoners at each other's throats over stupid shit. They want everybody to believe the country is about "democracy" and not to even think about all the people they torture and murder each and every day, or the countless tens of thousands they round up every single day!

People look for homeostasis, as do all animals and life, including Earth. They want a warm place to live, with love, enough to eat, safety, etc. Even though this is a ruthlessly monstrous bloodthirsty empire, they've managed to cocoon themselves in an unaffordable living area. They're busy working to pay the mortgage, going into debt, being homebody consumers. They watch a ton of T.V. To most people – and it *is* most people in the U.$. – this is all they can hope

for. Opening up Pandora's Box of reality check is something to be avoided at all costs! For, not only is the rediscovery of self thrill ride a wild one, but the authorities would like nothing better than to kill &/or torture you, if you succeed at all.

Mostly, society hasn't embraced the ideas of anarchism because they haven't been explained well enough. They haven't been propagated at all effectively. And, all too often, the messages discussed are all so irrelevant to what people are being forced to deal with. For example, I'm a longtime wage-slave worker. I'm in a union and I was a steward for twelve years. I do a lot of argument crafting on issues involving my workplace, management and the union. But, a publication like ARS (Anarcho-Syndicalist Review) however well done, and I believe it is well-done, just isn't that relevant to working people.

A whole new literature of rebellion – anarchist driven – needs to emerge and give hip-hop a run for its money! Better yet, it needs to convince hip-hop to ditch the damn money and create consciousness and citizen-driven services so desperately needed in the depressed communities, which are a pre-requisite for serious social transformation. A tsunami of anti-capitalist *Peoples'* education has to take shape and take hold.

Anarchists and their sympathizers or friends or other social justice crusaders must do this unafraid educating – and use every means possible. It's happening, mostly on the internet. But that's missing so many people, who don't have access to it or don't know where to look, don't have the time (or patience) to fool with it, etc. Most people have busy lives they're running around trying to deal with. They don't have time to be a computer geek all the time. Anarchists need to go back to that tried and true method of education – actually *writing* the thrilling analysis of current events and mentoring folks into real ways of thinking – and making them available on *paper*! But, so few anarchists actually do that.

It makes me angry that anarchist literature, which there is a wonderful supply of, is all too often, only available to a select few people, instead of passed out to daily commuters or something. But, anarchists are like everybody else. Most of them don't do anything and only a few are dedicated as you would think any anarchist worth his or her salt *should* be, but haplessly aren't. We're all flawed but you can will yourself to effectiveness, which some anarchists are willing to help you with.

Everybody is at a different stage of conscious development. Prison is a great example. You have the totally illiterate and the unmistakably brilliant. Both, if they're thinking right, yearn to learn. By showing these people genuine humanity and an honest respectfulness, you two can begin to *educate each other!* Herein again, lies the alarm bells going off in the jailer's heads. First and

foremost, they do not want their slaves anything but ignorant and intimidated and docilized. If they have to pin them down and inject them with drugs, they'll do it. If they have to taser, beat or even kill them, they do it! It's a battle of will – good vs. evil & the truth vs. liars. 26

Question #2: Local judges and prosecutors are elected into their positions by voters, who essentially, are pro-state and government. These judges and prosecutors in return, promise to do things for a vote, so how can anyone expect to obtain justice? If judges and prosecutors are granted immunity from their decision-making, don't these immunities perpetuate corruption and differential treatment? If these judges and prosecutors are not held accountable, who is? How does an anarchist battle such power? Especially, a poor prisoner?

Answer:

Some judges are rubber-stamped by old, conservative voters, this is true. Most judges and prosecutors are appointed. There's a big "law enforcement" buddy system, which has tentacles in every realm – government, the military, the schools, churches, and elsewhere, where these people are groomed for these positions. Law schools, Ivy League type schools, stints in the military or the police, school administration, etc. these are the types of people who end up as judges and prosecutors. They come from the upper class or with their approval.

The elections are rigged, trite occasions where horrible candidates are the only ones available for positions in horrible institutions, such as the judiciary and the legislature. Police are elected, sometimes, too. The votes are all for show, the outcome has already been determined. Like the Chicago Bears, it doesn't matter who the quarterback is, the game will still be played the same way.

Is this rigged system conducive to "justice?"
NO! Of course not, but then, it never was. It's just another elaborate well-refined lie that they use to attain complacency and acquiescence – that and cameras everywhere, cops with guns everywhere and hideous prisons everywhere! So, you can hope for justice and strive to attain justice and fight for justice but it's a waste of time expecting it.

Their own laws and rules can sometimes be used against them, as they flaunt and violate them routinely. Occasionally, you can convince a judge to rule according to the rules in your favor, but it almost invariably takes an incredible amount of time, money and effort, which they make it exceptionally difficult for poor people to muster, much less prisoners, especially indigent ones.

Prisoners do what they can from what I've seen. Many concentrate on studying the law, learning how to write writs and mount procedural and court challenges. They try to solicit support from outside sympathizers by describing their situation, writing essays, drawing graphics, etc.

I don't know what all else prisoners can do – hunger strikes, other actions. There's no question many of you have been railroaded in the first place, have been set-up while in prison and so forth. It's an endless litany of abuse and the breaking of their own laws and rules by the authorities. They make everything be forcibly funneled through their corrupt game, where smarmy lawyers play their expensive roles – and they are just roles – they get paid for "expertly" lying! Judges and prosecutors have immunity, but defense attorneys don't! They have the whole weight and all the resources of the state, which is endless as they steal enormous amounts in taxes every single year, and the defense has nothing. They can threaten you with all these horrible outcomes – prison, probation, forced labor, fines, etc. if they "win" and you can do nothing to them if you "win" except eventually maybe procuring your "freedom" or winning a judgment, which is no skin off their nose, nor will it adversely affect their career one iota. All the monies paid out are from stolen monies they lifted from (mostly) working people, anyway. When they spend too much, they cut vital services &/or raise taxes. So, they never "lose" even when they lose. They may lose the gravy from one previously held captive, but they are loathe and ever so reluctant to admit any mistakes or release any captives "prematurely." They are in the punishment industry business and most certainly it's corrupt as hell and they play favorites. The rich and even yuppies who commit a "crime" (drug use for example) first, aren't gone after. If (rarely) caught they're not prosecuted. A "deal" is made, instead. Poor people without connections to make these "deals" get prosecuted and harshly sentenced, because like other capitalist ventures, it requires constant expansion. The raw materials needed are human beings. It's a sort of slow death human sacrifice for profit scheme. It's wildly profitable and these profits are guaranteed and risk-free. All monies for all aspects of this scheme are paid for through taxes. More and more, it is true, private prisons are cropping up, but they are also coddled and protected by the "laws" and the authorities and squeeze their profits out too, often at the expense of the well-being of the prisoners in their tombs.

People must realize, and do once dragged through this diabolical system, that "justice" under the law, in the U.$. is a nightmare beyond belief masquerading as something noble. It's vile – one of the puss-filled abscesses of this society.

For, they are *not* held accountable and how could they be? Let's not forget: they are the gatekeepers for monstrousness. They

"legitimize" human slavery, genocide around the world, mass incarceration, the huge chasm between rich and poor, militarized hope-killing ghettos, the wasting of young lives suckered into the imperialist military – all of it! How do they do this? By "interpreting" the Constitution! This is a document lording over us that not one of us agreed to and which to this day sanctions human slavery! So, we're dealing with a slave-driven legal system and by their convenient definition, slaves have no legal rights! 23

They've refined it and have the game down pat. Their police forces are everywhere in and out of court, the streets, social gatherings, prisons, in the factories, all over. The game is set in a familiar pace, blah blah blah, do you have a lawyer, do you have money, here's your sentence. It's not meant to provide "justice" because every single outcome is unjust! Even if you are ruled innocent of whatever "crime" you were accused of, you were forced through their hideous system. You weren't judged by your peers or even accused by them! It was all orchestrated from above with these very same - beyond accountable – police, judges and prosecutors. You've already paid dearly in time, money and a total disruption to your life. If found guilty and incarcerated, you are victimized from then on, in their massive, daily, horror show *genuine* crime of capitalist incarceration. Even if you were guilty of a real crime, forcing you to be a victim of government crime every day does nothing to deal with your crime, much less the causes of it or any other crime. So, the whole process is a no-win criminal episode in a vast criminal enterprise.

Anarchists and poor prisoners must understand this and leave no stone unturned describing the truth of the situation and the criminality of the government. Even a losing court case or whatever, can be a highly valuable learning experience for those involved and others who are educated by scrupulous reporting by anarchists about the whole sordid process. As we go along, we need to educate people into anarchist ways of thinking, i.e. looking at the situation at hand with the utmost clarity, even amidst such thick lies. People need to lose all respect and fear of government. You can't give credence to bullies and perverts!

If you lose a court case, more battles await you. You must battle no matter what is happening because the whole mess is still functioning. Like George Jackson said: something like, "if there are no conditions for struggle, you must create them." We have to be accountable for ourselves, our fellow captives and otherwise oppressed Sisters & Brothers and go day to day dealing with whatever comes at us. They may not be accountable, nor is their evil system, but we can and should be accountable as far as what we can see, say, think and do. By being this way as opposed to those fat pigs in suits who hide behind "immunity" we demonstrate our credibility and their lack of it. It helps more people lose the grip these bastards have on their humanity and judgment. Once we get

enough people to lose all respect for their disgusting power, we can put it to death, once and for all! 2?

So, there's no magic formula for individual case by case success. If you do study their game and play it well enough to win a case, you can piss them off and they may target you again. After all, they don' have to worry about accountability, no matter how criminal their actions become. Just look at the constant police murdering that is quickly ruled "justifiable" by *other* police! So, there's no real "victories" just the satisfaction of fighting these creeps.

But! Work like you are doing in the trenches of the dungeons is invaluable, not only in educating others on how to challenge them at their own game, but also how to look at things. These informative works you've put together (which you have unloaded on me) are important contributions not only to the jailhouse lawyers among us, but also to anarchist *thinking!* So, Bravo! to you for having the courage and anarchist wherewithal to deal with these Klansters all these years and recording your conclusions and suggestions. Once I get it all worked up, I'm sure it will be very beneficial to people.

Anarchism is like other belief systems. It is what people who profess to believe in it say, think and do. So it is up to us to outdo everybody else, which greatly enhances the credibility of it as a belief system. By continuous effort at a high level, we create a body of serious argumentation. At this stage of ignorance and atomization, i is job one, in my opinion. A good anarchist battles the power and works with poor prisoners doing it.

As things worsen, which they no doubt will, what anarchists have been saying will no longer seem outlandish, but rather, very succinct As we write and battle our message gets clearer and more recognized as the truth. The injustice of it all is still there. It's the reality of our modern day, global situation. We need to *continuously* be there for people, who in their desperation are crying for such awareness. We can't leave it up to anybody else – even other anarchists. We must rely upon ourselves and instill that bedrock sense of self-reliance in others, regardless of what they do with it, because as anarchists, we are confident that the more truly honest, serious and truth-seeking they become, the more "anarchistic" they become as well.

Respect for humanity means speaking truth to power, which take a lot of courage. *This* is what electrifies people! It is how anarchists battle.

Question #3: Is there really any difference between a Democrat or a Republican? If they have everything so figured out for the people, then why do we bounce back-and-forth between Democrat and Republican leaders? Why hasn't an Anarchist run for president in order to really make a difference, or at least to give some protections to the people? If an independent party cannot prevail, what does this say about the system?

Answer:

There are significant differences between Democrats and Republicans. They are both usually, pompous, ugly, fat, white old men, but Democrats try to sexually abuse young women and girls, whereas the Republicans generally prey upon young men and boys. Both whore themselves out to the major corporations and genocidal, sweatshop "foreign policy." Republicans are more candid about their reactionary proclivities, whereas Democrats hypocritically feign interest in issues of concern to working people. Both have sold their souls to the devil and have willingly conceded their lives to a disgusting and corrupt legacy. They are human-like embodiments of the ugliness that is systematized inequity. There is very little difference between them. They both love cops and prisons and fat envelopes of cash. 30

They are so similar as corporate parties, that their parts are easily interchangeable. Once one group gets in, shortly thereafter their failures and scandals disgust even the minority of people over eighteen who actually vote. So they vote the other party in, which proves equally disastrous and so on and so forth.

But, the rigorous strictures of the system, disallows for other parties. It's extremely difficult for other parties to even get on a ballot. For example, the Green Party in Illinois needed 25,000 signatures to get on the ballot, but the Democrats & Republicans only needed 1,500!

With the electorate politically brain dead as demonstrated by their willingness to participate without much to say in this charade, and most people too turned off or disgusted by it all to even be registered to vote, a "third party" doesn't have a chance – unless they can pull a fast one off, all the while counting on the obliviousness of the electorate, the media and so on. For example, a few years ago, the LaRouchies were able to sneak a couple of candidates through the primary in Illinois, because they were hiding as Democrats and weren't outed as LaRouchies until after they had won the primary. The guy running for governor had a LaRouchie as a running mate. It was pretty funny!

But even if those nuts or any other 3rd party candidates got elected, as has rarely happened here and there, nothing would really change. As they came to Washington or Springfield or wherever, the system would still be embedded. Lobbyists working for large corporations guide the debate on who gets the stolen tax monies. Like the judiciary, the legislative farce is also a criminal game, and especially as it gets into the executive level, quite often a highly deadly game. Look at this horrible genocidal Iraq War. The Republicans worked up all the lies and launched this massive bloodletting. The Democrats got elected to end it, but once in, decided they couldn't do anything about it. They even *increased* the amount of soldiers and now Bush wants 200 billion $ more, which the quisling Democrats will give him.

See, these alcoholic letches, who have these titles, have been groomed to live this pampered, mega-whore life. Even "third" party candidates have been corrupted by the excitement of the "corridors of power." The real lions of the people are *with* the people on a grassroots level. For, participation in this process is an admission of surrender to corruption, criminality and power.

No way in hell would an anarchist ever run for president or any other goddam office! It's the antithesis of what an anarchist believes. We want to end these cosmic farces on the history of humanity – not participate in them! The few times anarchists have swallowed their pride and participated in governments have been disasters!

We must get over the false hope that government will "protect" us! The government is what is *menacing* us! Our safety and prosperity can only be "guaranteed" by our own conscious efforts and those we organize with.

What the government is doing right now is this: stealing our money, using it to kill people in Iraq and Afghanistan, sending ever more people into the hideous prisons, protecting big business, shredding what few "rights" we have left, etc., etc. How is that "protecting" us? When a voice is raised against this juggernaut of greed and vice, like the milquetoasty Paul Wellstone, he mysteriously dies on the eve of an election in a plane crash! All that "change" means in this sick system is even more goddam laws are written. That's it! All the crime previously committed by the government and all the terrible things it is doing now and will do is not even worth a speeding ticket. It's allowed to happen – even if it succeeds in doing what it is headed to do – destroy the Earth itself! That's our "protection!"

It says that the system is pure, cosmic level crime that humanity needs to end to have a chance at a future, much less a society of peace, freedom and justice.

Question #4: Do taxes by the controlling masses (government) perpetuate the monetary system? With our science and technology today, why do we need a monetary system? Why can't we all just work jobs so people can just have what they need and want? The Amish do it!

Answer:

Yeah, taxes play a big role. Its how government gets its money to buy all this misery. We live in what has been called "hyper" capitalism. The difference between the salaries of CEO's and wage-earners is astronomical – way worse than any other country. All the laws, the police, the courts, the prisons, the armies, all of these systems are in place to keep the system in place. The system works for the aggrandizement of the already rich. Those people who control

the levers of power like the system the way it is. It affords them a life of leisure and affluence, while doing little or no real work. They manipulate money (stock market, etc.)

They did not erect this elaborate system of lies and theft using genocide, slavery and constant murder, just so logic could poke it's unwelcome head in and propose a sane alternative!? Yes, most certainly we *could* change things so people could work more 32 meaningfully and equitably, but that's not what the evil bastards who run the show want to see happen. And it won't happen unless we somehow stop them from calling the shots. They are drunk on power and greed and will not voluntarily give up the "reins of state." They don't care that to keep it going they feel compelled to murder so many and make suffer so many. They are beyond amoral, so arguments to do the humanistic thing mean nothing to them. They are killers.

As for the Amish, they have maintained a relative autonomy, although their politics are rather primitive and drenched in religiosity. They do demonstrate that it is possible to live outside this consumerist, Britney Spears vacuous social system we are not rebelling against yet. The Amish aren't anarchists, nor do they threaten the system at all, so by leaving them alone, the government gets to say, "See! We could be fucking with them, but we aren't. Therefore, we have the greatest country in the world!" Sheesh!

Question #5: If a revolution comes about, how will we protect ourselves from the government and State? I mean, they possess weaponry such as missiles and metal piercing rifles like he AS-50. How do we get a hold of such equal fire power? I want to be able to point back whatever they point at me.

Answer:

Revolutions don't come out of nowhere! As the social reality deteriorates and people necessarily get more conscious and organized, community organizations get stronger and more militant. Government corruption and brutality increases, outraging citizens, including police and military forces. Look at Iraq. They have infiltrated the police and military forces, have bought or stolen stockpiles of weapons and turned them against the U.S. forces.

As the government knows no other "argument" other than brute force, they lose the allegiance of the people. Without that, they can't command citizens to kill other citizens. However, as they are also doing in Iraq, they employ private armies – hired killers – mercenaries. These indoctrinated fascist death squad forces are among the most evil, sinister, criminally psychotic people on Earth. Their job is to torture and kill. This is who the government will rely more and more on.

More and more people need to understand what they are up against and organize accordingly. I don't know what it will take for the people to come to these inevitable conclusions. Maybe it will be mass arrests and Marshall Law. Maybe a movement will spring forth that captures the imagination of the people and provides real direction against the government. Maybe it will be a sort of new World War, I don't know. Maybe another worldwide depression or natural catastrophes will set things in motion.

Each person needs to deal primarily with themselves and their families first and foremost. They need to overcome their fear and lethargy and learn what it means to give a damn about those around them and be involved in what is happening.

It's next to impossible to really "protect yourself" from those determined to do you harm, especially a government as organized and deadly as what we are dealing with. We need to rely on collective security, but first we must learn how to build it so it is functional and reliable. We can be cautious and careful not to expose ourselves to undue harm, but you can't let this paralyze your life or activities. No matter how careful you try to be, you can be targeted or the victim of random violence, an accident or whatever. Every minute procrastinating is a wasted minute of a finite life. Don't waste time. Your best protection is your conscious awareness about what is happening around you and why. Then you can devise responses to various threats.

It's hard to envision what new forms of resistance will take place and what will be effective. I would think that the anarchist idea of affinity groups would be important. Autonomy of action is hard to eliminate. If there are no "leaders" where do the authorities go to cut the "head" off of a movement?

Along with all this actual resistance to what will amount to government war on its own people, will be the conscious media war. We have to unmistakably cover what is going on and analyze it honestly and thoroughly. People need to know what is going on without any ambiguity or hesitance. This of course, is hardly the case these days as "opposition" to this beyond evil government is still so tepid and apologetic. People don't realize they would just as soon shoot you as listen to (and ignore) what you have to say.

Question #6: Pacifism and peaceful protesting seems to never really make a difference; after all, the government grants you this right. So then, does government really fear such protests, and should we realistically expect to abolish government by being "peaceful?"

Answer: They like to pretend that it doesn't bother them, but look at how they have responded to "peaceful" protests lately. They often

Out-number the protesters and they are armed to the gills! Just a few years ago, allegedly most of Americans supported the invasion of Iraq. Now that we know it was all a vicious lie and still drags on, the overwhelming majority are now *against* this awful imperial genocide. Constant peaceful protest served to demonstrate the morality of common Americans. Seeing their neighbors out on the neighborhoods picket lines with their anti-war signs asking them to honk, slowly got them to see who was in the wrong here. It didn't take violence – except the endless violence of government killing innocent civilians all the time, which also got thousands of Americans killed and many tens of thousands injured. The home front is sinking like that bridge in Minneapolis, because these morons are wasting all the fruits of our labor to fund the gruesome bloodletting in Iraq instead of dealing with our problems at home. The only thing the government is willing to pour money into domestically is the police and prison apparatus. It's sickening! 34

Many people are likewise sickened by the reality they see every day, but have nowhere to go to do anything about it. They don't know that the key to their life lies within themselves. They don't know their lives could be immeasurably enriched by finding and collaborating with people, just like them, who have taken the extra step, two or three and gotten pro-active somehow. They're still bitter from a lifetime of cruelties and injustices, humiliations and wrongs done them from every angle. They're still tied down by a cobweb full of lies and self-helplessness. They're under the influence of drugs – the TV, the radio, the newspapers and other lie-based visual bombardments.

They accept the dreadful belief that there isn't anything you can do about it. They're "peaceful" so peaceful they are letting the government chew them up and spit them out and make a shambles of their life.

But, the government is not peaceful. They kill, kidnap and incarcerate. They torture and evict. As the government gets more aggressive and turns on their own people, people will get more aware as they get burned and they'll also get more vocal and physical. It's sad whenever anyone gets hurt or killed, but the actions of this government make it inevitable. To end it once and for all, requires that government be ended once and for all and you know they won't go down without taking as many innocent lives as they can – at least the hard core fascists.

I don't know. I detest violence and can't get into mounting any interest in learning how to be violent to stop violence. But many people already are schooled in violence, either taught how to maim and kill by the government or as they tried to survive in dangerous environments. It's not my thing, but somebody is going to have to stop these vicious people, somehow, some day.

You can be very militant and impacting on other "fronts" such as through the battlefield of ideas. You can act as a support network to the Brothas and Sistas who are carrying the load, physically. 35 Everyone has a talent that will come in handy when nip comes to tuck. Our job is to learn how to maximize that usefulness and learn how to work together for the common good.

Violence is all around us. The government causes endless gruesome death and eternal damnation (depleted uranium) every single day, all over the world, and here at home. The criminalized and refuse of society engage in violence, as does the police, at alarming levels – spawned by a demented, ultra-anxious populace. Murder rates, suicide rates, rape – all kinds of serious crime are at high rates in the U.S. compared to other capitalist Euro-type countries. The system uses and causes violence to keep the Cheney's in pearls and gold. It's that disgustingly simple! Remember, it has *always* been a settler occupation of genocide and slavery – and these most horrible tactics of State are still used today – with the otherworldly destructive power they have painstakingly accumulated over the last several decades.

The technology of mind-altering and somnolence has gone ultra-high tech, too! The best Nazis teamed up with homegrown fascists to create the no-think hybrid we see today. All these tools are made to get citizens to basically police themselves and to either believe the drivel they promote or do nothing about it. Inside and out, they want to nip courage and insight in the bud!

Whatever happens, happens every day, anyway. We must study and learn and teach and participate in events every single day. We need to help each other get up to snuff, which to many, is a long ways away. Treat every Brother & Sister out there as your own blood relative. You take these people under your wing and teach them what they need to know. Look after them and look after and educate yourself, too! All too soon reality will hit all of us in the face without any going back. We must prepare ourselves in order to have a chance at surviving, much less thriving. Problems don't go away because we don't like the gravity of them. They can get worse, though!

Now, I know that's impossible to do – treat everyone like your "Brother" or "Sister." I think people should be given a chance, at least. Those you don't like after you see them in action a little, you don't have to like (or even deal with, really.) But, you've got to keep trying and pushing the struggle forward – keep pushin'!

Question #7: The government is in debt – a trillion dollar something debt! At what amount does a government become bankrupt, and what consequences should people expect from such a debt?

Answer:

The government – at least this 'only super-power' government – craps out when and only when its own people decide it is no longer worth propping up. We owe Japan a trillion, too, don't we? We owe China, Vietnam – all the countries we destroyed and drew slaves and sweatshop labor from, all the death squad dictatorship fascist governments we trained, supplied and otherwise supported. We owe the whole world pretty much *everything!* But since the U.$. government can destroy everything at a moment's notice, it blackmails the world, economically. 36

"The magic of the marketplace" and the "supply and demand" blather of capitalism is only respected by U.$. corporations and their government, if these corporations are given undue advantage to profit. If they don't get their way economically by threatening to bomb, they just go ahead and actually bomb! They have no intention of paying any "debt."

When Clinton "paid off the federal debt" guess how he did it? He squeezed it out of the taxpayers! Welfare was eliminated, 100,000 more police were added, the prison population practically doubled, 500,000 – 1,000,000 Iraqi children were snuffed out, Serbia was bombed, Wall Street took off to record profits for the rich, while jobs were NAFTA-ed out to Mexico and then China, thousands died of starvation daily, etc., etc. yet he is known as a "humanitarian!"

Anyway, it is up to Americans to do something about it. Hell! We sure know all about "debt" seeing as so many of us are mired in it! We usurp 25 – 30% of the world's resources, having but 4.5% of her population, yet we're still all in debt! What's wrong with this picture? The problem, which I keep saying, is a lack of understanding of who is causing the problems! We let government get away with being astronomical criminals (murderers and thieves.) When we have finally had enough and call a general strike, then we can deal with the debt. It will be pitched out with the fecal bath water Uncle Sam has been s(h)itting in! The world's resources must be pooled and shared equitably, with those in most need being taken care of first.

The economic crime of not paying back debts will be ignored by Uncle Sam just like the laws against mass slaughter that they ignore. As for bankruptcy, the U.$. has long since demonstrated itself as being morally bankrupt and worthy of nothing but contempt and dissolution. People need to look at the whole, real picture and take their blinders off. Read some Thoreau if you have any illusions about what government is truly all about.

Question #8: America did not have its first police force until 1844 in New York. Such a force was created by Sir Robert Peel in 1829 in London, England. From the day Columbus discovered America in the fifteenth century till 1844, America seemed quite capable of policing themselves. So then, what was the purpose of creating the police?

Answer:

The country may not have had police, but they did have militias, vigilante groups, military troops, etc. They did the job of police – go out and kill people (Indians) round up escaped slaves, crush rebellions, enforce capitalism (kill strikers, etc.) They gave people plenty of leeway as far as punishing or killing their slaves and workers. The Pinkerton's were like private police hired by companies to break strikes and kill workers.

So, as the country grew and the population grew, they wanted an everywhere domestic occupation force to do the bidding of slavers and capitalists. These evolved into police forces of various levels. Their jobs are still pretty much the same – protect the property of the rich, who they helped to steal the land and insure the profitability of their operations, in the first place! They're supposed to keep the rabble down and unable to mount any serious challenge to this type of rule.

With the changing conditions, such as the technology and global sweatshop economy, many of the most rebellious and unwanted (read: young male, mostly urban Afrikans) are only useful to the slave economy as actual prisoner slaves. The police play a huge role in this explosive domestic "industry." So, as before their role was to capture and return "escaped slaves" back to the plantations, nowadays, they capture "gang members" and take them to the modern-day slave plantations – thy nation's prisons.

The police are all about "law enforcement." The laws are written by the rich people lawyers to insure things stay the way they are and that those who do get punished are the poor – especially the ones with protective melanin in their skin. They keep a lid on this horrible country on a day-by-day basis. Like Mayor Richard J. Daley once explained: "The police aren't there to create disorder, they are there to *preserve* disorder!"

Question #9: An anarchist man or woman targets and kills government officials, leaders, agents and cops in his or her own way to abolish government. Murder or hero?

Answer: Well, this actually rarely ever happens that an anarchist does target an official. Overwhelmingly, it is the other way around – government targeting anarchists or any number of innocents. It depends I guess. When that monster, American-Israeli gunned down all of those Islamic worshippers, those who did overwhelm and kill him were definitely heroes. They stopped further certain senseless slaughter. And I can see how Alexander Berkman wanted to go and personally kill Frick, after he ordered the Pinkerton's to kill so many workers. But even if he succeeded in killing him, the company would have just put another pig in his place. Nothing fundamentally would have changed.

When those people gave Ceaucescu and his wife a quickie trial and execution, on Christmas morning no less - I thought it was great! But, another horrible regime was quickly put into place, and the 38 people got no real relief. I'm sure the world's people loved it when Mussolini got strung up – *at last!* But it was a brief moment of joy at the vanquishing of a tyrant. Crappy governments kept coming.

When the Unabomber killed a couple of researchers or whatever they were, I thought it was cruel and rotten. These small fry are not the "tyrants" who orchestrate genocide. He's just a low-level functionary. I thought if you are going to go to the extent that you are willing to actually off somebody, make sure that person has been personally responsible for some awful crimes of government – the policy-makers of mass murder. When that anarchist actually did kill a guy, here in the U.$. (McKinley) I think I would have been supportive of him, had I lived then, at least once he became a captive of government. But then, I'm supportive of *all* the captives!

I really, really, really don't like it when people get needlessly hurt or killed, which is why I hate the U.$. government so much. Lone wolf rampages – even against tyrants – have no real effect on abolishing government per se. Of course, that nephew dude in Nepal who wasted the whole royal family with a machine gun surely put the kibosh to that despicable ruling class!

Then again, as part of a fluid revolutionary situation, it is a tactic that can have effect. Sometimes it's a matter of killing them before they can kill you! Then, it is self-defense.

But going off on your own against who ever, usually someone not that important, as the real big fish are so protected, doesn't have much effect. It's more a cry of isolation and frustration. It also gives the authorities a good excuse to crack down on his or her comrades. So, these isolated attacks end up getting comrades captured, because they didn't know what was going to come down and were caught before they could protect themselves from capture.

Each case is different. If the person does it as part of a revolutionary strategy and not just some spasm of revenge or something, it pre-supposes that this person has thought out the possible consequences. Such people as Russell Maroon Shoats and Ojore Nuru Lutalo have made these types of choices – and have spent decades in horrible supermax hellholes because of it. I consider them to be freedom fighters and very brave. They not only gave their whole life for the cause of liberation, but it's a slow, painful daily death they must endure.

I'm waiting for anarchists to have the courage to do basic argument crafting, printing and distributing of relevant anarchist literature. I'm tapping my foot, impatient for them to give presentations, screen films and organize discussions and actions. And I don't mean just with other anarchists. I mean with real people, whether in school, in the military, on the job, on the street or in the clink. Let's kill this beast with the unmistakable truth!

Question #10: What is the libertarian objection to anarchism?

Answer: I believe in England, "libertarian" and "anarchist" are pretty synonymous terms. Libertarians in this country are like far-right Republicans. They believe in the Constitution and they love liberty. They hate government interference in their lives. But the problem is the Constitution is a slave document. So, they believe in slavery, whereas anarchists are anti-slavery.

Libertarians believe in capitalism, which is a system of economic slavery. Chattel slavery was also a form of capitalism. They just do not like government interfering in their affairs. They think they should be allowed to do what they want without regulation or any other type of government bullying. But, they really don't care about people who don't concern them, such as targeted Afrikans.

So, they're cool with inequality and capitalist exploitation of workers, here and abroad. They don't like government and police interference in their affairs. Well, who does? They liken these intrusions to "communism." True, communist governments surely have meddled heavily in peoples' lives and it's always been terrible. "Democratic" governments are no less brutal to their own people, quite often. They just don't bother to look at the whole picture. They don't have the empathy and caring for other people that anarchists profess to have.

Real anarchists who put their beliefs in practice can't stand injustice and want all government and authority to be eliminated. Anarchism celebrates the salt of the Earth. Libertarianism wants to keep their privileged position without being messed with, hardly a noble cause.

Anarchy calls for every single person to not be menaced by government and allowed to do their own thing – as long as they do not infringe on the lives and rights of others. Libertarians are of the bourgeois class and anarchy is with the proles and unemployed, the downtrodden and incarcerated, the migrant worker and the drifter. Anarchy is for everybody who wants to live a real life and be willing to fight for it. Anarchy is for those who want to embrace the truth – and all the danger that this may bring. Anarchy is concerned about the fate of humanity and goes to bat for the sake of humanity, even though they know they will be pilloried for it. It's all about love and all about respect for life – not privilege.

Libertarians want to get back to "Jeffersonian democracy." Anarchists want world-wide revolt and the end to all government and authority. Jefferson was a slave owner. Anarchists are anti slavery. Truth, freedom, justice, liberation!

Thanks for asking me these questions, Brother! Take care!

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