- Good fiction novels that could possibly have a life-changing impact on a prisoner's mind
- Books about prison, or written by prisoners, who have changed their lives while in prison (these stories are always inspirational and helpful for those incarcerated)
- Any books on politics, revolutionary science, prominent figures and leaders
- Cultural studies: Latino, African American, Native American, Asian, The Celts, The Romans, The Greeks, The Egyptians, Aztecs, Mayans, etc.
- Books on different languages
- Geography
- Best sellers, Pulitzer prize winners, etc.
- Esoteric studies, masonic literature, symbolism, etc.
- Health, physical fitness, etc.

Any book that you have, that you don't want, or need any more, any book that you think would be uplifting, educational, or inspirational to prisoners, please send them to:

White Pine County School District
Mountain High School
~~1135 Avenue~~ C
Ely, Nevada 89301
Attention: Ms. Thiel / E.S.P. Library Donations

Please make sure to go through all of your books, removing money, papers or anything that you may have left inside of your books, because the officers will thoroughly inspect each book before they are inducted into the E.S.P. Library.

Please talk to your friends, family, co-workers and classmates, ask them if they have any old books that they don't want or need any more. We really want you to help us turn the E.S.P. library into a real library. Help us bring meaning and positive change to these prisoner's lives. There is no rehabilitation, no programs, no real educational/vocational opportunities for these guys incarcerated at Ely State Prison. We want you to help us give them that opportunity, we want you to help us help them. We want you to help us liberated these prisoners' minds and transform their lives through knowledge, education and higher learning. Please get involved in this life-changing project. There's nothing more empowering than knowledge! Thank you for your time and concern.

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Prisoners'



SPEAK! #6

The only difference between prison today and prison in the 18 80's ; the 1920's; the 1960's; etc. is the subtlety and sickening "political correctness" in which the abuse happens. I'm not saying that physical (even sexual) abuse doesn't happen out right anymore - no!, on the contrary, it does. But since the rise to power of Psychiatry in the prison complexes, more psychologically tortuous ways have been generated by the States to break the physical and and mental resistance which lives in every prisoner's being.

In the very prison I reside in, for example. I live on AB Unit with a maximum of 63 other men (comrade Hybachi included). Every two weeks or so our hot water is shut off totally for 1 to 3 weeks. It comes back on for 3 days to 2 weeks and then the cycle repeats. Another example, for the past two days our air has been cycling on then off, on then off, every couple of hours, making our living spaces (our cells) extremely hot and then cold, hot and then cold (our windows don't open).

And yet all of this I deem unimportant... why? Because it is simply another effect of our Society's sickness, not the cause of it.

When I wrote earlier that I had become enlightened I was thinking of my own situation. I came to prison at the tender age of 15 years old for Burglary and Robbery of a Motor Vehicle. I had absconded from a juvenile facility and stolen a gun from an automechanic shop I used to work for & stole a car with the gun. Later on, at age 19, I caught another case for defending myself the only way I could when two guards assaulted me while I was handcuffed behind my back - I spit on them. Then I caught another case at age 20 (after 5 years of incarceration) for possession of a weapon (a jailhouse shank) for protection.

Greetings, Brother Anthony

It's been a long time since I wrote you or requested any zines, so here I am. I hope all is well with you, your health and the family. As for myself? I'm doing alright, my health is fine. I'm still fighting this bogus investigation these neo-nazi pigs got me under. 69

They claim that the materials I have are illegal and gang-related, especially my anarchist zines. As of 10-28-10 my cell was shook down again. The only thing they took was my writings, a few pictures and George Jackson's *Soledad Brother*.

I'm taking my fight to the Supreme Court! If these books / zines are illegal, why let them in? I recently wrote the prsino mailroom, asking for magazines, etc., etc. That was a month ago and they have yet to respond back, not just to me, but another brother as well.

I'm not going to let that stop me in my quest for real knowledge. I'm a anarchist and I will not be deterred!

I want to request: *Fascism, Genocide and Extinction - AN Indictment Against Civilization, Bullet in Your Head: National Security Decision Directive 77, The Illegal Contra Support and Bog Tobacco Help Start the C.I.A. Cocaine Pipeline,* and *Advocates for Anarchism: A Prisoner's Resource Guide, Vol. 1 & 2.*

So, what's been going on on your end? Well, it's time to go to group, so I'll end it until next time

Comrade *Rodney Williams*

checks, so we can't starve the government by withholding taxes. And even if we get paid under-the-table, enough above-table workers would keep the system going. We can't vote or petition or march or protest the government to death. If any of those actions brought about any real change, they'd be illegal. We can't even move to get away from government. Native Americans tried that over and over again until there was nowhere left to move to.

Some have argued that government is set up to protect the wealthy from the rest of us. How did capitalism's Adam Smith say it? "Civil government... is in reality instituted for the defense of the rich against the poor, or of those who have some property against those who have none at all..." And since government is just an extension of corporate power, they argue, you have to destroy the economy to destroy government. But even if that's true, that doesn't get us anywhere. Now, instead of burning down the Whitehouse, we're disheartened when we burn down the WalMart to no good end. Instead of the futility of shooting representatives, we face more executives than we could ever have bullets. And no votes, petitions, protests, nor marches could buckle the knees of corporations.

I've heard it proposed that if you can get the masses-- and by masses, I'm guessing they mean the largest segment of the population --to rise up in an insurrection, the whole government would be swept away.

Yeah. Good luck with that. According to what I've read, you can't get the majority of people to wash their hands after they poop. Never mind coordinating them in the overthrow of the government. No solidarity. And their fingers stink.

Still, I personally believe we'd be better off without government, and if a government-less world is a better one, I have to think there's a way to get there.

Perhaps the key to destroying government is intractable persistence. Plain stubbornness. Relentless determination.

You can't just burn down city hall and the police station. You have to make plans to burn down the tents at the fair grounds, and the construction equipment when the city attempts to rebuild city hall.

Intractable persistence. 68

You can't just shoot a few politicians. You have to plan to shoot their replacements. If, for example, the last three dog wardens got bullets blasted through their brain-pans, I'm not going to be in a rush to hold that office-- and neither is anybody else... no matter what kind of dental plan comes with the job.

Plain stubbornness.

You can't burn down one WalMart. You have to have a plan to burn them all. And blow up some dams. And empty a few prisons. And take down some major bridges and railways.

Relentless determination.

Abe Lincoln said, "This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government, they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it, or their revolutionary right to dismember or overthrow it."

So, you have the right to destroy the government. Lincoln said so. But he never said it would be easy. You're really going to have to work at it.

Intractable persistence. Plain stubbornness. Relentless determination.

After all, it took more than 200 years for this sprawling monster to get this big and ugly. You can't burn it down overnight.

But you can get started.

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*Sean Swain may or may not have written this but he cannot have his name associated with any published work because U.S. District Judge Jack Zouhary has given the Ohio prison system free license to subject Swain to repression in response to Swain's expression of his deeply-held beliefs and views (Swain v. Fullenkamp, et. al., U.S. District Court Case No. 3:09-CV-02659). Judge Jack Zouhary stripped Swain of any constitutional protections enjoyed by everyone else on the basis that Swain is an Anarchist. So, whether he wrote this or not, and no one is saying he did, Sean Swain cannot have his name associated with this article.

In a free country, this footnote would not be necessary.

Out of all that: 1.) Nobody, but myself, received any bodily injury;

2.) All stolen property was returned - undamaged - on the same day it was stolen; and

3.) The only damaged property was a single broken window. The Grand Total (as it stands today) is 12 years and approx. $5,000.00 plus.

Did anyone comprehend what they just read? Nobody got hurt, all property was returned, and yet one single window was broken by a 15 year boy.For this 12 years are being taken from my life. And believe me when I say that my story is not the worst, by far.

No, again I must say that the conditions inside the prisons - though deplorable - are not the most pressing. As revolutionaries, we inside the prisons will survive as we always have - by continuing our fight. But without those willing to fight - not argue, not debate, not even litigate, but to fight - for their comrades within these walls, then our Cause is hopeless and our war is lost before it even began.

I will end with a quote from Thomas Jefferson that I find relevant to our Struggle.

" God forbid that we should ever be twenty years without such a rebellion!...What country can preserve it's liberties if it's rulers are not warned from time to time that the people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take up arms...The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. VIVE L'ANARCHIE ! It is its natural manure."

(Founding member of ToKa

"C.O.R.A. Coalition Organizing Revolutionary Action)

I am unable to achieve even piecemeal success without the understanding and loving support of my family and friends, my Brothas and Sistahs in struggle throughout the world, throughout the kountry. It is my plan to endeavor as best i can to rally the people behind my plight, and give them motivation for coming together to work with me, whether to raise funding to hire an attorney to assist me in litigation against the state of alabakKkma, or stand with me in protest for its blatant disregard for my human rights, and deprivation of rights, privileges, and immunities secured to me under the Constitutions of AlabakKkma and the United $tates, including its mandatory paroling and pardoning statutes. Issuing protest, and calling for my release from my illegal detention and continued deprivation of human rights.

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AlabakKkma's Prison $lave Kolonies all across the $tate of AlabakKkma are overwhelmingly overcrowded, and the dehumanization of the Incarcerated Persons held throughout (the adoc) continues When will it end? When will the cruelties running rampant within the AlabakKkma Prison $lave $ystem be brought to an end; the suffering and callous indifference to the dehumanizing effect incarceration has on the incarcerated person and their families, the economic exploitation accomplished by ever growing exceedingly high prices to paid for personal items needed from the Intraprison canteen and snack-line, the telephones, and the visitation yard vending machines controlled by the ever present privatization apparatus that controls such things throughout the adoc. When will such exploitation be brought to an end? What of inhumane treatment such as occurs when incompetent and professionally dysfunctional medical staff make life impacting decisions arbitrarily resulting in the death of incarcerated persons, and such deaths are still allowed to happen with impunity; or where parole authorities continue to pad their books with illegally withheld parole releases so as to justify demanding more money from the tax-paying citizens through its legislature, to finance their illegal, immoral, and racially discriminatory, genocidal enforcement of its mandatory statutory paroling and pardoning criteria, when in fact the mandatory parole and pardoning statues would automatically relieve overcrowding conditions in a check and balance manner as they were designed to do. Does anyone care?

The previous President, of the Bush Family Cabal manipulated $tate governments all over the kountry, but especially in AlabakKkma where a republican government was under the control of his brother-in-law (the Gov. Bob Riley), literally manipulating or otherwise coercing them into denying release to and warehousing a large number of its poor and Afrikan American males within their AlabakKkma prison $lave Kolonies, so as to not only further denigrate them as human beings, but insure poverty remains entrenched within their communities, and their families politically, economically, demographically displaced, and alienated or otherwise destroyed. Is this Presidential action/inaction something one could define as hypocritical; or contrary to the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights?

In the midst of such a climate, I have continued to fight to educate to liberate incarcerated people. I have continued to propagate the truth and reveal the lies surrounding the injust imprisonment of AlabakKkma's poor, especially its Afrikan American populace. I have continued to provide much needed jailhouse lawyer assistance to those unfortunate ones who have been and continue to be railroaded to AlabakKkma prisons and jails. As a consequence of the commitment to the prisoners' human rights' struggle I have maintained, I continue to be illegally detained within the AlabakKkma prison $lave $ystem. I continue to be the victim of retaliatory decisions based on my jailhouse lawyer activities, and my political, human rights activism, rather than my Intraprison conduct such as would be a real and legally binding basis upon which to continuously withhold my release on parole.

It is for this reason that this appeal is being sent out to all of you! Although I rarely admit it, I must acknowledge to not only myself but to my supporters that I need the support and financial assistance of those of you who not only understand my predicament, but can provide some form of support and assistance to me in my efforts to raise funds for acquiring an attorney to assist me in my fight against the AlabakKkma paroling and pardoning authorities, but also for the class action formed litigation I have drawn against the AlabakKkma parole and pardoning authorities for their failure to conform parole decisions to its mandatory paroling and pardoning statutes. I need the support and assistance of those of you who realize my potential for being a productive member of society, and a worthy candidate for a favorable decision granting my release to my family, friends, and the community I am to return to. I need your letters and community petitions to the Governor of AlabakKkma, the AlabakKkma paroling and pardoning authorities, letting them know that you are concerned about their continued failure to release

maintain, or rehabiltate asocial ill. They simply exert force and suffering. What purpose dose this serve/ Who dose it 65 benifit/ In the long run this tourcture only causes more anger and misery. Then they are reliced with more vermon than befor

Crime nor apprehension has increaced, contray to popuar misconception. The U.S. jails contain a higher percent of its citizens than any country in the world. Keep in mind every year a larger percent of the population is incarcerated as we grow toward apolice state. The media portrays more crime and this anti crime fever escalates. (legislation like the Patriot Act) Truth be told while statistics move slightly in the long run. Dept. of Justice show violent crime has remaind steady over 35 years. They sell us fear and inturn use "Human Warehouseing" as cogs in the machine.

It is time we stand up to the totalitarian descent of the elitist and realize every person who excepts benifit from the suffering of others is guilty. The diffrents between now and the concentration camps of Natzi Germiny is only a degree. We still have a sub class being used as a skape goat and as a resorce. Just because we attach formal process dose not make it civil or humane. Millions are still subject to missery, toucture, and despair. Look how many people Texas alone execute, more than any other country as a whole.

At Nerinburg acomon line of defence used by Natzi officers was "we were soldiers doing a job" Following orders. There it was made clear that this is not an acceptable excuse.

dignity are are abuse and or torture. The way prisoners are treated is unbeliveable. Ther are laws that guarantee anamals be treated better than prisoners. 64

We now know this dose not charge anything or stop crime. What is left is to see it as the crule barbaric practice of revenge it is. We must ask what is importent to gain revenge or to treat the problem. If we wish to grow as a socity instead of driving a wedge between rich and poor we must chose the cure.

My Brothers My Keeper

I would like to invite you to visit a corectional facility ir the U.S.. This is not a guided tour, but as an unknown observer from the prisoner's veiw. As you step inside these walls, you enter another world. Welcome to hell on earth. Where suffering is the currency and State run sweetshops at slave wages. Explortation' Harrasment, Inhuman condiction, and brutalition are the corner stones of the culture.

How dowe expect anyone to be rhabilatated in this enviorment This is a joke to anyone who has been ther. It is however an effective means of creating revinue. It also keeps the defects of socity busy. Thus the elite feed off of a subclass, sound familar?

Overwhelmingly we find this system geared, not to benifit grader socity but simply to impose force and an excursion of the will of another. Upon close examination of how prison operate you will find an underlying them. Prison are not hear to serve,

me in accord with their mandatory paroling and pardoning statutes, and insist that justice for me would bring my long illegally delayed release to its end at last. 13

Your letters to me, your questions, suggestions, or interest in making yourself more familiar with who I am and what I am about is welcome. You may write me at the following address:

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Elmore, Al 36025-0056

Your letters to the AlabakKkma paroling and pardoning authorities and the Governor of AlabakKkma should be sent to the following addresses respectively, including a copy to me as shown above.

State of Alabama
Board of Pardons and Paroles
P.O. Box 302405
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-2405

Governor Bob Riley
Governor's Office
State of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Wa Alaikum Salaam. Comrads. I am, I remain.

In protracted liberation Struggle.

Sekou Kambui

IN MEMORY OF

COMRADE GEORGE





by SEKOU KAMBUI

who in their right mind would want to give up an opportunity to live a real everyday life and resubject themselves to state oppression? We all know what happened in the U.S.S.R. and China, right? Therefore, the only rational conclusion is that civilization, and its agent - the state, must go before it takes the planet down and us - humanity - with it.

It follows that industry, entirely unnecessary to a real life, needs to be eliminated. Naturally, this would eliminate work and render the industrial proletariat non-existent (n.b., a point they've nearly reached in the U.S.A., due to the far lover labor costs outside of the country). This, as we all know, is the stated final goal of communism, i.e., the elimination of the state. By now, of course, nearly everyone has stopped believing that a dictatorship of the proletariat will somehow lead to the "withering away of the state". 16

I suggest we all step back and look at the big picture, beyond class struggle, of the planet's and humanity's survival. Easier, it seems, to accomplish by the conscious in prison as distractions are minimal, i.e., the spectacle is dialed down inside, plus there's always the bars, walls, wire, fences and gun-towers to emphasize the horror of the current situation. From here, I see many of us are so caught up in the daily class struggle that we have forgotten what we're struggling for - the elimination of the state and, with it, civilization. Any revolution conducted within the context of continuing this civilization is doomed to failure in the end. No wonder, class struggle seems so spectacularly futile!

It's a given, to the point of triteness, that the workers are more likely to oppose their capitalist exploiters and, thus, may be the most revolutionary class. But what good does a revolution do for them, if when it's over they must simply return to their job, their "hard-labor", of producing the commodities that are destroying the planet? What most Marxists either fail to see, or ignore, is that the class system is rooted firmly in civilization, which explains why all so-called workers' revolutions went nowhere. They were all hoisted by their own petard - the fundamental flaw inherent in their objective - the takeover of the machinery of state and the continuance of this nightmare civilization!

Sic transit gloria mundi! Another given, but go further back in history and you'll see the same mistake made by the workers, peasants and other oppressed people, over and over again. The revolutionary apogee of the American working class was reached prior to WWI and it has been all downhill since, with the much-vaunted '60s a mere speedbump on the highway of civilization. Welcome to the new Rome, which was the new Greece, which was the new Persia, which was the new Egypt, ad nauseum.

So go ahead, take encouragement from some of the more oppressed people standing up for themselves recently, such as in France and the "immigrants" here in the U.S.A.. Just don't forget the goals of their demonstrations were job security and more money to buy more commodities that they don't really need. And that ain't no revolution, which takes us right back to square one, or should I say pyramid one!

However, "immigration" is just one manifestation of globalization's effect on the political and economic situation in America and the West. The way I see it, globalization is a two-edged sword. The more the capitalists use access to the global workforce to drive wages down in this country the sooner the workers here will get fed up with the labor bureaucracy (i.e., the union idiocracy) and do something about all the sell-out tactics down through the years. The capitalists see this too, so to counter this natural tendency of globalization to unify the workers it seeks to introduce artificial political divisions such as nationality, skin tone, religion, etc. to keep us separated. This is what's behind the "immigrant" bills in Congress. They pulled this same bullshit tactic prior to, and after, both World Wars when things were getting tight economically. It's all about distraction. The port deal - same shit - meaningless distraction any way you cut it, unless we're talking about totally eliminating the entire port infrastructure worldwide and the capitalist state system that uses it.

In sum, in order to attain a real everyday life all artificial constructs must be destroyed, including all governments, nations, borders, religions, factories, powerplants, and whatever else they've got. This will not involve "hard-labor" as I'm sure we'll all enjoy doing it and, by doing it, we will eliminate the nightmarish existence of the working class by eliminating all classes! To paraphrase Sendero Luminoso - Destruction and no construction! We desperately need a new world disorder!

enforcement? The use of high tech weapons, camoflage, and even the trend of officers to make themselves look like military personnel. This seems an attempt to side step the issue of unlawful or excessive force used against the citizens of the U.S. These military, and many other tainted images are sold to Joe Public as necessary and acceptable state sanctioned powers. 61

Politicians and Big Government in turn feed off the mega media machine and use it as a tool of propaganda to spread ignorance and fear. The cycle is now complete. Just like mobocracy of yesterday selling increase policies by force. They tell the public if only this bill is passed or that tax increased and another prison built, they will be safe.

Crime nor the apprehension of criminals has increased. Yet, we have this massive build up of prisons to house this new sub-class. And an anti-crime fever that creates unusual sentencing. Today a place exists where driving offenders and murderers are housed together and treated equally. What has been created is a vast and bizarre web of cruel totalitarian punishment. Human warehousing has become an industry, and destroyed lives are the by-product.

Only in America

Today 1% of the U.S. population is incarcerated and this rate contnres to rise. Today in america more people are incarcerated

Heroin, is making a sudden comebact on our streets. The U.S. has advanced technology, and vast resources that if utilized could no doubt halt the flow of drugs in our country. 60 Yet, we hold the highest rate of addiction the world knows. Even the Netherlands; (Holland), with its' decriminalized use of drugs; and so called "needle parks" are stifled by our rate of addiction. The war on drugs attacks the low level addicts & users of drugs who are already victims... Leaving the profiteers to continue spreading the social disease. Our prisons reflect this. 96% of inmates report they are, or were avid drug users.

The media has done its part in the machine by desensitizing the western world. And now it acts as a double headed serpent two fold. 1) It feeds on money and power. 2) It uses shock by enlarging distorted depictions of violent crimes to satisfy the blood thirst. Like the car wreck, we cannot turn our heads from it. The media feeds some grotesque primel urge to know the suffering of others.

Take the reality T.V. show "COPS", the common theme is the restoration of justice thru force. Sending the clear message that aggressive behaviour is necessary and acceptable to protect law abiding citizens from this dangerous minority sub-class. In effect, they are dehumanized. We see police throw occupants on the floor, and use submission holds in their own homes while presumed innocent.

And what about the new trend of militarization of law

TARGET AMERICA· GIFFORDS. LOUGHNER. AND ALIENATION

Amidst the worldwide murder and mayhem created by the American kakistocracy in its role as aider and abettor to the transnational corporate plunder of the planet, it should come as no surprise that yet another American citizen went on a rampage killing six people and wounding fourteen more, including congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. After all Americans have been energetically engaged in the selective slaughter of the world's peoples for centuries. In other words, our government slaughters people who are in the way so that corporations can make money. Yet Americans always seem to act surprised when the bloodshed blows-back and they become the targets.

Although, it seems to be collectively ignored the fact remains that there is very little difference between the actions of Nazi Germany's warmachine and America's, except that the Germans made the mistake of attacking fellow Western powers. A mistake the Americans have yet to make, as they've wisely co-opted the rest of the West into their worldwide corporate plundering scheme.

In this the arrogance and ignorance of capital knows no bounds, as evemplified by the rapid decrease in wages and employment and the even more rapid rise in corporate profits. Always willing to exploit a crisis, the corporate masters of America used the economic crisis of their own creation to loot the taxpayers via a bank bailout paid for by a corresponding cutting of programs designed to assist the average citizen, such as public education and healthcare, including, you guessed it, psychiatric care. Meanwhile, the bulk of America's taxes are thrown away on an endless war for control of natural resources that, while currently hottest in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, is not going to be limited by any borders. The only thing the corporate government of American respects is raw power, which is the only reason U.S. troops aren't in Russia and China.

Of course, the corporate plundering doesn't stop at any particular border just because the troops do. Especially America's, where we live in a moral cesspool run by the criminally insane. Which I well know, as I am writing this in an American prison cell, which amounts to little more than a room within a room within a room of the insane asylum of America. Even though most Americans are loathe to acknowledge it, the fact remains that the corporations running this country have reduced them all to commodities, thus mere ciphers in America's corporate account books. No wonder people in America are alienated and becoming more so by the day. In fact, how could a person be anything else but alienated when forced to live in this greed-based death-spectacle? The wonder is why more people don't 'flip-out' and hit the full-on rage button.

Case in point, the recent Tuscon shooting rampage, which was born of a perceived slight back in 2009, when Gabrielle Giffords' elitist arrogance led to her ill-considered reply to Jared Lee Loughner's perfectly valid question: "How do you know words mean anything?" A fair question that linguists and etymologists have been trying to answer for years and certainly did not call for the ignorant snub Giffords delivered in Spanish of all things. In essence, Giffords' was done in by a combination of her own arrogance and ignorance.

The same arrogance and ignorance that will lead to the inevitable downfall of the Corporate States of America and the rest of this blood-soaked mess so glibly referred to as civilization. What the hell does that word - civilization - mean anyway? There is certainly nothing civil about it. In any event, if you want a considered answer don't ask Giffords.

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DAZZLING HEARTS AND MINDS IN AMERICA

The Trapped Miners Rescue Spectacular in Chile

It is October 13th, 2010, and I am visually and sonically inundated with blow-by-blow descriptions of the Chilean miner rescue operation. TV, radio and newspapers have whipped themselves into a frenzy reporting the rescue of 33 miners from a collapsed mine in Chile. With a couple of months lead time, courtesy of the drilling process, this event has received more build-up than a Superbowl. Naturally, everyone is glad the miners are coming out (miner 14 hit the surface a minute ago), but it seems to me this is an extreme case of media overkill that is designed to serve as a distraction from Mass-Murder Incorporated's (M-M Inc. - the American government), worldwide killing spree, if not from the mine operator's greedy rush for profits that caused the accident in the first place.

All of America waits with bated breath as one miner at a time rises to the surface with a digital clock ticking off the time of his ascent to the second and, of course, a count of each miner rescued, replete with video footage of tearful reunions with family and friends. Would it were so for those unsuspecting people blown-up in their homes by the predator drones America operates with impunity worldwide, but it is not.

As I watch the miners coming out of the ground one at a time, I can't help but think about how many people the American government is simultaneously putting in the ground. I wonder how many people were murdered in Afghanistan and Pakistan by the drones over the course of the rescue operation? How many Palestinians, Iraqis, Somalians, and Yemenis? Do they not deserve a ticking clock and body count? Certainly, but there is little feel good factor in being confronted with a second by second ticking body count of the murders we are responsible for as the good citizens and share-holders of M-M Inc. No, no, we can't have that.

But why not? Why does the mainstream media ignore the big stories, the real stories? Why isn't there a body count of every human on this planet murdered by American made weapons systems? Why not show the video footage of every single drone attack, replete with men, women and children dying in agony? This would be a stellar moment for American televison corporations. Real reality TV! Maybe, when fed enough reality, Americans will then treat themselves to the reality of the American version of the Nuremberg Trials and the Spandau Ballet. Now that is a reality most of the world would love to see and exactly why Americans will never see it!

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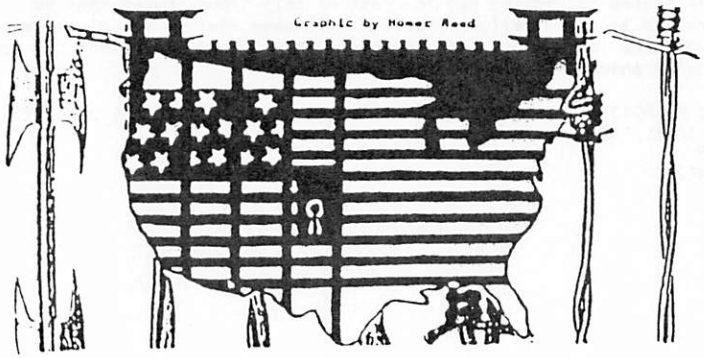

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It is called a revolving door, simply because-

Once you enter and are given a DOC number or placed in NCIC database, you are forever suspect and your chances of living a free and meaningful life are dramatically reduced.

The U.S. holds roughly 12% of the world's population. Yet, 25% of all incarcerated persons in the world are housed in the U.S. This figure does not include so called "Military Combatants"; (Guantanamo Bay and Abu Grabe), and other un-known POW camps abroad.

In the fiscal year 93-94, the U.S. government spent 42 trillion on criminal justice; (prisons, jails, courts and law enforcement). In excess 10 times what was spent on health care and education combined. And these figures increase even though the Dept. of Justice stats on violent crime have re-mained unchanged over a 35 year period. (Per 1,000 persons; 32.6% in 1973 and 32.1% in 1994).

Reagan's legacy of the 1980's, "The War on Drugs", has taken on a life of its' own. And what, or who is the enemy of this war that has never been won? (Certainly not cartels' south of the border), quality of street grade cocaine is at an all time high, while prices' are lower than ever. They do not even seem to be effected by the rise of inflation that other markets' are subject to.

That was bad enough. What was even worse, was Willison filled out the stipulation paperwork. Then had Mr. Hill sign it. Then, such paperwork was presented to the Hearing Panel. The panel was deliberately misled by Willison. The reasons listed by him for Mr. Hill signing a 3-year stipulation, were totally different from what he told Mr. Hill which was the reason he signed such documentation. The panel was even misled into believing that Mr. Hill did not wish to appear before the panel to state for the record why a prisoner his age would stipulate to a 3-year denial.

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A complaint was filed in Mr. Hill's behalf with the State Bar of California, against attorney James Willison. To date, the State Bar has ignored Mr. Hill's compliant. On June 22, 2020, immediately following Mr. Hill's In Justice. I personally contacted "Donald "Doc" Miller, Editor of the California Lifer Newsletter (CLN) to inform him about what was done to Mr. Hill by his state appointed attorney. I suggested that he consider publishing an article in an upcoming (CLN) in Mr. Hill's behalf. And to alert lifer's statewide about James Willison. I may have suggested that Doc Miller make a few phone calls.

As it stands, Donald Miller is a 75 year old, former Doctor and ex-life prisoner who earned his Law J.D.'s Degree while incarcerated. And, in comparison to other life prisoner's who have been fortunate enough to gain their freedom, and a second chance at life. Doc Miller is the only one who has demonstrated that he has not forgotten the lifer's he's left behind. By continuing to not only assist lifer's in their litigation efforts to obtain their freedom. But he publishes the most informative Newsletter I have ever reviewed in my 33 years of incarceration. It is called the California Lifer Newsletter (CLN), and is circulated monthly.

As much as Doc would like to assist Jordan Hill. He is overwhelmed as a lone crusader. And can only do so much as one man. If there is anyone out there who has a parent, or Grand parent who is up in age, and suffers from chronic disabilities such as Jordan Hill, and would not turn your back on any elderly person in need and /or has been Unjustly wronged. Please, send your letter's of support to Jordan Hill in the name of God and unconditional compassion. And, if at all possible, make any small contribution in either money or stamps to California Lifer Newsletter, P.O. Box 687, Walnut, ca. 91788. Please support Doc Miller in his valiant efforts to assist elderly prisoners such as Jordan Hill. Thank you and God bless!

Write: Jordan Hill C-40298
P.O. Box 689-YW-106L
Soledad, Ca
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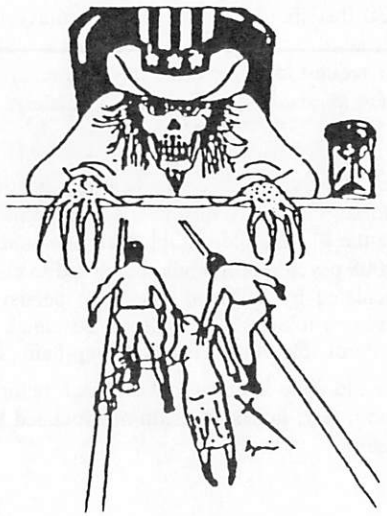

Religion has always had a presence in prisons. Anytime one is alone or in a time of trouble or danger, it seems fear will have many clinging to religion. Prison is of course a perfect place for religious thought to manifest itself especially with people who are confused or unable to understand why it is that people are murdered by police or why they can't find a job or have food to feed their families and end up in prison. This confusion can and does lead many to the path of the supernatural.

The word "supernatural" is defined as "caused by a force that cannot be explained by science or the laws of nature." So these "forces" that have no legs to stand on scientifically or pertaining to the laws of nature are basically faith based. They are unexplained and believed with blind faith that one day some God will miraculously open the skies and come and reveal the secrets of religion and somehow bless people for suffering under the boot of oppression. This blind faith reinforces the perverse idea that somehow suffering is not only o.k., but will somehow be rewarded in some after life committee. The belief in these absurd ideas are much too common amongst the incarcerated demographic.

Many are vulnerable in prisons. People come to prison after catching life sentences, some losing their wife, girlfriend, kids, job, house, and overall support system out in society. For many, coming to prison is alien to them, they have nowhere to turn and religion is everywhere.

We have in recent years seen this unbridled love fest between church and state in America. This "one hand washes the other" between government officials and Christian fundamentalism has finally revealed itself to the common folk who in years past would have payed this union no mind. The truth is the Christian fundamentalists in America and the Capitalists in government seek the same goal of maintaining white supremacy.

We see this double headed hydra rear its ugly head everytime a catastrophe occurs to poor people of color. We saw this when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and the U.S. Christian evangelists stated on t.v that the people of New Orleans were punished by God and compared New Orleans to Sodom and Gomorrah. Recently with the earthquake in Haiti, we heard these same Christian evangelists speak on t.v. and radio about Haiti bringing on itself the 200,000+ deaths from the earthquake because the people of Haiti long ago made "a pact with the devil". Now had Hurricane Katrina or the Haitian earthquake occured in Iowa or New Hampshire, these same Christian evangelists would have held a telethon to raise money for all the poor victims, shed tears for those brave souls who died and praised the survivors for their strength and quality of character in the face of disaster. This is not a double standard, it is white supremacy in practice!

The promotion of religion is as strong as ever in the U.S. Prisons are flooded with chaplains of all stripes. Religious reading material can be found in every dayroom, library, or classroom. Bibles are in such abundance, most inmantes throw them in makeshift weight bags now that weights have been banned in California prisons.

When I see the chaplains going door to door I think, what mindset would prisoners be in if instead of chaplains, revolutionary leaders were allowed to go door to door discussing revolutionary theories. Instead of 100 bibles in each dayroom, we had 100 books on revolutionary science, or instead of bible study groups, we had study groups discussing revolution and resistance. That would surely be a beautiful thing to see throughout the prison system. This would be rehabilitation with a revolutionary "R".

In Mao's China, this was a reality. Every prison cell was stocked with Revolutionary books for prisoners to read. Once a day prisoners would have a study group to discuss revolutionary sciences and grapple with the questions of the day. Even at work in factories, breaktime would be used to discuss theory. This was the environment where even in prison, the people would be encouraged to help build the revolution. All levels of society were radicalized in this way.

In America, it is the exact reverse. Instead of Revolution, religion is encouraged by all levels of government. Prisoners are encouraged to become religious because religion caters to Imperialism's aims. With a prisoner caught up in some supernatural sect he or she is no threat to the Imperialist system because all they'll do is pray about their anger towards the government.

Religion is counter-revolutionary beause it opposes the revolutionary actions and ideas to truly liberate oppressed people here in America or worldwide. Some get confused with the many names, sects, or gods, but make no mistake--religion shackles your mind!

The three main religions of the world are Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. These are the religions I will discuss in this writing. Although there are many other religions that the people get caught up in, the three above mentioned religions are the ones most affecting prisoners in America.

Even before I began my revolutionary journey or studied the histories of religion, I remember always questioning religion's validity. As a young child I would wonder and ask people questions like "if there is a God, then why did he let little old lady's get killed or why did he let children get kidnapped or hit by cars?" Once, while me and a friend were riding our bikes at age 10, I saw him get hit by a truck and his body turn to mush and I thought, surely this wasn't part of God's "plan"? I remember as a child I would ask people why someone goes to jail after killing someone if "it was their time" or if "God called them home". I didn't understand why people were punished as maybe the person at fault was helping God

"send them home" These are the things that made no sense to me and nobody seemed to have the answers to my questions and so even at a young age, I saw through the veil of superstition. 20

The Judeo-Christian bible seems to scare the heejeebees out of believers, with talk of going to an "eternal pit of fire" to burn forever if you so much as lied or stole a piece of bread out of starvation, and talk of being stoned to death for having sex before marriage. When we think of Theocratic fascism today, the gods of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity sure fit the bill. I mean really just think for a moment. If any world leader, president, etc. today in any country were to get on t.v. and state some of these things like "if anyone works on Sunday you'll be executed" or "if anyone is practicing different religions the women will be raped and the babies will have their heads bashed in"....what would the world think of such a leader of president? Would he be considered a Theocratic fascist? or a deranged maniac? Probably both. It would surely blow peoples' minds both religious and non-religious alike.

Now the question I have is why isn't it "blowing the mind" of those clinging to supernatural gods? Because these ridiculous statements can be found in the Judeo-Christian bible, in the book of Isaiah chapters 11-14 The hyprocisy of the contents of the Bibles and the actions of the followers of these religions is unhidden, its all right there in our faces. On the one hand we have the Judeo-Chrsitian bible with its god, speaking of bashing babies heads against rocks yet you have religious fundamentalists calling women who decide to get abortions "baby killers"! I mean what damn planet have these religious fanatics come from?

Every Sunday in churches accross America, there are people talking and singing of religious forgiveness, love, and turning thy cheeck etc. Yet, in the Bible, we read of this god speaking of baby killling and torturing people with plagues of lice, insects and starving people with plagues of locusts by decimating food crops. So how can we read of this horrible treatment of people in a doctrine and believe its leader to be loving? Imagine for a minute if <u>any</u> revolutionary movement, <u>any</u> resistance group, had in its doctrines, pamphlets, literature, misson statement, or <u>official books of belief or law</u> things about promotion of baby killing or rape. Not only would every resistance collective denounce these quasi-revolutionaries but the religious movement would be in the streets and in te media demanding their arrest! The Imperialist media would have stories about this daily until this group was dismantled. Yet in this age of supernatural, not only is this madness encouraged and accepted, but in Imperialist America a president these days probably wouldn't even get elected without holding these beliefs!

In the 1500's, the Spaniards took Christianity to Mexico and Latin America and forced it upon the native peoples of these lands. Catholocism was not a "Latin American" phenomenon. At pre-Columbian times, it was forced upon the people. After the conquest, the Spaniards controlled the trade, culture, and lives of the indigenous peoples of Mexico. People no longer could fish, buy, or sell, if the Spaniards did not allow it. The rebellious men and boys were killed outright and others were worked to death. The people were enslaved and in order to get work or food to survive, they were forced to first get baptised by the church and then were given a "Christian" name, which was in Spanish--thus striping all indigenous names from the people. Those caught honoring dead ancestors or different pagan gods were beaten or killed and labeled witches. In this way, Christianity was forced on the people.

Today in prison and even out in society, I see many Latinos also clinging to Christianity. I have even heard the saying "its part of our culture". This slave mentality shackles us to the supernatural. It is so ingrained inpeople's minds that many cannot imagine a world without this mythical nonsense.

Africans who were kidnapped from Africa and brought in the hulls of ships were also force-fed religion. Then, like now, the Christians would sing and preach of love and turning thy cheek, then go out to the slave quarters and flog someone to death. The hypocrisy is still the same.

The Africans came and also had their native religions and when they were caught practicing their rituals, they would also be beaten or killed. They were also given new names, that of the slavemaster, and were forced to believe in Christianity. This formula for conquering a people is universal in its application.

Today I also see in prison and out in society black people professing Christianity in Baptist form or some other sect and hear " its part of the Black experience". This is also the slave mentality that gets the people nowhere.

People of the oppressed nations have a hard time breaking from the supernatural as it has its roots in these peoples for the psat 500 + years. Yet, once one sees religion for what it is and really studies its history and what it has brought to the people, it will prove false. Has religion ever liberated a people? Hell no!

Religion is about oppression and exploitation, plain and simple. In order for a new world to come into existence it wil come through struggle from the people, not from some unseen mysterious force. If that were the case, there would be no need for struggle. This mysterious supernatural force had it in fact existed would have had us already living in a world without exploitation and oppression,

Judaism like Christiantiy professes the love and forgiveness and then unleashes horror and oppression on the people. Israel is called the "free democracy of the Middle East" by the US government, a beacon of hope say the imperialists. Now what the hell is so free and hopeful about terrorizing the Palestinian people? The Palestinian people are imprisoned in their own country with walls and towers just like

Victim of InJustice

By; R.G. Hall, Jr.

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On June 22, 2010, an 81 year old, disabled life term prisoner by the name of Jordan Hill made his way to his 11th Subsequent Parole Suitability with the assistance of his cane. Mr. Hill has served approximately 29 years on his 17 years to life sentence And has been diagnosed as suffering from the early stages of Dementia. Not to mention, a severe back injury he sustained in 1976. As it stands, attorney James Willison of Anaheim, California was appointed by the State of California to protect and represent Mr Hill's Legal rights during his scheduled parole suitability hearing. Unfortunately, from the onset, James Willison had no intention of living up to his so-called fiduciary duty to ensure that his 81 year old, disabled client was afforded a fair and impartial Parole Hearing on June 22, 2010.

As a standard procedure, state appointed attorney's are required to visit the life prisoner's they are compensed to allegedly represent before the Board of Parole Hearings, at least 10 days prior to such hearings. In April of 2010, James Willison traveled all the way from Anaheim to Soledad, California to meet his client Jordan Hill for the first time Accordingly, Willison demonstrated little compassion for the feeble, elderly lifer. He immediately warned Mr. Hill that if he elected to proceeded with his scheduled suitability hearing, the Parole Board would inevitably reuse his unfavorable Psychological Evaluation Report from his 2008 Parole Hearing, to deny him from 3 to 5 years. Keep in mind, Mr. Hill was denied only 2 year in 2008 as a result of such an unfavorable psych report.

Ultimately, attorney Willison intimidated Mr. Hill into signing a one (1) year postponement of this parole suitability hearing. Which also meant that Willison did not have to do any work whatsoever. Following Willison's unethical facilitation. Legally experienced prisoner's who were informed of what was inappropriately done to the 81 year old lifer. Wrote a letter for him to send to Mr. Martin N Hoshino. Executive Officer of the Board of Parole Hearings, (BPH). Mr. Hoshino was informed that attorney James Willison had coerced Mr. Hill into postponing his parole suitability hearing for one (1) year, due to the threat that should he proceed, his unfavorable Psychological Evaluation of 2008 would be reused to deny him 3 - 5 years. Mr Hill retracted his coerced postponement. And requested to have his day before the Parole Board to decided his fate. A new attorney as also requested. Unfortunately, Mr Hill never received any response.

To his severe disadvantage, come hearing day, Mr Hill found himself still shouldered with attorney James .Willison. Again, Willison resorted to intimidation tactics. Forewarning the 81 year old, disabled lifer, should he proceed with his June 22, 2010 hearing. His 2008 psych report would be reused to deny him 5 to 7 years. Mr. Hill was evidently emasculated by Willison's negative persistence and could not help but visualize that if he refused to submit to Willison's staunch advise. And proceeded with his 11th Subsequent Parole Hearing. And ended up being denied 5 to 7 years. He'd be either 86 or 88 years old if he lived to make it back before the Parole Board again. In turn, overwhelmed with fear, James Willison manipulated Mr. Hill into stipulating to a 3 - year denial of his parole.

Coalition to take my case back to court to overturn my 110 year sentence. I think that giving up the last decade of my life is payment enough for not only when I was 21, but also for running away from my captors and not paying taxes.

So, that's what's on my plate. Something I need to keep a strong and healthy mind to accomplish. Some days, it's really fucking hard. But I'll always FIGHT BACK. 56

Peace to you and Great Respect,
Sarah Jo Pender

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Letter Appeal For Jerome White-Bey - Still Being Denied Medical Treatment!!

Jerome White-Bey is the founder and president of the Missouri Prisoner Labor Union, an organization of Missouri prisoners and their outside supporters who are organizing around labor and other prison conditions. Since the founding of the MPLU, Jerome has been subject to administrative harassment and retaliation. He was in the "hole" (administrative segregation) for two years following the formation of the MPLU and has constantly been moved in and out of segregation since.

Jerome had been told over a 3-4 year period by doctors at three different prisons that he had kidney problems which was a result of having diabetes. This kidney infection had been left untreated for a long period of time and after letters of complaint and phone calls made to the prison from a previous letter appeal Jerome was then sent for tests and told that it was not in fact his kidneys that had been making him unwell but that he has serious liver problems from having Hepatitis C which he was unaware he had till that point. He was then told that he needs a course of Interferon treatment that will last for 12 months and he'll have to be transferred to another prison to have the treatment.

Then, after further time and more letters of complaint, he was told his transfer to start the treatment had to be delayed because he had a hypothyroid. He was given medication to take and told that this medication should bring his thyroid to a normal state after two months. Shortly after he was moved to the segregation unit under an investigation but no-one has ever told him why. Jerome feels that this was nothing more than retaliation against him for the previous letter appeals. After many months passed and filing numerous complaints he was eventually told that he had been cleared of all the allegations made against him. But all the time that he has been in the Segregation Unit his health relating to his thyroid condition, which should have been brought back to normal a long time ago now, and Hepatitis C has not been monitored at all. He was not even seen by a doctor during this time.

Jerome now faces a new problem. After being cleared of all the allegations against him he should be released back into the general population but because his custody level has recently been dropped from a C-4 to a C-3 that means that he can not be housed in that prison so will have to remain in the segregation until he is transferred, which could take a while. All this time his health is not being monitored and gives the prison administration more excuses for delays. But the answer is simple! A place in a C-3 level prison does not need to be found yet because he should be transferred to start the Interferon treatment for his Hepatitis C, and the longer they take approving this the worse his condition becomes.

Jerome thanks everyone for the complaints that have been made previously to get him this far but asks that we write letters or call the prison again to get him transferred and started on the treatment he needs.

Please write letters of complaint to:

Lisa Jones, Constituent Services Officer
Missouri Department of Corrections
2729 Plaza Drive
P.O. Box 236
Jefferson City, MO 65102
USA
(573) 751-2389

Ms Angela Chandler, Health Services Administrator
Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center
2727 Highway K
Bonne Terre, MO 63628
USA
573) 358-5516

Ms Shanta Pribble, Director of Nursing
Eastern Reception, Diagnostic and Correctional Center
2727 Highway K
Bonne Terre, MO 63628
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Write letters of support to:
Jerome White-Bey
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prisoners in America. And throughout the shelling and white phosphorous raining down on their children, and the bulldozing of orchards that provide the only fresh fruit, the Palestenian people fight and resist with rocks thrown at tanks. Their strength is shown in their struggles and refusal to surrender to the injustice done to their people.

The Zionist movement was started in the 1890's. Zionist leaders offered a Zionist settler state for the benefit of Imperialist countries and Brittain was its initial supporter. Zionists have a colonial ideology and believe Palestinian land was given to them by God (as US colonial ideology is manifest destiny). To understand what this means we look to history and to the Apartheid regime of South Africa. Now even when sanctions were placed on South Africa prohibiting other countries to trade with them, Israel continued to do business and engage in military training and even helped South Africa to develop its nuclear weapons program! So the question is what kind of religious people who profess love and peace would assist and support a government that opperated an apartheid system where black people were seen as unhuman? How can Israel strengthen such a system? Because they work hand in hand with world theocratic fascism, that's why. One only need look to their treatment of the Palestinians today to see that no matter the religion, the people will be oppressed and exploited here in America and world-wide.

Islam has also come to affect prisoners and is no better or worse than the other religions being discussed. The explosion of Islam in prisons seems to have increased since September 11, 2001. As with any major blow to America, the oppressed will many times seek out the ideology that inflicted this blow. Unfortunately, the ideology at hand is another supernatural system of oppression and an obstacle to the people.

I remember in the early 90's in the California prison system on any yard of any prison you may find ten muslim prisoners. Today you may find one hundred. This religion has mostly affected Black prisoners for the most part. Those who would otherwise take up revolution have been romanced by the Quran.

The religion of Islam's founder, Muhammad, was born sometime around 1500 years ago in Mecca and grew from there.

Muhammad spent alot of time alone in the mountains and deserts surrounding Mecca, often fasting for several days at a time. It was during one of these times that he started hearing voices he said were from God (Allah) via the angel Gabriel. These revelations would be memorized by Muhammad and would then become what is known now as the Quaran.

Now as he states in his writings, nobody was ever present during these "revelations" so no one knows if there ever were any voices or if those voices were a side effect from fasting for days and simply hallucinations. Nonetheless, Muhammad wrote many things that eople today take up as real scripture.

The Quaran like the Judeo-Christian testaments has some horrors and oppression that is upheld and enforced in its doctrines. Things like slavery, the ownership of women, the cutting off of hands for thieves, and of course, the obsession with virgin girls waiting in the afterlife. All religion is talkes sed to exploit the people. Theocratic fascism is wrong no matter what religion is behind it.

In America, the Judeo-Christian ible was even used to justify white supremacy in the South. Slave owners would claim the bible upheld slavery stating the biblical story of Noah's son Ham who incured the wrath of God and whose decendents were forever cursed and cast into Africa. This backwards thinking is how religion is used and has been used since its creation. No chaplain or cleric be he Latino, Black, or Arab or of any other decent will liberate us–but revolution will.

A new Christian movement is on the rise in the U.S. This movement is attempting to dismantle the Science programs in Public schools and replace them with a Creationist theory on how the world and universe developed. These "Creationists" are extreme religious fundamentalists who are campaigning to discredit evolution and its teachings in school.

Creationists believe that the earth did not evolve, that the birds, reptiles, insects, and all animals and plants were the same today as they were the day they were supposedly created by a creator (God). Evolution on the other hand, is considered one of the very best established facts in Science, evidence to this has been accumulating for 150+ years.

The cold fact is that proponents of Creationism reach all the way to the highest levels of Government. Why would they care about Creationism? Well, because Creationism reinforces the mythology of religion, thus strengthening oppression, white supremacy, imperialism, and the exploitation of people world-wide.

As freedom fighters and believers in justice, we must not only think and grapple with revolution in regards to war or economics, but we must take up revolutionary ideas in all levels of society. This includes in the arts and sciences as well. We must change the culture in what is now America. This is done by changing public opinion in today's society and harvesting a new generation of people who no longer rely on mythology for strength.

Science taught in public schools is very important and should be upheld and fully supported by revolutionaries because it is truth–truth that debunks the mythology of religion or how Earth was created.

Thus, science is another powerful tool, a weapon for all resister's arsenals that should not only be used but protected, maintained, and developed. Imperialists fully understand the strength of Science. No doubt the wealthy have always attempted to stiffle Science and for centuries the rich and powerful have fought tooth and nail to keep the people of the world ignorant to the truth in Science. We saw this with Galilleo being targeted by the wealthy in Centuries past and will continue to see Science being kept from the people in the future.

I brought up this new Creationist movement not to get into the nature of evolution, discuss dating techniques, radioactive isotopes, or DNA hybridization techniques. Rather, I felt it important that people understand this coalition to enforce Creationism in public schools and the effect it will have on children.

As it is today, we can't go anywhere without being smothered with supernatural material. From movie theatres to t.v. to supermarkets to motel rooms, even to jails and prisons! Suppose all those Creationists were allowed to take it into public schools, how would children grow up studying creationism is schools? And what's next? religion in the courts? Some say that already occurs. At this rate, an all out Christian Theocracy is not too far on the horizon. Some say this government has already been Christianized but people either don't realize it or do not care. Many people have been brainwashed to believe they will cease to exist without the religious crutch they have come to be so comfortable with.

Science is important because it deals with the material reality, through experiment, investigation and testing, answers and consensus are achieved. Revolutionary people are scientists in that we apply scientific method of analysis to arrive at a conclusion to situations. Religion on the other hand relies simply on "faith", with no evidence of any sort but simply "God has a plan". This is all believers in the supernatural need to hear to make them content and docile to any horror they face.

But God has a plan for what?! To keep a boot heel pressed on your neck? I don't know about you but that's no plan that I would like to be a part of. Any plan that takes my land, rapes the women, bashes babies heads in is no plan worth allowing to exist.

Prisoners by existence are more potentially revolutionary then most out in society. The very nature of our existence of being deprived of basic necessities, especially those of us housed in supermax control units and solitary. We are the ones who have nothing to lose but the shackels that enslave us physically but more importantly mentally. The ruling class recognize this and it is for this reason that prisoners in general and those housed in control units are targeted for censorship of truth. We can get all the religious tracts we want in the mail but let us attempt to receive revolutionary material via the U.S. mail and see how much of it reaches us.

Prisoners need to see religion for what it is: shackles of the mind meant to keep the people enslaved and passive. Liberation will never come from prayer but from the people themselves. It is our plan that will be victorious! Yet we have been accustomed to not question religion. It starts from kindergarden where children are made to salute the flag and recite their allegiance under God. Every grade after that it is taught that the U.S. is a country built on Christian values. But what good has religion brought the world? Well we know that most major wars were fought over religion in history. The first war fought for religion was fought by the Maccabees. So how many deaths have occurred over religious wars? How much sorrow and destruction has occurred from religious conflict? The ancient peoples of the world were conquered and stripped of their rich cultures, history books burned and forgotten because of a religious invaider. So what would the world look like today had these religious conquests not occurred, had the crusades not unleasehd hordes of Christians, and the Moors not ran wild force feeding their religion on the heatherns of the world. How would ancient civilizations have prospered? Constantine's Roman legions certainly had a part in the religious gluttony that consumed and decimated entire cultures.

Today we have entire network stations on the American state controlled media that devote their time entirely to religion on t.v. We see the mega church's with stadium size audiences telling the people to pray about their misfortune. That's right. The preacher man says don't go out and physically change your misfortune but rather sit there and pray for your dire conditions to improve. Meanwhile this same preacher man will do the Government's work by also endorsing American wars for empire by saying its God's will or God asked the U.S. to intervene on a heathen nation or on a Muslim nation. And with this large portions of the ruling class will be overjoyed to see all the poor people once more sitting on their hands waiting for some supernatural being to deliver them from oppression.

Unshackle your minds and liberation will follow!

In Struggle,

Jose Heladio Villarreal

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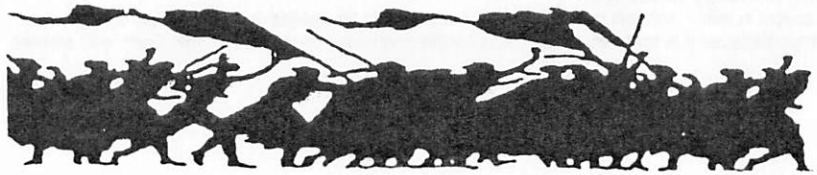

letter, done to prove it was a forgery, but my attorneys didn't think it would help. I kept following their advice until all of my appeals were denied and I became disillusioned - I thought the Criminal Justice System worked. And when it made a mistake, it would fix itself. It didn't. It failed me.

So I decided to create justice for myself. After serving eight years and earning two college degrees, which amount to 3 years of time cuts - I'd served 22 years on the books. (In Indiana, as long as you behave, you get day for day time credits.) I felt that was enough punishment for the laws that I had broken and enough was enough.

I escaped.

On the afternoon of 4 August 2008, with the help of a corrections officer, Scott Spittler, and my wife, Jamie Long, I essentially walked out of a maximum security prison, and quickly became America's Most Wanted and the FBI's Most Wanted Woman. I ended up in South Chicago in September and moved up north, just south of Skokie in October. I had a job as a blueprint estimator, a nice Mon. - Fri. job, for a construction company. I took public transportation, rented a condo, and took lots of walks in the park.

The worse crime I committed: I didn't pay taxes on my income. I worked for cash. I made up for it by donating to homeless people, both food and money, and to non-profit organizations.

On 20 Dec. 2008, two days before I was leaving, I was arrested. I have been in solitary ever since.

What I am working on is this: I found an independent analyst who works out of Chicago to perform a new analysis of the "confession letter" used as evidence against me in my trial to prove forensic misconduct. Not only does it support that my co-defendant is telling the truth that a) he set me up and b) I really wasn't involved in the murders, but also c) that the State committed fraud. Once I establish this, I'll present my case to a couple of justice groups, i.e., the Innocence Project and Justice

The house, phone, electric, gas, water, and cable bills were all in my name. All of the house furnishings were mine.

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Three months after we began living together, my boyfriend Rick, asked me to buy him a shotgun. (He was a felon.) I did. That very night, he shot the two people who lived with us - his best friend and his girlfriend, in my house. I came home and discovered it. I did not call the police. And when we were arrested, I did not rat him out.

A year into pre-trial jail waiting, I broke up with him. In return, he set me up. He had a buddy forge a confession letter supposedly from me to my boyfriend, implicating me and exonerating him. It was bogus, but somehow the state's analysts came to a 100% match conclusion that I was the author, even though there were myriad inconsistencies and it did not contain any of my fingerprints. Why would I blatantly "confess" to someone who was admittedly present at the scene of the crime? The letter is beyond ridiculous.

Yet, it stuck.

Add in a professional snitch who made up a different confession story that didn't match physical evidence nor eyewitness statements.

Add in an incompetent public defender.

And I get nailed with two murders I didn't commit.

After my conviction, my ex-boyfriend / co-defendant / Rick, contacts me, apologizes for setting me up and promises to fix it. He pleads guilty to the murders and writes a notarized affidavit claiming responsibility for the murders, for procuring the forged letter, identifies the author (whose fingerprints ARE on the letter - surprise!), and goes on to testify, at my PCR hearing that I did not plan, execute or participate in the murders in any way until afterwards when I stayed with him out of love and fear.

The courts denied a retrial, stating that Rick wasn't credible.

I had wanted to have an independent analysis of the

Prisons: The De Facto Repository of the Nation's Mentally Ill Populace

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During the 1960's, the U.S. took a dangerous turn towards the criminalization of the mentally ill. This process now labeled "de-institutionalization" by social scientists, dumped colossal numbers of mentally unstable folks onto America's skid rows, where they became convenient targets of law enforcement because of their decidedly odd, and many times predictable anti-social behaviors.

"De-institutionalization" is a gross misnomer for this phenomena, since the institutionalization of this segment of society never ended. Mental hospitals, which were not thought to be a sound investment, were emptied so that institutions like jails and prisons, real cash cows, could be stuffed to the seams with the same people.

The proof is that today, there are three times more mentally ill patients in America's jails and prisons than its mental hospitals. That fact alone is staggering, though when coupled with data that suggests between 15 - 20% of prisoners are mentally ill, should begin to cause doubt in those who think prison is something conducive to the betterment of society. Especially after considering that 85% of these mostly untreated patients will be returning to a community near you.

Furthermore, it is the contention of the author that prisons are a breeding ground for mental illness and a laboratory for a poison concoction of societal ill waiting to be unleashed. Let's have a look at what this odious mixture of circumstances consists of.

Nationwide, 72% of new admissions to prisons are non-violent offenders. These non-violent admits are tossed haphazardly amongst the 28% violent or serious offenders, many suffering shell shock (post traumatic stress disorder) from urban warfare and cauterized consciences from

hardened lives. The situation, as well as, environment, in whole, is productive for neither group. For the most part, the 72% are brought into submission of the worldview, laws and authority of that 28%. 24

Now, connect that with many times almost barbaric living conditions and the dilemma is exacerbated. Anyone who has had the misfortune to come through the slimy cycle of jails and prisons can readily recall the buggars, feces, saliva, urine and blood smeared omnipresent; cells too cold in the winter, much too hot in the summer; toilets that noisily refuse to stop flushing, or those that won't flush at all; or that flush in one cell only to have the waste emerge in another cell; inadequate access to cleaning supplies; prolonged exposure to periods of excessive barrages of loud noise and yelling.

Now, add to this, a poverty of educational resources; stark limitations of contact with family and community. Also, sum up the constant fear of violence from both correctional officers, as well as, fellow inmates. Don't forget that politicians do not see prisoners as a constituency, but actually as an easy and inviting target, who, are useful towards invoking the darkest fears of the voting populace.

The overwhelming sense of political powerlessness amongst prisoners must be factored into this lethal brew. Humans are socio-political creatures whose sense of well-being depends heavily upon the feeling that they have a "voice" in the world.

Disenfranchising prisoners, as well as, parolees, is an assault on that basic human need. Now, the author could rant on about the often unjust kangaroo court that serves as prison disciplinary procedures, or the fact that mentally unstable prisoners are housed with so-called "sane" prisoners, or other harsh realities within the penal system that generally disrupts the atmosphere, but the afore-mentioned should suffice for our purposes. So then, let us take a

by cleaning my room with a toothbrush. My handwriting was all tense and tiny like this for some reason. So, I practiced writing real big and awkward until my fine motor skills returned. I began doing a mixture of yoga, Tai Chi and energy medicine. I started writing letters - detached, but communicative. 53

My mother has called the prison, sought advice from health care professionals, and is starting a letter writing campaign to local politicians. She wants me out of this room. I want more interaction, stimulation and autonomy. It's ridiculous to keep me locked in solitary for 17 months for a nonviolent crime I committed two years ago.

I am much better, but I am not myself. And if I weren't such a strong and determined woman, how much farther into the dark hole would I have gone? The detachment causes me to alone and sad. It's as if a heavy blanket covers my emotional center and my brain floats in a thick soup, not allowing clarity. It's depressing. I taped a little sign to my pencil box - FIGHT BACK. When I feel myself slipping back down, or stuck in the Twilight Zone, I FIGHT it.

At the same time, I have surrendered to the feelings, knowing that until they change, I must won them, and learn from the experience. So I'm making it a type of personal / spiritual quest. Maybe I'll need to focus elsewhere. Or re-invent myself. Or slow down and figure out what my priorities are. I don't know. Really, there are two important things.

1) Recovering my sanity and maintaining it.
2) Raising money and awareness for my legal battle.

It's a very, very long story, but I'll put it here in a nutshell. In 2000, I lived with my boyfriend, who was a drug dealer. I begged him to change careers. His two friends, who were fugitives from Las Vegas / Reno, lived with us. I worked a Mon. - Fri., 8 - 5 job as an office assistant / secretary / estimator / draftswoman at the local specialty construction company. I owned my car.

time without thought. I did look *at* people, I looked *through* them, even myself. I was a brain with a loosely attached and impaired mind. It was, frankly, fucking awful. 52

For three weeks, I have incrementally improved by doing all the things I knew to do, following the advice of my family and friends - because as of yet, I still have not seen a mental health doctor. I saw the therapist each week and she feels like I've had a psychotic-like breakdown, and am at my limit of being locked in a room, sometimes for days without the reprieve of another locked room with a TV or watercolor paints. (Big deal, right?) The therapist has recommended me to the doctor twice now, without effect. The administration does not care, or at least, they don't understand that 519 days of being locked in a room is unhealthy for human beings. They are so stuck in rationalization that they can't see the cruelty. When my mother pleads with them to let me out, they can only reply, over and over, "But, she *escaped* once!"

Yes, I did. And I paid my one year in segregation for that. How can someone justify prolonged punishment as a matter of safety and security? But she escaped once! Yes - and that over there killed someone once, and she (point) stqabbed her husband 32 times. Yet, they are not a threat to the safety and security of other inmates and staff? But, they *killed* someone, once!

It falls on deaf ears.

They do not see their won hypocrisy and selective punishment.

They must not understand.

I went from eating one pea at a time and awkwardly tying my shoes to staring for hours and taking ten minutes to get up to pee to robotic, zombie-like movements.

Then I began to get creative. I got out of bed. I doodled. I colored with crayons. A man in charge of me moved me to a room with an uncovered window. I watched clouds and found shapes in them. I worked my motor skills

look at the consequences of this toxic combination of social ingredients on the mind frame of many prisoners. 25

When faces with extended periods of tortuous isolation and the above referenced realities, certain mental patterns begin to arise in prisoners. Starved of normal contact with the opposite gender, prisoners often become obsessively preoccupied with thoughts of sex. Lacking educational and constructive outlets for mental development, speech and thoughts many times become irrelevant, confused and disordered.

Minds can become cognitively limited and sometimes there is obvious mental deterioration and regression. People who are warehoused and even treated like items on warehouse shelves, dehumanized, repeatedly forced to confront the truth that they have no control over their lives, often strike out in uncontrolled behavioral outbursts or sores, resort to delusional grandiosities; thinking they are powerful crime figures in complete control of their environment and destinies. Few possess emotional maturity and the paucity of resources designed to raise their emotional intelligence causes a lot of prisoners to suffer intense negative emotions and to react often impulsively in stressful encounters.

Repeatedly confronted with filthy living conditions, some become blithely indifferent, while others take refuge in obsessive cleaning of cells and living quarters. Exposed to a society that rejects them, prisoners become easily irritable, severely depressed, familiar with grief, anger, guilt, well acquainted with bitterness and fear. What good will come of the tense overcrowding and utter absence of privacy? Most of these people will be released one day. The question is, how have these conditions and the resulting impact on more than 2 million incarcerated persons made society safer? What "service" has been provided?

What can we do? Prisons as they exist are a bedlam housing and industrial science experiment on a magnificent scale. The fact that voters are duped into that such penal conditions will solve anything is amazing. How can anyone in their right mind believe that exposing so many of their fellow citizens to such conditions, conjuring such mental states, will result in anything but more destruction? 26

Prisons are fertile fields, producing corrosive fruits for the future, on a society bent on vindictiveness, blind to compassionate alternatives. Not only have mental patients - who properly belong in humane places that will treat their illnesses - been dumped in America's prisons, but the entire system has become a petri dish where offenders who previously had no serious mental issues are exposed to circumstances which cause them to arise.

The system, seems to serve to multiply its future suffering! Meditate on that. Then move. Sanely.

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Or whatever. For real, if everyone who sent you a letter, enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelop or ONE extra stamp - that'd be $44 a week. 51

If they let off one box of Little Debbies, that'd be $150. I bet you could get a website designer with that extra money. Or pay a part-time person a couple hours a week to do some typing for you.

There's no reason we can't all help one another, no matter where we are.

Sorry if I sound preachy or whatever. I think if people know that you are a 57-year old, hard-working man, so committed to your principles that you *LIVE* what you preach, maybe they would, too.

Ah, yes, about my meltdown. Four days ago, I wrote you last (3 weeks ago) I experienced some weird mental separation or shutdown. I didn't know (and still don't) what was going on. I became disoriented and could not concentrate or focus. Then, a very surreal feeling came over me and I thought, "Something is happening to me. My mind is splitting." And it became detached from myself, like a distant observer, only I could see what was happening without any control over it. It was as if my mind systematically shut down. First, cognitive functions: concentration, focus, streaming conscious thoughts, creative thought - motor functions: physical desensitization, temporary periods of a sort of paralysis, all fine motor skills, some major motor skills - and emotional function: total detachment from sense of self, and all relationships to others, and numb from feeling emotions.

I remember thinking very loudly, *"I know who I am. I am Sarah Pender. I am in prison. In lock. I have been here for a very long time."* And then I went through people I knew - but I felt no attachment. Like, I didn't know what it meant to be Sarah Pender, and I felt no attachment to my parents or my wife or friends. I would mentally tell myself to get up and pee ten times before my body obeyed. I had irrational fears about the guards. I stared, stared, stared at the walls for loooong periods of

pocket money to send people stuff - it doesn't really register. 50

When you say "We," it creates a picture of a group of people. 5, 10, 15 people who sit around several hours every weekend and a couple of full-time devotees, printing and stuffing in a well-stocked library of zines, several computers ob hand, etc.

Your Mission Statement is helpful, but not clear.

I suggest you tell people who you are, what you do, who does it with you, why you do it and what it costs *you*, and what you want help with - in a VIVID way.

I am Anthony Rayson. I spend 41 hours a week working in a tollbooth, so I can support my wife and two kids. I spend 30 hours and $200 of my weekly check on postage and paper, ink, printing, envelopes and other necessary supplies, to send out prisoner requests for zines, communicating with, supporting and educating my Brothers and Sisters, held by the Criminal Injustice System. Name who does XYZ, spends X hours and Y dollars to help me. It's just us.

We get 100 requests per week, 10% of which enclose a stamp or some stamps. The other 90 requests, I spend about $180 to send out. This is the cost of postage and printing.

I am 57 years old. I don't drive a BMW, or have a trust fund. I donate so much of my time and money to this cause because I BELIEVE in the anarchist principles of community, of helping one another, through education and friendship, and know that... (what you believe)

I ask that you act upon your beliefs, too. If you can afford it, put one stamp in with your next request. It is not an insult. It's inspiring. Every bit helps. Three stamps. Five stamps cover the cost of a full 19 sheets of pages. If you have it, include postage to fulfill *someone's else's* requests to be educated.

The more you help me, the more I can help you.

Please, if you have benefited from our correspondence, write me and tell me about it, and show your Brotherhood by being a help, lifting one another up, in words, and in stamps.

What We Stand For

The "Fall Back" Plan is an inmate led movement/initiative aimed at combating the drug induced gang culture that is responsible for destroying the moral fabric of our communities.

The plan calls for all criminals, gang bangers, drug dealers, ex-cons, etc. to simply "Fall Back", which in this case means to turn away from or withdraw from all criminal and destructive activity.

It calls for these individuals to take full responsibility for their actions and the state of their community, and to begin working with community leaders and activist against violence.

Additionally, the plan calls for public officials, pastors, and community leaders to oversee this initiative by working with ex-offenders and inmates who are participants of the "Fall Back" movement. There must be some form of productive dialogue between the community leaders and ex-offenders/inmates if we are to end this cycle of criminality. Therefore, ex-offenders must be willing to speak out against crime and the community leaders and public officials must be willing to listen and offer support to them

The Inner-city Culture

For many years, the inner-cities throughout the United States have been plagued with the by-products of a drug induced gang culture. Murders, rapes, drugs, and several other destructive activities are all present in the Black communities and have robbed the people of their peace and hope.

This very same culture is responsible for the over crowded prison population both juvenile and the adult system, with African-American men, women, and children being in the majority

Furthermore, we find ourselves faced with a juvenile Armageddon, where children are killing children at an alarming rate. This epidemic of violence must come to an end, but it is no easy task. The task of ending this cycle of criminality must be met by a movement of strong minded people working together as a collective to formulate positive ideas for the community. Then, and only then, will there be a positive change in our communities. I believe that the "Fall Back" plan will play a key role in bringing this goal to fruition.

Ending Home-grown Terrorism

I believe that if we are to stop the drug dealing and killing in the community, we

must confront the drug dealer and killer before they commit the acts. However, there must be some form of communication between criminals and community leaders.

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With all the protesting, and obvious public outrage streaming through various media outlets, one would think that by now the crime would have ceased or at least slowed down a bit. Instead, the crime level has elevated to a much higher level than the previous years and more children have been brutally murdered in the process.

While I honor all those who are working tirelessly to end this reign of home-grown terrorism, it is my opinion that their efforts may go unrewarded due to there being a missing element in their programs. This missing key can be found in the Illinois prison system and can be seen re-entering society every single day. It is the prisoner, the ex-convict, ex-offender or whatever the proper term may be. The fact of the matter is that a great number of prisoners have changed their way of thinking and no longer think criminally or destructively. If given the opportunity to help stop the violence, these same prisoners would jump on it and make a positive difference.

There are a lot of rehabilitated prisoners and reformed ex-offenders who are interested in working with public officials and community leaders to bring positive change to our communities. But sadly, these individuals have been either overlooked or written off as being worthless by the public.

The Ex-offender Returns to Society

Regardless of how one might feel about ex-offenders and prisoners and their ~~involvement in these communities, it is a known fact that many of these so-called~~ prisoners will some day re-enter society. When they do return, they will carry a great deal of street credibility which is slang for respect. As far as the youth are concerned, street credibility is worth more than anything –even life itself. Therefore, it is fair to say that ex-offenders and prisoners can have a tremendous impact on the fight to stop crime. Criminals talk to other criminals, prisoners talk to other prisoners. We hear things and are knowledgeable about things to which the general public is not privy. For every crime committed on the streets there is a prisoner who knows all the details. Why? Because criminals talk to each other, and the public should be more than willing to accept the help of rehabilitated prisoners.

Repaying Society

It is my opinion, that every ex-offender and reformed prisoner has every right to assist their community fight crime. In fact, I think they are obligated to do so. We often hear people say that if a person has served time in prison for a crime which he committed, that he has repaid his debt to society.

Statistics show that men are taken care of far better than women, while incarcerated - visits, letters, commissary money, phone calls. They also are 20 times more likely to hustle in prison. Making their way by other means. Sure, they aren't pulling in thousand-dollar weekly paychecks, but more than enough to donate a few stamps.

Even people without any support except prison wages, can afford ONE stamp enclosed in their requests. And in the community spirit of taking care of one another, the *haves* should want to help the *have-nots*. Being a prisoner does not automatically make us a *have-not*. Every inmate knows that there are several prison subcultures and we all have different qualities of life.

Ninety percent of the prisoners who make requests for zines / info can give up one honeybun and put two stamps inside a request. I am sure that many community-minded brothers and sisters do just that. For the ones who don't, here are my thoughts.

1) Perhaps they think enclosing just a few stamps is more of an insult than a gesture of goodwill. Remember, most of us come from societies that celebrate material wealth. Step out in Gucci or South Pole and all's well. Leave the house in a pair of Levi's and a Fruit of the Loom tee shirt and you're slumming. Now that we've all been stripped of our identities and vast resources, we're all wearing generic Hanes, baby. Yet, the mentality often remains the same - if one can't send a twenty of fifty or hundred dollar check, then anything less, a couple of dollars, would be insulting to you.

Is a single rose an insult to your Mother?

Is a simple card, signed 'I love you,' an insult?

No. And 44 cents, 88 cents, $1.32, or $4.40 isn't one, either/

2) Those who make requests of you do not accurately understand what you need, even though you clearly state, "we urge you to donate stamps and checks or money orders." Even though you mention that you use out-of-

all this happen – a bunch of kids growing up in prison.

A new breed of convicts was emerging. Convicts who were not only growing up within these walls, but would spend more than half their living, breathing lives in a jail cell, if they were fortunate enough to survive that long. By now, most of those kids on that bus are in their mid-30's and are watching nephews and even sons walk through them prison gates.

"One Nation Behind Bars"

While it seems every struggle has a special interest group backing it complete with Lobbyist and financial support, there is a group 6 million strong not including the people attached to them who seem to have no voice.

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I am speaking of the victims of a political persecution so large it directly affects one (1) in every ten (10) person. This would seem a good strong minority but this group has no voice. They have no vote, they don't even have the right to the pursuit of happiness, the ability ti gain employment, nor the right to assemble. You would think 6 million people would get a few seats in The House or The Senate, but this great minority has none.

I am speaking of the Incarceration Nation which has increased 400% in 2 decades, and at current projections by 2022, three (3) in every ten (10) Americans will have been or will be in prison. 30%!!!

For 30 years the Conservative Movement representing "Corporate America", and in general, the rich, has made a big to do about crime and anyone who is thought to be a coddler of criminals.

No one stops to ask, "Does expansion of the prison industry stop crime?". On the contrary, I would point out that prisons are schools and breeding grounds for crime. A place that encourages no, demands violence, is the problem not the cure.

So while coddling criminals sounds soft, we must consider what our true goal is. If it ends with punishment, I would say we are doing a fine job, but if it is to heal society and make our streets safer we are making the worst possible choice. I was always taught that two wrongs don't make a right. If this is sound advice, we are deaf and blind to it.

Maybe criminals need some coddling, maybe they never got hugs as kids. I say hug a thug. We know social programs and rehabilitation are much more effective, so are we just bent on revenge? People must become aware that the current answer is not the answer, it is part of the problem.

Why else is no one speaking for such a large minority? I would point to the one fundamental of all prisoners share, their economic state. The only persons not often subjected to incarceration is the wealthy. I assure you they are no less innocent, but, if you made at least a few million dollars last year you are exempt.

Make no mistake it is a "Class" war. No society in history has not used intoxicants, it seems a common and natural of man. Drug use is a public health concern not a crime. Making it illegal makes it more dangerous and puts control and profits in the hands of the criminal.

It is clearly a deception to say more strict laws and increased incarceration will create any relief. If we knowingly continue down the same road we are doomed. blood letting was found to hurt not help the patient so we stopped it. We know our current remedy only encourages the problem. Why do we continue? This is just unlogical insanity.

Serving time in prison does not repay one's debt to society. For instance, if I bring a truck load of guns and drugs into the community, how does serving 50 years, 100 years or even 500 years in prison repay my debt to society while people continue to be victimized by these guns and drugs? And if it does amount to repaying a debt, to what society am I repaying the debt? Certainly, not the society that continues to suffer from my actions.

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Growing up in my parents' home, whenever one of us made a mess, not only were we disciplined, but we also had to clean up the mess. And, so should it be with the so-called criminal, prisoner or ex-offender. They should be expected to help clean up the crime in the community.

To propagate the idea that serving time in prison is enough to repay one's debt to society is irresponsible and foolhardy. Such ideas only make ex-offenders re-enter society without feeling obligated to their communities. This is very damaging to the social growth and development of the African-American community.

The "Fall Back" movement can play a major role in fighting crime in our communities, but as prisoners we are limited in what we can do in regard to the outside world. However, with the assistance of the public we can overcome our limitations. It will be wise to set aside our differences and focus our attention on stopping the violence. We must come together to help our communities rise from this awful state of death and destruction.

Recommendations

As a starting point, the "Fall Back" movement and its supporters recommend several concrete steps to help stop the violence:

For Inmates: All prisoners who desire to become members of the "Fall Back" movement must first renounce any and all affiliation with any security threat group (gang or criminal organization) as defined by the Illinois Department of Corrections. After becoming members of the "Fall Back" movement, prisoners must enroll in an educational program at their current facility or via mail (correspondence courses).

For Legislators: Pass legislation that would require every parolee to participate in community service programs relevant in nature to the crimes they have committed, by making community service a mandatory aspect of parole. In other words, if a person is convicted of selling drugs, guns, domestic violence, and gang violence, he or she would have to participate in a prevention program that relates to his or her crime. Additionally, pass legislation that requires all parolees who test positive for drug use to commit to a substance abuse program.

For Community Leaders: We ask that all community leaders, ministers, and pastors become familiar with the gang recognition test that is offered by the "Fall Back" movement. These same individuals must speak on the behalf of reformed

prisoners to get the message out to the youth. We ask that the ministers and community leaders arrange to meet with prisoners via telephone or visits to address the issues of violence in our communities.

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In Conclusion

While the "Fall Back" plan is designed to bring prisoners and ex-offenders together who are now living a positive life style, our sole purpose for coming together is so that we can help ourselves and the community. To do this, we need the public's help because the Illinois Department of Corrections prohibits inmates coming together and acting as a collective. Therefore, we believe the public will be willing to oversee this program. Reformed prisoners must be separated from prisoners who are not willing to better themselves.

There is a lot of work to be done and we hope and pray that the public will welcome our support.

Sincerely,

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Founder of the "Fall Back" Movement

"In choosing good men for work we lift up the straight. Set aside the crooked to make the crooked straight.. "

Confucius

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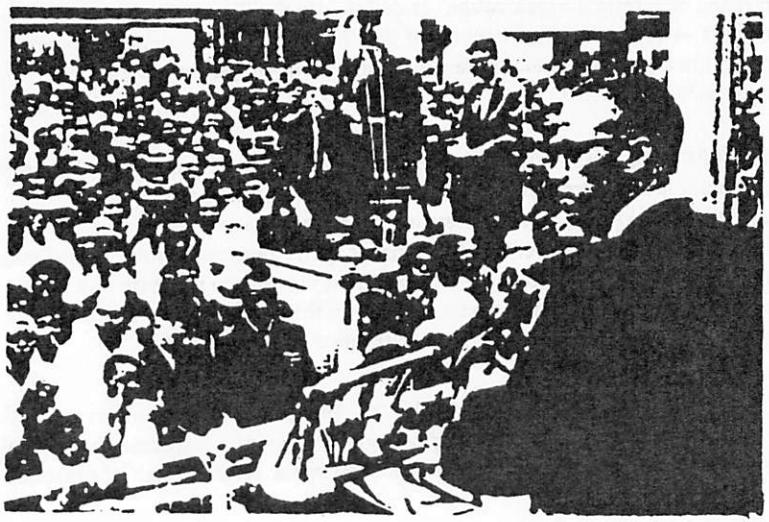

The Cali-Convict, A Product of the System

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SIXTEEN, sixteen was the number of the age of my young youth when the drone of the judge announced that I had 29 to *LIFE*. I couldn't smoke or drink (alcohol) or even get a driver's license, yet here I was in the Superior Court room being told by a judge, that I was old enough to be tried as an adult and be equally sentenced to spend the rest of my life in prison.

A sign of the times to come – that was in the early '90's and the beginning of a decade where thousands of kids from the barrios were tried as adults with adult rules and adult consequences. Teenage kids, mostly Brown & Black going straight to prison via the California Youth Authority. Yet, in society, none of these kids could do the adult things like walk into a bar and buy a beer or participate in social activities like the Super Lotto or Lottery. "Yeah," I won the lottery alright, straight from the bottom of hell – Clifton Tatum Juvenile Hall – right to the top of the netherworlds of Pelican Bay.

I started this 29 year to LIFE sentence in a Juvenile Hall detention center & 16 years later, ended up in the Pelican Bay SHU program (for the second time) with an indeterminate SHU term which is the equivalent of getting another LIFE sentence, inside of prison. The SHU is where you go from living in a cage to living caged within a cage. "End of the line" is what most convicts say, when you walk in through them SHU doors, and they ain't lying, either.

There was a time when the notorious Pelican Bay Administration flat out told you, "You're either leaving in a wooden box or you're paroling." That was their special way of telling lifers that there was no way out.

What got me here to this point has been quite a journey. And as I look back to where it all began, it reminds me of all those other young, hard faces that sat on that bus with me on the way to the California Youth Authority. Those kids were in the very same predicament as me, NO FUTURE beyond these walls.

As I think back to realize the political landscape (Gov. Pete Wilson) and the public outcry of a few rich folks, made

Most of the members of society have already judged him / her, from what they heard on the news or read in the newspaper, instead of helping him or her. 41

That's what was good about the 1960's & 1970's. It was unity, togetherness and it wasn't that much brainwashing going on. People weren't so quick to judge and believe what they heard or seen (except maybe a few) or read. Even in prison, this was so, and that's what is missing these days, in prison and in society.

Don't get me wrong, you still got the "oldheads" from back in the day, who know what the deal is, know what is up and what to look for, when paroled. We need more people like them in the community. The ones in prison have lost touch with reality and most of them have become brainwashed and heavily medicated and have some sort of serious addiction.

It's a whole lot of them in prison and on the streets who can't or refuse to guide the younger generation – males or females. They are too focused on the fake "justice" that Amerikkka always dishes out to its own kind...

Brainwashing...

Don't be next in line!

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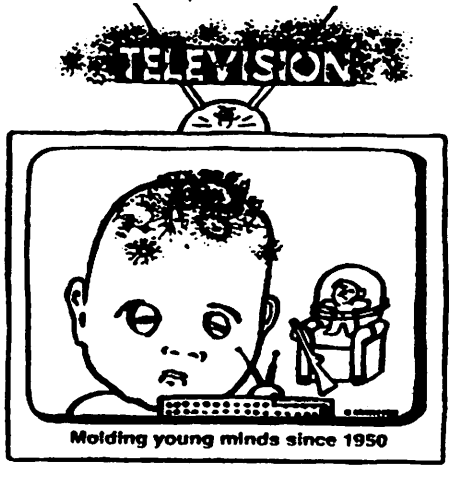

The labels of criminals are slapped on us by the well-dressed criminals of a self-righteous lynch mob and a warehouse is the result of their efforts. This is a place built to rehabilitate and a place to learn from mistakes, but it has failed. Instead, it is a factory manufacturing *wrong*. Its primary goal is now punishment. Sometimes this is the prize of being strong or righteous, but our justice system has no sympathy and doesn't differentiate. Our prisons are now filled past overflowing with a population more volatile captured than free by a society overprotective of its citizens who don't really know or understand that the same dangers present before still threaten their way of life today.

Being exiled by a world participating in its own systematic destruction is not the worst thing to happen to us, though. We are lucky while we are also examples made, because our circumstances save us from joining the "justified" machine trampling uncaring over everything in its way. No one seems to have the desire to stop it, because we are *here*. Outside these walls are culture-killers disguised behind pretty scenery and a mix of things dressed in gimmicks that oppose strength. They stand up against any unity and crush us for our pride. It is organized chaos beat to discriminate against anything seen as obstacles to expedite change or politically correctness – such as creed, peace, and autonomy. It seems we are not really missing out on much by our confinement when we consider the place we left. Maybe we are actually being protected *by* society. Let's call it a blessing of sufferance.

Loved ones can feel the false hope trying to crush us into insignificance and can't stop the jaws from collapsing. We are all helpless under the power of the mighty dollar and a blind world doing housecleaning. The cries of support for us go unheeded by the apathetic system even when their voices speak true. They see our fate and are forced to witness its slow methodical arrival with us. Everyday, they are an audience to the disintegration of our civility. They are forced to endure our pains, even though we try not to show it and paint it in nonchalance. Society never thinks or cares about the victims it creates in its cleansing of its world still diseased by so many other problems. Our loved ones and the victims left in the wake of an ignorant world's self-importance now have front row seats to a new kind of holocaust. We are unable to console or aid them in their journey to stop it.

All our lives are colored in our circumstances. We are defined and transformed by our environment. We have to evolve or adapt, so the situation never overwhelms us. The arena within the barbed wire creates or ruins, but never makes us fit for society's standards. Our uniformed captors wear smiles of cruelty often as they poke any stick they can at the animals, because their only aims are to humiliate or degrade. We will always remain "animals" in their prejudiced eyes and they will play sadist games just to make us bit back or to use as an excuse to try to beat us into conformity for their amusement. For us to rise up in solidarity or purpose is their worst fear, so they do all they can to break hope or divide pockets of strength wherever they exist.

Guards play the role of dictators here, even though their power is non-existent beyond these walls. Some cannot resist the opportunity to taunt or walk around drunk on their own perceived authority. Those who extend any compassion to us are outcast or crucified while those who *act* superior but aren't – still call the shots. Only a complacent majority recognize it, though, while the rest of us are forced to live or rot behind our standards as we rise to fight their tactics. We aren't many these days, but we condemn them and those who confine

themselves to being another's *model* of an inmate instead of following the rules meant to define the strong and separate us from the world that doesn't want us anymore. The powers that be here do not govern us all. They only try to persecute those who do not tread the path they pave. And we are guilty as charged.

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Unspoken rules are always present – especially in prison. These differentiate right from wrong. Our minds must accept them or they will strip us of everything here. Society calls our ways wrong, because we often reward strength and squash weakness when it's discovered. We "label" and form ranks behind our standards. People either stand with us or against us in this – we can't have compassion to those who don't deserve it. We are arbitrators of our own RIGHT. Cowards of circumstances like any type of sex offenders or those who aid our captors in our destruction, such as rats or the overly complacent, are enemies. Our iron fists will always try to smash them, because they have committed social suicide in our eyes and have shunned the mandates that come from being a prisoner.

We are creatures of survival out of necessity in here, because our credibility is often in question by our captors and those who don't know. We do things as our ideals mandate and the circumstances dictate. Charity is always welcome in most forms, but never a requirement of our existence or a reason to lower standards. This does happen sometimes in some instances to serve specific goals and it becomes a burden of the conscience to those who know better. Such undesirable actions are found in every social structure, but are more obvious in prison. We have to know the difference and not simply accept things unequivocally without reservations. We are sometimes forced to take objective unjudgemental views to preserve friendships, even though friendships are sometimes nothing more than creature comforts.

Many in here are predators by choice or psychological make-up that need to be recognized or acknowledged. Those who are confident and strong don't have this need, because this shouldn't matter. Personal accolades are secondary, but some use these things to validate their existence. A warrior heart speaks for itself just as a weak heart knows it's inferior. Conviction in who you are isn't something to prove, because those who matter will *know* and they will embrace those of similar ilk. This system of identification is already prevalent by evolution, natural selection, and the justice system. Like minds and birds of a feather are adages that apply to everyone – inside prison and outside. Eventually, *all* truths are uncovered. If you are a fraud or a charlatan, there is nowhere to hide from truth. The strong are always resourceful.

Respect can only be honorable and not a tool for deceit. It is defined as high regard. There is truth in respect, because it separates the wolves from the sheep. It is something to wear with pride like a badge, but never flaunted. Many view respect inside and outside prison as something automatic for fellow men or women. That it is something destined for anybody or everyone and an inevitable part of life. It's *not* a prize in a circus game, but we see the illusion of this belief every day. Those who have respect coming, deserve it and know it is more than just a word. The unworthy use it to curry favor while our captors here expect it from us, but their behavior elicits nothing so honorable and they do not get it. It is a joke to expect respect as the price of doing business. To think you have it by just saying it.

Respect can only be earned – never given freely without merit. Those anywhere who don't know that, aren't even deserving of uttering the word. It is not something ever to be taken for granted. Respect is something that makes others remember or know our names without us having to tell them. Respect makes us solid in mind and spirit, because we know it can never be

BRAINWASHING

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I feel there's a growing problem in prison and the free world! And it's called *brainwashing*. People in and out of prison, are being brainwashed and made to believe that prison is some form of a good thing and that prison can help you change how you was *before* you came to prison. That's bullshit and it's a lie! You'll be worse off than before...

Yeah, you have a few who make the change – but at what cost? If you were a drug addict before you came to prison, you going to (nine times out of ten) leave a drug addict. 'Cause the simple fact is you can get the drugs you was getting on the street in prison. Not only that, but you also get psychotropic medication, as well as pain medication, which also cause addiction. Prison is a multi-multi-billion dollar industry and it's also a big medication industry.

Most of these medications should be banned by the FDA. Shit! Most of them probably are banned, but the inmates don't care, therefore, the prison doesn't care, either. Most inmates take the drugs just to get high (legally). The top dawgs in the administration know this, but do they stop it? Hell, no! The more people brainwashed, the better.

Inmates are placed on medications for damn near anything – most times against their will. Then, once they are paroled, they don't know what to do or even how to do it. An inmate who's been 15-20-25-30 years on medication, who gets out after all that time, will become almost a walking zombie to those around him, even though he thinks he's alright. So, he gets caught up within a few months, for stealing, dealing, robbing or doing drugs. Because they are the only thing, he knows he's good at.

There are next to no trades in prison these days. It's very rare to even *get* a trade, while in prison, these days.

So, he / she has almost nothing to look forward to when they are paroled, unless there is family (with money) and the means to help out and even then, it might not do any good.

I would hang out with the older crowd because those my age were viewed as boring and dull. So I found friendship in an older neighbor and would drink and smoke cigarettes and weed, by 14. My first year in high school, I became pregnant and July 1, '79, I gave birth to my one and only son, Marlos, who I would soon be separated from, because I wasn't ready for a child, but I would not see him for years. 44

So, I felt I had lost everything and I started to become a problem for my grandparents. My family requested help from the Children's Court and the judge advised that I had to either get married or go to the Girl's School until I was 18. But in my 16-year old mind, I didn't wish to go to Girl's School.

Well, I made a worse decision and got married. I endured 12 years of brutal abuse at the hands of my husband. During the time I found comfort in drugs to take away the pain I endured from broken bones and bruises. And the times I couldn't get them, I started to write checks. My criminal behavior spiraled from shoplifting to being violent and I started going in and out of jail and being put on probation.

But in 1987, I was sent to prison and now it's number 6 and I've been rebelling against the injustice and dehumanizing treatment as long as I can remember, because I never stood still for being controlled by anyone – especially those in uniform. But, it wasn't until I met and got to know Lee Savage in this CM Unit at Lowell Concentration Institution, that I knew it was time to speak, scream out about the injustice suffered by all the females confined to this thing that pretends to call itself the "Correctional System" in the sunshine state of Florida.

I've become a rebel with a cause and that cause is to fight for change in the living conditions of this alleged corrections system. Especially the Closed Management Unit, where the only "control" we have over our lives is to be locked in a room the size of a closet for 24 hours, 7 days a week. Here, they treat people less than most people treat animals.

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taken away if we stay true to ourselves. In here, effort often becomes the key to respect – never compliance or complacency. Certainly not inaction or subservience. Do something *real* or try to pursue a righteous cause and respect is yours. The only catch is we must be pure of heart and not someone inferior or unworthy of its title. It is no surprise that we expose the lichens who feed on false regard or respect leaving them to walk around here dejected without an ounce of respect attached to their name and their place in our world cemented. Once at that lowest rung, it is a hard task to rise above it. 33

Society has no clue that we can even be honorable. They have no understanding of the concept themselves and they certainly wouldn't believe we have any system of right or wrong. They cannot grasp our kind of respect and don't care enough to understand us. They think us unfeeling monsters who can't change, so they no longer want to help us educate ourselves to be ready for the world again. Costs too much money and they think it's a waste. Instead, they leave us to fend for ourselves in here with only instincts amidst the full spectrum of what they label monsters, but then punish us for doing things we see as right. They persecute us for surviving in this world they built us, even though they are the catalyst that helped create our ways. Yet, they shrug off all responsibility for the nature of man that they know exists through evolution and natural selection – survival of the fittest.

Violence is the recourse sometimes – not something to fear as many do. Some even enjoy it and it becomes recreation while others only do it from necessity, but we must accept it or it will always be our bane. Those who renounce this cold hard truth can easily become victims of it. This policy of warehousing us leaves no other choices. Therefore, we must continually view the potential of our fellow man, gauge his future against our standards of prison, and make the decision on whether or not he is deemed worthy. This is our classification process and our captors have made it a necessary thing, because they try to subvert strength or exploit it and our standards are slowly dying out.

It is through our sense of duty that our captors also exploit us. They constantly play games with lives to feed our aggression, even though they know the consequences. They tease us and often throw fresh meat to the wolves knowing we'll attack. We are nothing more than entertainment and we are blamed for this arena they want us to live in. It is why lockdown has become the norm now. They have used everything against us, because they knew it suited their designs. The violence is all we have, so our captors manipulated us through it by engineering ways through their system of punishment to keep us locked tight in sixty-square-foot bathrooms.

Yet, our all-knowing justice system and captors facilitate a new problem by their tactics that they have no intention of fixing or acknowledging, even though it is obvious. They are breeding contempt and hate. These concepts are our driving force and triggers to our violence. Prison is now a cesspool of this, because we have no alternative. Lonely locked down men have active imaginations. These thoughts can't ever die when there is no outlet available, so we must dwell on it and breathe it every day. Men of violence and these things already go hand in hand, so it would seem logical to try to change this way of thinking or having something to allow those thoughts to relax. Our captors don't care, though, because this is exactly what they want. They know exactly what they're doing. It gives them all their excuses not to give us anything or have to spend money.

In prison, all the tools of our environment are used against us by our captors – things like our enemies, mentally deficient who can always extract anger, and our natural tendencies or

emotional triggers. They know how well these tricks work too and they learned how to use them to perfection. They constantly test us with these forms of torture and push our buttons daily, but wonder why we are the way we are or want to hurt them. Or feel the need to always fight. They have made us want to be this way by their attempts to break us without any consequences – except from *US*.

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We need more than prison, because in here we will eventually rot and die without a tear shed. Our standards and ideals will be buried with us. We need something more to be a part of outside prison. Our causes should have more meaning besides survival. We shouldn't have to always bathe in the filth of our circumstances, because to fight in here is only tearing us down and letting our captors win on their battlefield. Our victories will always be minimal here and it's not worth our efforts to die in a place that won't remember us. The voice of reason must be heard, because it is there travelling in the wind for everyone to hear. Our lives do not have to be confined to our separate prisons. We do not have to die in the name of an unjustified system participating in the genocide of TRUTH and STRENGTH.

The Fires of Need and Necessity

When you look around, there is desolation and the blank faces of those who have given up. The hope has dripped from their eyes in invisible tears and the will has left with each passing breath like the ebbing tide of the sea, but not ALL fire is extinguished here. Not all wills are broken into shards of uselessness. The strongest hearts still pump pure and that single spark burns alive in the souls of those few strong enough to nurture it.

It feeds on the blood of revolutions and grows when the battle finally heeds its call. Its inferno can either devour or destroy whenever it chooses. Yet, this potential beast of need doesn't live to be seen by everyone. It doesn't come to heed the voice of stupidity and doesn't answer to the powers that be. It is sustained by the hunger to rise up from any pile of necessity and vanquish the hearts of the unworthy. Survival hinges on this unbreakable yet malleable beast of life's purpose and burdens that dwells in the deepest pit where anger at adversity wrestles the seed of resistance... It is not an animal that lives in every heart or every able-bodied strong man, because it is not a physical thing until it must be. Then the disasters of revolution will be visited upon the deserving and BORN... Only then can retribution be the prize...

Tasks Unfinished

I look around at everything that matters and see the hands of time. Age has taken so much life and outside these walls, it has wreaked havoc with those I care about. I want that stolen time back and to relive the worst years just to have a chance to correct my mistakes. My strength cannot save me from time and slowly, it'll take everything away while I watch. I would give anything to have more and stop its destruction, but it has run me over as well.

In the mirror, the image shows everything and the tolls of my fight. I see the lines of stress, worry, and haggardness this life-long battle has wrought. And it saddens me, because I have changed NOTHING and the vacuous faces of my captors echo my failures. Yet, I do scramble to stand, even when my legs keep getting chopped out from beneath me. My face shows it all and doesn't lie...

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In my life
Hardships form into a storm.
Typhoons of turmoil
Are the everyday norm.

It's a cold world
That I'm facin'.
But I will fulfill
The dreams I'm chasin'

No matter what forces block the sun;
Regardless of the pain that rains;
I'll do what I must
Until it's done.

I will battle the wind
Until it has changed.

History of Life

July 11, 1964 I came to this world to a teenager that had no knowledge of being a mother or the reason to love me, so at the order of her mother, I was to be taken from her house. Thanks to my paternal grandparents, I had a home. My father was in and out, but he did play a vital part of my life and still does.

Around the age of 9, I was molested by a family friend. That changed things for me in a big way, cause I felt I had been punished. I always felt that my brother was more special than me. So, I started to rebel against everything (house rules) or anything to get the attention I felt I wasn't getting.

A Shame and Fact

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See through doors unseen...
Beyond the green putrid forest
Of unnatural food chains
And polluted roots,
From which the branches poison everything.

Where prisoners fold like dollar bills
In the pockets of rednecks
And odd pale-faced modern krakkas.

The other Black oil,
That has always greased the shitstem
Of white supremacy.

Scapegoats who follow the goat
And never escape,
Except they become Maroons.

Coons are more popular these days,
And that's a shame and fact.

Forecast

For some,
Life is a breeze.
They walk through the wind
With ease.

At night, I'll again recount my regrets and see my tumultuous life for what it has been. I won't wake up with my failures erased or my troubles solved. My precarious status in life is the punishment I'll always wear and none can take it away. I have earned this, though, and won't call myself innocent. Yet, regardless of my mistakes and the scars time inflicts on me, my fighting heart still beats for battle and my war hasn't ended... until my last breath make failure inevitable.

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Society's Death March

We are stuck like helpless flies on flypaper in a bottomless cesspool that heralds our deaths daily with its promise of suffering and parades it before our faces in its ugly inevitability. We are destined to fail in our lives because this torture chamber demands it. We stare wooden like mannequins of who we were waiting for the ax to fall and to be recycled, because we know it is going to happen. Its edge is never dulled by compassion or forgiveness. Its brood stroke is the hand of an ethereal clock inching towards midnight where the phantoms rise to accept a new offering. Each day, the body count grows as this swamp takes another's will to live or even TRY. Hope is a disintegrating rope no longer able to sustain the weight of our deepening depression.

Our hands are forever bound in the restraints of our mistakes, because society doesn't believe in a lesser pressure to affect change or a sympathetic approach to rehabilitation. The walls become a lonely companion in the solitude of self-pity. Social interaction is just an accusing voice echoing in our heads. Some people here cannot endure the mental anguish of knowing life will never concede to second chances or that everyone who is supposed to prepare them for freedom only wishes to smother them into complacency until they become robots to old patterns of comfort. No one can change if the environment doesn't allow it or help forge it. Constant punishment only numbs natural tendencies. This means that we'll only seek escape again when the opportunity present itself through the things that brought us confinement or serve our appetites – the drugs, the reckless life without consequences, the violence or the hatred that now feeds us strength. Without reform or a hint of something more for a spark of incentive, we are destined to be consumed by our own evils... with everything we love burning in unremorseful flames.

Take, Take. Take. The word rings with the truth of all that we've already lost. It condemns us to suffocate in our consequences. Everything that makes us humans capable of warm emotions like love is exchanged for an abyss of apathy or indifference. We stop caring. Stop seeking the embrace of those who care. We shrivel into a shell. We die the slowest of agonizing deaths with the light at the end of the tunnel doused by cold dark reality. We are bred to be enemies in a place protected from its fallout and never feel the storm brewing behind its actions. In time, the veil must be lifted from society's ever-blind eyes and it must SEE how it has participated in the gradual murder of human spirit. They make us kneel in a lie of repentance in the filth that floods these dungeons to drown our voices forever...

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A Strange Town

I fell asleep and I've awakened
Someplace other than my bed,
A place where the ceiling sits low above my head
I start to worry because this place has so much dread
Like it houses some of the world's most powerful dead.

I look around in the darkness
Hoping to see something familiar
But at the moment
There's nothing but darkness and space,
Could all this be a place of the future?
If it is, I need to hurry to find something to brace.

As I start to walk out of blindness,
I'm hurrying to nowhere trying not to be late,
But the dark makes it feel timeless,
I'm stopped by what seems to be a gate.
I can't see but I feel my face start to frown,
The lights suddenly come on to reveal
Bars on a gate, that's rust brown.

Damn, I'm still in prison
Somewhere in a strange town.

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Big Joke

The Halls of Hell
Must be in an uproar of laughter,
At the fool's on earth
And their hopes for a Hereafter

Not to say that
God and His Heaven don't exist;
But how could The Gates be open
To anyone from a world like This

Where preventable suffering and injustice
Has no end,
Anything less than the extremest of sacrifices
Must be among the greatest of sins!

Movement

In changing times
Circumstances change.

Advance ahead.

Time can't be recovered.
Nor the dead resurrected.

Bodies pile high;
Misery sinks us lower.

No escape, no retreat;

Or else the babies
Resent us for their suffering.

Snatching the Lash:
Selected Poems of KamiKasi

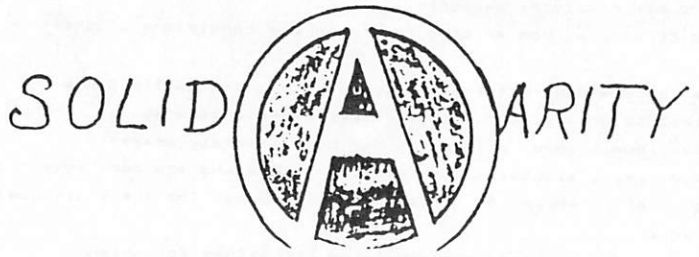
The Prison Damned

The horizons of hell
Cracks the lids of morning eyes.
Once the repository of tears,
Now long dried out.
The beast got drunk on them,
Inebriated by their miserableness,
As he *washed down his feast of souls.*

We come here young;
Our dreadful home until we're old.
In letters and books, i.e.
Poetry, philosophy, scriptures
And the words and spirit of
Revolutionaries, we seek -
And sometimes find - consolation.

Struggling for a new horizon,
Rejecting defeat and isolation,
While others remain lost,
Stubbornly doomed to wander -
And wonder - in the Desert
Of Desolation.





"Breaking Men's Minds"

Special handling unit. Behavior Modification unit. Different names but the same meanings. These are units that have been specifically designed to control behavior. It is where human experimentation on prisoners is legal. The purpose of Marion (ILLINOIS) control unit is to control Revolutionary Attitudes in the Prison system and in the society at large" according to former warden "RALPH ARON". And the federal judge James Foreman has stated, In several instances (The Control Unit) has been used to silence Prison Critics. It has been used to silence religious leaders. It has been used to silence economic and Philosophical dissidents.

In 1962 at a meeting in Washington D.C. between social scientists and Prison Warden's, Dr. Edward Schein presented his ideas on brainwashing. Addressing the topic of men against Men: Brainwashing, "he said: "In order to produce marked changes of behavior and/or attitude, it is necessary to weaken, undermine or remove the supports of patterns of behavior and old attitudes. Because most of these supports are the face to face confirmation of present behavior and attitudes, which are provided by those with whom close emotional ties exist, it is often necessary to break those emotional ties. This can be done either by removing the individual physically and preventing any communication with those whom he respects aren't worthy of it and, indeed should be actively mistrusted" Dr. Schein then provided the group with a list of examples:

1. Physical rempval of Prisoner's from those they respect to positively break or seriously weaken close emotional ties.
2. Segregation of natural leaders.
3. Use of cooperative Prisoners as leaders.
4. Prohibition of group activities not in line with brainwashing objectives.
5. Spying on prisoners and reporting back private material.
6. Tricking men into written statements which are then showed to others.
7. Exploitation of informers and opportunists.
8. Convincing Prisoners that they can trust no one.
9. Treating those who are willing to collaborate in far more lenient ways than those who are not.
10. Punishing those who show uncooperative attitudes.
11. Systematic withholding of mail.
12. Preventing contact with anyone nonsympathetic to the method of treatment and regimen of captive populace.
13. Building group conviction among the prisoners that they have been abandoned by and totally isolated from their social order.
14. Undermining all emotional supports.
15. Preventing Prisoners from writing regarding the conditions of their confinement.
16. Making available and permitting access to only those publications which are neutral to or supportive of the desire new attitudes.
17. Placing Individuals whose will power has been severely weakened or eroded into a living situation with several others who are more advanced in their thought reform whose job it is to further undermine the Individual's emotional supports.
18. Placing Individuals into new and ambiguous situations for which the standard's are kept deliberately unclear and then pressuring them to conform to what is desired in order to win favor and a reprieve from the pressure.
19. Using techniques of character invalidation, i.e. humiliations, revilement and shouting to induce feelings of guilt, fear and suggestibility, coupled with sleeplessness, An exacting Prison regimen and periodic interrogational interviews.
20. Meeting with renewed hostility all insincere attempts to comply with cell mates pressures.
21. Repeatedly pointing out to the prisoner by cell mates of where he has in the past or is in the present, not even living up to his own standards or values.
22, Rewarding of submission and subserviency to the attitudes encompassing the brainwashing objective with a lifting of pressure and acceptance as a human being.
23. Providing social and emotional supports that reinforce new attitudes

Following Dr. Schein's address, then director of the U.S. Bureau of Prison James V. Bennett, commented,... one of the things we must do is more research. It was indicated that we have a large organization with some 24,000 men in it now and that we have a tremendous opportunity here to carry on some of the experimenting to which various Panelist's Culture. We can perhaps some of the techniques Dr. Schein discussed. Do things on your own. Undertake a little experiment with what you can do with the muslims. There's a lot of research to do. Do it as Individuals. Do it as groups and let us know the result.

Reprinted from pamphlet "Breaking Men's Mind" Behavior Control and hum experimentation at Federal Prison in Marion, Illinois.

Say What?

Ancestors...
Twirling in their graves
In agony and outrage;
Betrayed by generations they swore
Would never be slaves.

Halfway free
Is never enough.
"More freedom!" We don't cry.
Instead, "Tighten our cuffs!"

Say what?