

"People get used to anything. The less you think about your oppression, the more your tolerance for it grows. After a while, people just think oppression is the normal state of things. But to become free, you have to be acutely aware of being a slave."

Assata Shakur (*Modern Day Maroon*)



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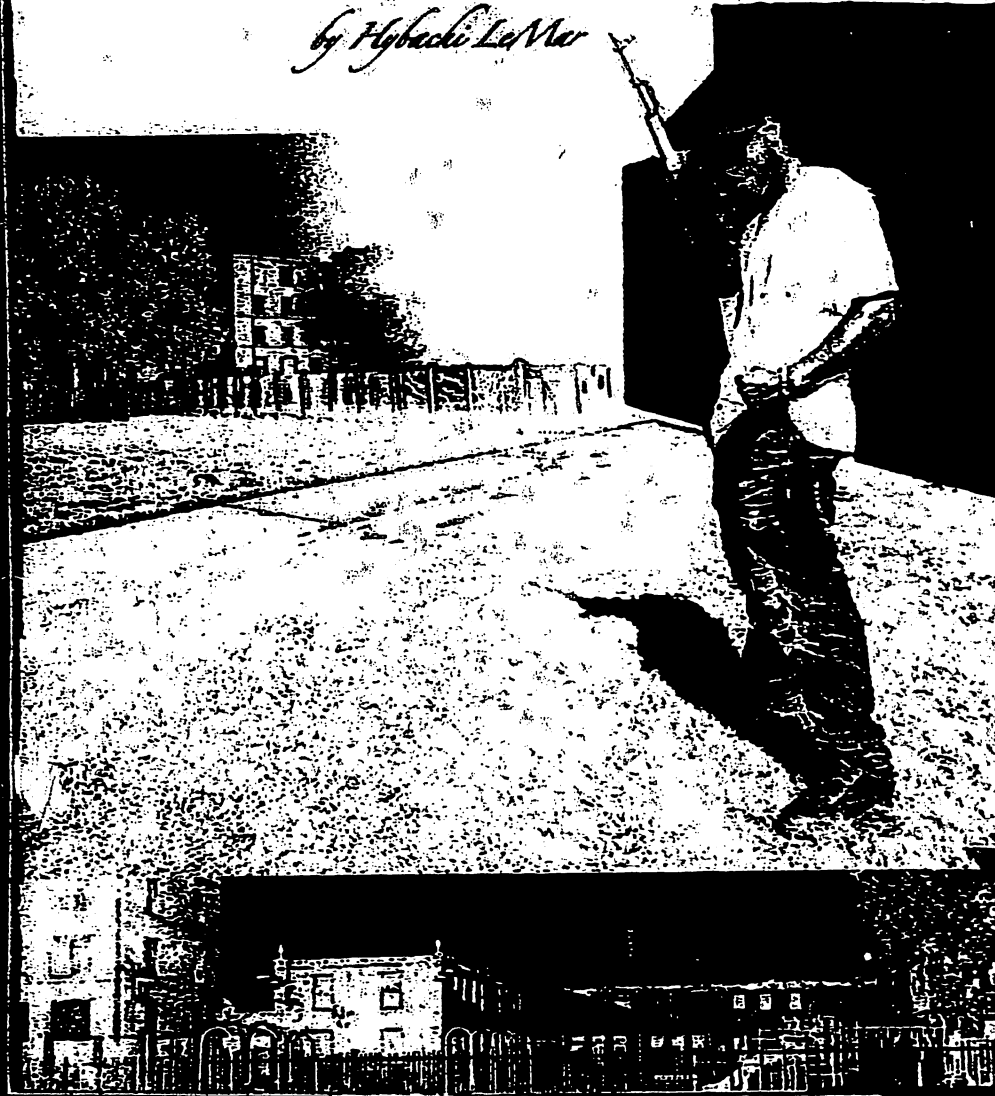


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To Everyone With a Gun in the Ghetto

To every gangbanger. To every dope dealer. To every stick-up kid. To everyone who's packing heat for protection or otherwise. To all who wake up with a gun at your bedside:


Know that you're worth immeasurably more than the bank accounts of all the owners of your city's downtown buildings, combined. Reflect on your life and prepare for the social revolution against the government system which could care less if you starve or eat, go to prison for the rest of your life, if you live or you die.

Arm yourself with the knowledge presented to you from our underground pamphlets and books. They are complementary weapons which aim to assist you & our people from the parasites in power who exist to suck you dry from all your potential. We encourage you to re-define your relationship with your rivals and consider who the opposition of you and those like you truly, essentially are and to reserve your bullets for worthier targets, as you study. A class war is being organized throughout the world in the Struggle for self-determination; by the have-nots of the world who recognize that, according to the universal principle of Cause and Effect, we have the power within us to take our destinies into our own hands.

A war to determine your destiny instead of having your destiny continuing being determined by a system that doesn't have your best interest at heart is perhaps the most significant decision you could ever make in the history of your life.

Join us, the mass despised sectors of society who've lost faith in politicians to save us, as we mobilize to replace government capitalism with intercommunal (community-united) co-operation. We welcome you with open arms, open minds, understanding and love and invite You to join our ranks!

ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS





TRUE LEAP PRESS is a radical anti-racist, anti-capitalist, and anti-patriarchy publishing collective based in Chicago.

The current open projects of the group are divided between our publication of Black Studies and revolutionary abolitionist analysis and commentary, *Propter Nos*, edited by three members of the group, and a growing zines-to-prisoner distro ran by one member, under the mentorship of imprisoned abolitionist activists, organizers, writers, and artists around the country. We have been operative as a collective since the release of our journal in 2016.

The Ghettoed Anarchist

"Every revolution in history has been accomplished by actions. Although words are necessary, we must create shields that will protect us and spears that penetrate our enemies..."

"Black revolutionaries do not drop from the moon; we are created by our conditions, shaped by our oppression. We are being manufactured in droves in the ghetto streets."

- Assata Shakur

Anarchism is the philosophy of Liberation from all imposing forms of authority. In this era of struggle for economic survival, prison profiteering, emotional instability, and bullying in various forms, a rebellion is not only necessary but logical to liberate ourselves from suffering under these unnecessary subjections.

"Let's get down to business / mental self-defensive fitness."

Chuck D.

Mumia Abu-Jamal, a Black Panther & political prisoner in Pennsylvania, was released into the prison population in 2013 after serving thirty years on Death Row.

When I met Mumia in the prison library, I was immediately motivated by his calmness and remarkable sense of clarity.

When I was in solitary confinement in the early 2000's, I had a cell neighbor, Joe Blow, who was mentally reduced to smearing his feces on his cell wall after 3 months in the hole.

How could one person whose done 3 decades in solitary come out mentally healthier than the one who went crazy after 3 months in the hole?

By exercising a revolutionary mentality.

Throughout his decades of isolation, Mumia managed to write numerous articles on the Struggle, rebelliously wrote books and even managed to make a c.d. & appear on the radio.

A revolutionary mentality can bring order out of chaos in your life just as well – whether you find yourself in "civilization" or on a cellblock.

"Self Respect"

Before we can ever expect to be respected by other humyn beings, we must first uphold our own humynity and begin respecting *ourselves*. Self-respect liberates you from the chains of a slave-like mentality & marks the beginning of a truly revolutionary mind-frame in life. This doesn't imply a need to wearing camouflage & black beret hats in your day-to-day activities. You can be just as militant-minded without such ostentatious displays of the sort. You could be a sanitation worker or a prisoner in an orange jumpsuit and still carry within you this essential level of self-respect.

In life there'll be those who want to rob you of this possession – whether it be a corrections officer or a so-called "superior" at work. It could be an enemy who envies your new-found sense of dignity and privately wants to see you down on your luck instead of alive and up on your feet. Don't let them rob you of this possession. Self-respect is a fundamental need in the fight for Self-Determination for yourself and for humynity as a whole. Don't let *anyone* take it away from you. It's one of the most important, one of the most coveted and priceless things you could ever possess.

Becoming a Living Representation of Revolutionary Ideals

A revolutionary mentality & the self-respect that it bestows to a humyn being can be acquired through studying & reflecting on how to make yourself a better person in life. Acknowledging your importance within the world as a paramount individual with something substantial to contribute to it is to the transformation process within you and in the world! In a society of so many lies and facades, self-respect is an invaluable virtue in becoming a living representation of revolutionary ideals. *Truth-speaking*, or, *Maak-heru*, as the ancient Egyptians called it- is revolutionary in itself, and like MLK said: "*Truth, crushed to the ground, will rise again.*" Speak truth to power, and watch (coercive) power diminish in strength before you.

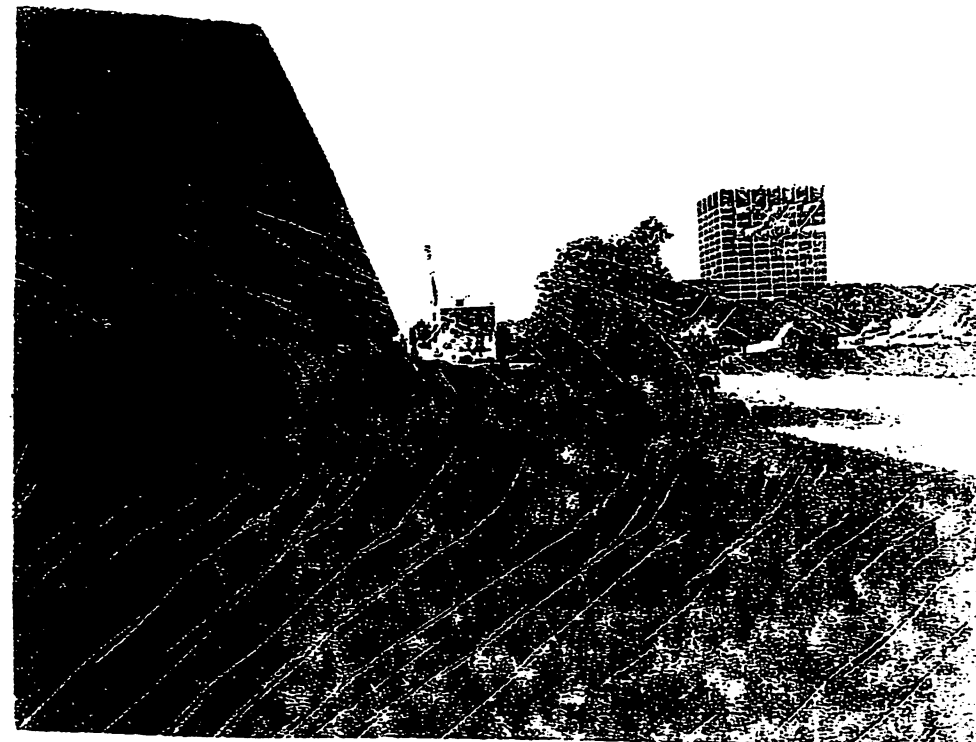
government rule since 1994 well understood Emiliano Zapata when he advised: "*Do not approach the government with hat in hand but with rifle in fist!*"

The liberation of a community from government force requires an assisting organization of anti-government rebels with arms. All governments are viscerally opportunists and can't cease from descending into democratically-deprived community any more than a vulture can a victim of starvation deliriously staggering along the path of destruction.

The purpose for arming ourselves along these revolutionary lines include:

- to prevent forced evictions & to protect neighborhoods engaging in urban squatting & Rent Strikes.
- to protect our communities from unwanted aggressors (esp. law enforcement); in short, to defend ourselves in every sector of the Resistance by use of arms when such reinforcements are needed.

The Movement will also find it exponentially substantial to manufacture our own artillery. The information on how to do this can easily be found in various books. We share a responsibility against the Forces of social domination, and as revolutionary anarchists we must strive to make our practice our theory and our theory our practice.





FROM GANG WAR TO CLASS WAR:

The Acquisition of and Redirecting of Community Firepower

"Those who make peaceful revolution impossible makes a violent revolution inevitable." John F. Kennedy

It would be illogical to conceive that a future free of being justifiably gunned-down & exploited will be reached without such an element of self-defense (i.e., armed rebellion) under an exploitive order whose history is founded & maintained by the use of violent force and the (obvious) deadly threat of its power.

Many gang bangers already possess the germ of a revolutionary, unawares. So many of us who grew up in this atmosphere know poverty on a personal level. A lot of us come from marginalized upbringing; bearing the emotional scars of a broken home. Many of us were even physically, sexually and mentally abused.

Thrown in juvenile detention & devoid of adequate family attention, we desperately sought to relieve ourselves from alienation by forming fraternal bonds.

The hugs we didn't find in the household, we found in gang-affiliated handshakes out in the 'hood and ju-v. We grew up knowing poverty, warfare and the necessity for organization, first-hand.

Class war is the social conflict resulting from inequalities in a society based on hierarchy and privilege (e.g., a society where there are "haves" while there are "have-nots," "privileged" and "underprivileged").

It's the Struggle deep in the ancestral roots of our anti-colonial culture which dares to resist for dignity & Self-Determination of the People all over the governed world.

The genocide which has been killing us off, in actuality, bear witness to the degree of arsenal we have at our immediate (and potential) disposal should our firearms become collectively redirected in a united struggle for social liberation.

The Zapatistas in southern Mexico who've freed themselves from

Reflect on your Revolutionary Mission in life.
Encourage those who've fallen prey to such a predatory system - such as that of the government - to understand their importance and relevance in the Struggle that we're at war in. 5

Black Man, Woman, and Child: You're Not Inferior

Black man, womyn and child: you are not inferior; and our people never were inferior.

Throughout history, we've been a well of remarkable depth which has and continues to quench the thirst of knowledge-seekers from history's most eminent schools of Thought.

Ancient Greek philosophers of high repute, such as Plato and Pythagoras of Crotona, studied the Mysteries of life, high mathematics & advanced astronomy in our schools in ancient Egypt (Kemet). Plato, who was initiated in the pyramid at Giza at the age of 49, opened his famous philosophical school known as the Academy. Tradition has it that he was sold as a slave by the king of Sicily and was greatly persecuted for revealing such mysterious secrets of life to those who would hear it.

Pythagoras, who taught that *"it is the part of a miserable man to speak and to act without reflection;"* received much of his philosophical light from the Egyptian temple of Isis (and this after several rebuffs and refusals). He later required of his disciples that they live in complete (verbal) silence and abstinence for five years upon admission into his school. Such was the intensity level of these remarkable teachings.

Moreover, the Greek Hippocrates - the so-called *"Father of Medicine"* & whom the *"Hippocratic Oath"* of those joining the medical profession swear by - was 1900 years prior preceded by the great physician Imhotep. He was the first-recorded multi-genius - an Afrikan who studied medicine in ancient Kemet (Egypt) around 2630 B.C.E.

The Greek historian, Heroditus, wrote of how the parents of Hercules were Egyptian; and those who study history today can discover that even princess Europa - of whom Europe was named after - was of Afrikan ancestry, as well.

This is the type of knowledge that our ancestors in time of chattel slavery could've greatly benefited from had it not been a crime for our people to learn how to read and write or speak in their native tongues.

No wonder in 1832, Henry Berry spoke on the floor of the Virginia House of Representatives:

"We have as far as possible, closed every avenue by which light may enter the slaves' mind....[I]f we could extinguish the capacity to see the light, our work would be complete, they would then be on the level with the beast of the field and we should be safe."

Later on in history, as Malcolm taught, "was the fabulous, fabled city of Timbuktu. Timbuktu was a center of learning where they (Black people) had colleges and universities; and this Timbuktu existed as a hidden city, or a forbidden city, to the white man for many centuries. He was not permitted to go there, none of them had been there – it was for us." (see "Malcolm X On Afro-American History," published through So. Chicago ABC Zine Distro.)

Not only were the Black Moors of Morocco & the universities they erected in Portugal & Spain considered the only light during the Dark Ages of Europe for hundreds of years, "In ancient times and even later there were Caucasians who regarded the Blacks as superior people.... There were...always Caucasians who were affectionately drawn to the Blacks as by some magic." (Chancellor Williams, "The Destruction of Black Civilization")

There are volumes of Afrikan and Afro-Amerikan encyclopedias highlighting our achievements. Generally speaking, the idea of racial superiority was an instrument of white European opportunists promoting lies, the spreading of ignorance and the de-humanizing lack of belief in Equality.

Far freer than the Afrika of today, we collectively excelled in stateless and chiefless societies. Through miseducation, those in power have struggled to disarm our minds by conveying notions of white superiority and Black inferiority. Century after century, however, our people have demonstrated – in one way or another – the equal capacity of intellectual depth and charismatic resilience no authority could ever repress.



This analysis, therefore, confirms that in the United States, the odds are in the favor of the People, who are more than able to outgun those enforcing the law with overwhelming resistance, once organized to secure the factories and the farms & defending the means of production and distribution.

You can't grow an ear of corn from the barrel of a shotgun, but you can use the shotgun to defend the soil that the ear of corn rises out of. And it's important to understand that the same factories that are used by its current owners to profit off us in poverty with, can be taken over to provide for the very working-class of us have-nots who operates its entire production.

Alexander Crummel (1819-1898), founder of the American Negro Academy, wrote how

"The ordinary, and sometimes the extraordinary American is unable to see that the struggle of a degraded people for elevation is, in its very nature, a warfare, and that its main weapon is the cultivated and scientific mind."

He further understood that

"The Negro mind, imprisoned for nigh three hundred years, needs breadth and freedom, largeness, altitude, and elasticity; not stint rigidity, nor contractedness."

The Anarchist Dialectic of The Master Class & the Slave Class

Some say that a "master class" doesn't exist. This tends to be promoted (ironically) by those in positions of authority and political power. This generally includes governing bodies who believe or teach that involuntary servitude died with the end of chattel slavery, in America, at least.

Others proclaim that a "Master Class" does exist. This is attested by those who acknowledge themselves as slaves, in one way or another. These are prisoners (*Constitutional slaves under the 13th Amendment*), wage slaves in the workforce and those who suffer from inequality in social relationships in day to day life.

From this we may synthesize that a slave class exists for many, while a master-class exists among the elite and powerful few. For in a capitalist society, those who have more money and military organization have the power over the necessities of life over those who don't have it.

Both classes do not deny that "class differences" exist between the higher-ups & those who struggle to survive at the bottom. To settle this contradiction is to arrive at the understanding that this can be resolved by the Destruction of "classes" & the overthrow of authority that it implies.

Class-clashing is necessary in the fight for freedom as the organization of *slaves* involves the fight for Equality and empowerment for the masses; a people who slave for a master class that needs to keep the consciousness & manpower of the people under subjection.

An Anarchist Revolution is thus a logical necessity for intellectual, socio-economic and political liberation; in the relationship between those who govern and those who are governed. For where there's no slave there's no master; and where there's no master there can no longer be slave.

Poverty is Economic Oppression

As a truth-seeker in the ghetto, you may strangely find yourself asking "How am I oppressed?"

You're oppressed by poverty. Poverty is economic oppression. You struggle to financially provide for yourself (and your family if you have one). Every day's a struggle in a government system that could really care less if you end up homeless or not; if you die or survive.

A cut-throat, capitalist lifestyle creates chaos & disorder within you & in the 'hood where drug deals erupt in turf-wars and gangbanging. Gangbanging has its roots in authority. Authority can only thrive in the absence of Equality; and conversely, Equality can only be found where authority doesn't exist.

Now, in the absence of Equality is, definitively speaking, *injustice*. Injustice has a profound effect on all of our minds. In every 'hood, our people suffer from the oppression of social injustice bombarded by worries & fears – worries & fears we watch turn many crazy, strung-out, locked up or dead in the streets.

These are irrefutable facts our people struggle to come to grips with, and it takes *the application of knowledge* to fix yourself in these life-condemning and twisted conditions. Conditions which breed today a growing number of people like you who find yourself reflecting on the reality of writings like these.

We know that there's no *Equality* in the United States as well as anywhere else where governments are found to exist in this world. If there was *equality* there would be no such thing as "Haves and Have-nots."

If there was really Equality, there'd be no such thing as *Upper, Middle and Lower classes*.

economic oppressors not only necessary, but inevitable as well; and if the System that's taken advantage of us all of our lives gets the audacity to ask why we've chosen a social revolution against its government, we can, in right conscience, reply "You reap what you sow!"

THE FIREARMS

"Do not confound us with the pacifists. We believe in fighting...and we refuse to fight for the enemies and exploiters of humanity."

Alexander Berkman

While a non-violent revolution is ideal, in all practicality, the capitalist government and its armed and handcuff-carrying police won't surrender to us our fruits for our labor without a fight. And we shouldn't expect it to; it knows what it's doing. It's inconsolably heartbreaking that of the 38.1 million of us documented as living in statistical poverty throughout the U.S., an unnecessary 16% (11.9 million) are children. This is unnecessary: Over 40.8 % of agricultural land exists in this country; and our class operates over 30,000 factories, producing everything that we've been ordered to buy or face arrest, the billyclub or the bullet.

A recent report from the Graduate Institute of International Development Studies in Geneva reported that the U.S. ranks 1st in the highest gun ownership rate: 120.5 per 100 people. Yemen ranks 2nd in countries in high gun ownership rate at 52.8 per 100 people. Canada – where 1.35 million (mainly Indigenous) children live in poverty – ranks 5th in the world's highest gun ownership rate.

It should also be grasped that these numbers don't include firearms owned by law enforcement agencies or militaries, of whom we outnumber with staggering odds at a maximum ratio of 1000 to 6.

The capitalists in the agribusiness industry are huge donors to political parties, contributing over \$18 million from the sweat of farm laborers in the 2016 presidential cycle, and more than \$92 million, in 2018! Since 1990, the majority of such millions were given to the Republican and Democratic parties.

Huge contributions from these predatory businesspeople were also donated to Liberal, Conservative, as well as Nonpartisan Groups. Each year, hundreds of thousands of dollars – fleeced from the farmers' output – are generously placed into the bank accounts of political members of the Senate and House of Representatives that influence the politics that we find ourselves itching for relief from today.

Moreover, as a 2017 study published through AG Daily analyzed: "Between 2004 and 2014, ...databases show foreign investors doubled their American farmland holdings, growing from 13.7 million to 27.3 million acres which is approximately the size of Tennessee. And while this represents only about 2 percent of total U.S. farmland, the value of the land in question leapt from \$17.4 billion to \$42.7 billion during the same period, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture."

The capitalists – those who take advantage of others for their personal gain – are an offensive presence in general; especially to those of us who know what it's like to be ripped-off and taken advantage of for all of our lives. The cliché that "Business is never personal" is ironically spoken from the lips of the very ones who make it their personal business to exploit you. A philosophy of the parasite, meant to disarm you from resisting your and your People's economic oppressors.

Across the country, the vast majority of economically oppressed people (such as us) make a social revolution against our

As Anarchist revolutionary Anthony Rayson once paraphrased, poverty is one of the major causes of "crime" which needs to be eliminated. An Anarchist Revolution is necessary to rid ourselves from economic oppression & every oppressive element impoverishing you, me and the lives of our people!

To You Who Struggle With Self-Acceptance

While you may or may not care whether or not you become accepted by others, it's intimately important that you understand the necessity of accepting yourself. Despite all the mistakes you've made, regardless of all the mistakes you've so regrettably caused – you, like every other human being – possesses the ability to mature, evolve and learn from your past.

When you don't accept yourself as a human being, you become reduced to a level of a defeated person, to an abyss of the most disabling & groundless beliefs. Negative affirmations such as "I'm worthless;" "I don't deserve to live," and such, puts you in an inferior position instead of one of Equality with the rest of the human race.

Those with authority over us don't want us to transcend because they know of our potential – in many times, even more than we understand our potential, ourselves. It's inconveniently ironic that we've wrested the whip from our slave masters only to use it in lashing ourselves and each other!

This is known as internalized oppression.

The Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania describes "Internalized Oppression" thus:

"As the result of historic trauma, traumatized people may begin to internalize the views of the oppressor and perpetuate a cycle of self-hatred that manifests in negative behaviors. Emotions such as anger, hatred, and aggression are self-inflicted, as well as inflicted on members of one's own group. For example, self-hatred among Blacks/African Americans who act out their aggression on people who look like them." (Johnson, n.d.)

In *Survival Strategies for Africans in America*, Anthony T. Browder acknowledged how "Africans in America and on the continent (of Africa) have been conditioned by their former enslavers and colonizers to wage war against each other and struggle nonviolently against their common oppressor."

When we reflect on our lives, we can clearly see that now's the time for radical changes to be made – not only socially, but within ourselves, as well.

We must accept ourselves as beings of change, like a caterpillar developing into a butterfly after it emerges from its cocoon.

The time for *rising* above has arrived.

Every obstacle in our path must be overcome as we must arrive at a state of reconciliation *within ourselves*.

Positive affirmations such as "*I'm a revolutionary with a purpose*," and "*I can help turn this world into a better place*," are key in re-directing our force of resistance in the transformation from self-denial to self-acceptance.

It's unfortunate that so many of us in the world are our own worst enemy when we need to become one's own best friend.

Learn to be your closest, your best friend to yourself.

Shadow can't hide from substance.

With philosophical light, acquaint yourself with the knowledge that you acquire to walk with.

On becoming Dead To Your former Self

"Before we can ever become whole or healed, we must be clear about exactly who we believe we are and what we believe we are here for." (Jacquelyn Small)

There comes a time in our lives when we must begin to question our Purpose for why we're here.

Growing up in a society where killing ourselves and our own has become an everyday reality in North America, it readily becomes apparent that a truly virtuous life is one in which we – as slaves in different forms – become dead to who we formerly were;

As a people out-casted from the world of the privileged, we must become one with the need to "X" ourselves out from who we formerly were; from all we've been confirmed into becoming. For us to advance, it's important we rise above the level of gangbanging, organized religion, and in general, the zombie-like following of every enslaving ideal.

With this being said, it becomes unavoidably clear that something inside the revolutionary has died.

The lust for personal riches, for power over others (instead of power with others), etc. becomes overstood as socio-cidal and no longer a compelling force in the experience of day to day life.

(Intercontinental Connections)

The U.S. government - through its *Free Trade Agreements (FTA)* – is currently partners with 20 countries; countries that purchased nearly 49% percent of goods manufactured in its factories.

These 20 countries includes Canada, geographically above and Mexico located below.

While these (20) countries only make up six percent of the world's population, banding together with workers in these countries *alone* will work exponentially more in our favor. Collectively understanding the need for overthrowing our capitalist governments will be the pivotal move in providing the material security needed for us – the less-fortunate class – to receive the fruits of our labor in these (20 countries) and beyond.

THE FIELDS

"I must intervene in teaching the peasants that their hunger is socially constructed and work with them to help identify those responsible for this social construction, which is, in my view, a crime against humanity."

– Paulo Freire

The amerikan government doesn't have the best interest of the people it governs at heart.

For example, according to the 2020 report from the Center for Responsive Politics in Washington DC, lobbying (the act of using persuasion to attempt to create a climate of opinion favorable to a desired legislative goal), reveals its use as a lucrative tactic by agribusiness people in persuading U.S. legislators in 2019, and it's been a very compromising issue for years.

THE FACTORIES

As of 2018, there are approximately 29,285 functioning factories throughout the country.

These are operated by 12.8 million people. This doesn't include the additional 760,000 workers employed by temporary employment agencies, nor the unseen thousands of Prisoners manufacturing products in prison factories throughout the U.S. We constitute an entire army of production – one which can be victorious against poverty and capitalist greed when we unify to no longer *demand*, but to *deliberately act* to actively fulfill our neglected needs!

We far outnumber the 249,962 factory-owning firms that has our class struggling day after day as wage-slaves, on a ratio of 51 – 1. In other words, for every one factory owner profiting luxuriously from everything that the workers produce, there are *Fifty-One* workers who can deny legitimacy to their authority and secure the factories for the workers and the dis-possessed communities the workers are from!

This is why joining workers' unions, like the IWW, is paramount in building the Peoples' Power, as it swells the ranks of organized resistance against our common exploiter – the capitalist class. Unifying to receive the fruits of our labor, as the *deserving* class that does all the work, will reflect the desire of a people sick of being daily consumed by the parasitic class who feast luxuriously off our bodies and minds.

Such a federation of Unions (which are frankly, organizations of workers who want something better anyway) will reserve an arsenal of potential in the palms of our very hands. We possess, within, the ability to paralyze the power of those who economically muscle over us with full-blown

General (Work) Strikes. We harness potential in providing free food, clothing, housing, transportation, cellphones and all other means of communication freely to our communities, which will be soon acknowledged as "a given" - the way that things should've been, from the very start.

Something inside drives the revolutionary to be willing to not only die for, but to also kill in defense of the oppressed & exploited communities around the world. The systemically oppressed *everywhere* can relate to the characteristics of such an inward death, and the revolutionary overstands death as an inevitable part of life.

Something inside the revolutionary has also become *alive* - alive like Osiris when Isis resurrected him by infusing into him life with the wings of her love and her wisdom. For *love* and *wisdom* infuses new life into the revolutionary who overstands that we must rise from the tomb of *ignorance* and come forth by day unto the light of intellectual liberation.

Something inside the revolutionary *awakens* like the "holy instinct of revolt" taught by Mikhail Bakunin. Compassion for the neglected masses (and one's self) characterizes the nature of the revolutionaries this crumbling world has been longing to see and embrace. Becoming dead to our former selves means that we've accepted within us the call to not only be willing to die for but to also *live* for the people!

The Personal is Political and the Political is Personal

As revolutionaries *dead* to the life we formerly lived (which was a life of intellectual ignorance & social contradictions), and when we look deeper within ourselves and around us, it also becomes clear as day that the personal is political and the political is personal.

According to "*The State of Black America: 2018 Conference of the National Urban League*," Black unemployment is twice as high as white unemployment. Economic disempowerment is a centuries-old reality we've been challenged with, here in Amerika, affecting the masses of us in a personal way. Women, moreover – working the same jobs & positions as men – are still annually paid *less* than men when it comes to making a living in this country.

Concerning the infiltration of drugs into our neighborhoods, Anthony Browder noted the way that

"the CIA played a major role in the introduction of powder and crack cocaine in the African American community in an effort to finance anti-Communist forces in Nicaragua during the 1970's and 1980's."

the politics of the ghetto across america - such as poverty, mass imprisonment, genocidal gang banging, drug dealing, & using becomes revealed as *slavery* to a government system hell-bent on keeping us divided and disempowered.

We're no strangers to being racially profiled by city police, humiliated through strip-searches in prisons where the majority of us spend over one-third of our lives; a virtual *police state* where so many of us serve up to decades in solitary confinement succumbing to madness. That is, madness or *militancy*. And in an age where so many of us succumb to the forces of madness, a *militant mind* becomes one most necessary to develop.

A revolutionary mentality is a necessary force to develop among the down-trodden of the earth who've been wrestled to the ground in the grips of government violence. It's time we *pick each other up* and understand that the opposite of a downfall is an up-rise, regardless of where we wake up and find ourselves in the world. It means that it's time that we strategically revolt against being so savagely thrown down & collectively rise to reclaim our *humynity*, dignity and *self-respect*. We must resist from any longer being *compliant targets* in the crosshairs of government violence and organize violence against it in myriad ways.

Being Black, poor & radical, it's our obligation to turn the light of Resistance *on* in the minds of those who live in dire straights, stumbling, and reaching in darkness.

The more we realize we have the tools within us to use mentally, the closer we come to utilizing them strategically against those who oppress us!

Dual Power!

"Those who have maximum influence over those physical resources [i. e.: food, clothing, and shelter], are considered to be very powerful. Those who have limited influence are considered weak or certainly, lacking in power."

-Na'im Akbar, (*"Know Thyself"*)

DUAL POWER has been defined as the *"creation of alternative, liberatory power to exist alongside & eventually overcome state/capitalist power."* (James Mumm). We need more than mere coping strategies; of wasting our lives struggling from paycheck to paycheck, from one hustle to the next.

We need Dual Power right now: the setting up counter-culture environments that meet the people's needs, while (in)directly confronting the establishment from the ground up

The more the righteous seeds of becoming free from social & economic oppression be planted richly in the minds of the poor and oppressed who are governed, the greater the potential becomes to overthrowing the government with overwhelming resistance; especially when the rational alternative of governing ourselves (exercising autonomy) is given the necessary attention it deserves deep in the roots of our ethical nature.

"The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people, and the few, who make up the employing class have all the good things in life."

(From the Preamble to The IWW)



The Factories, The Fields, and the Firearms to Defend Them

"The working class is able, once it so desires, to take control of industry and thus establish a much more efficient and satisfactory society."

(From the pamphlet: "One Big Union," by The Industrial Workers of the World)

You, me and our entire class of society's underprivileged who produces everything with very little or nothing at all to show for it have – once effectively organized – the potential within us to free ourselves from the stresses that come with the struggle for survival of material needs.

While the study below is based on research conducted in 2020, the final analysis will be found to resonate up to the hour the bell of the social revolution is sounded. It's of the deepest importance for the masses – the have-nots who've been no strangers to struggling since we were born – to firmly grasp the magnificence of our Worth, and our potential and power. **Our Potential for freeing ourselves from being taken advantage of by the government system is overwhelmingly greater than that of the government system taking advantage of us all!**

This has been a very fortunate truth for the less-fortunate of the world ever since societies have allowed governments to exist, and our social contract with the State has proven to be nothing less than a taxing, hostile machine worth defying and reducing to irreparable ashes.

In Active Revolution, Mumm overstood that "Dual Power theorizes a distinct and oppositional relationship between the forces of state/capitalism and the revolutionary forces of oppressed people. The two can never be peacefully reconciled." This implies the need to further the advancement of alternative institutions of learning (such as Liberation Schools in the streets as well as the prisons as we see beginning to resurface today).

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It implies that we must be one auto-didactic (self-taught) + not only in the liberating literature that we study, but also as sincere students in the adventure of life! For while it's necessary to firmly grasp the meaning of life with our minds, (to paraphrase Paracelsus) – to study Nature, we must travel her books with our feet. Moreover, we need to have each other's backs while working in tandem together.

As Mumm pointed out, "Counter power and counter-institutional organizations must be in relationship to each other. The value of reconnecting counter-institutional organizations with explicitly oppositional counter-institutional organizations is a safeguard against the formers' tendency to become less radical over time." (James Mumm)

For DUAL POWER to begin transforming our communities & our lives, our essential needs must include,

(On a personal level):

- the overstanding that despite how poor we are and regardless of how many of us the system murders, imprisons and oppressed – we must deeply root Within ourselves a firm overstanding that we are not inferior (nor "superior," for that matter to anyone else),
- the overstanding that we have the ability of making a radical difference in the world we live in,
- that we develop self-confidence instead of wallowing in the more of self-doubt.

On the grassroots/social level, these needs include):

- "strategic non-compliance"/ using a diversity of tactics to reach specific goals.

This should include that community organizers:

- Create a "phone tree" of contacts who know how to turn on electricity and water when landlord's/banksters turn them off, for when we squat buildings in the city and rent-strike, with the supreme goal of the PEOPLE (of which we're a

hand with the training and active use of armed defense of our communities.

It's *our* class that's been defending the interests of the ruling class by serving in their military abroad, while the police oppress and continue to gun us down right here in the crooked streets of amerika. The only reasonable alternative for us to arrive at, as an oppressed and exploited people, is to stop working for the system and collectively begin broadly working against it. Setting our differences aside (at least long enough to collectively *strike*) will surely propel us forward. This change in consciousness will mentally reflect in the change in concrete conditions as well, and *elevate us*.

The slave-born T. Thomas Fortune wrote that "Men organize themselves for mutual protection." It's evident that today, to protect our neighborhoods from fascist police, slumlords and other predators of the people, we must work towards overthrowing and collectively overtaking them – which we can do relatively *intact* (as advised by Sun Tzu in *The Art of War*).

"*The evil,*" Mr. Fortune reminded us, "*is far deeper than the throne, and cannot be remedied by striking the occupant of it – the throne itself must be rooted out and demolished.*" It's the very *idea* of Government that must firstly be fundamentally & thoroughly overthrown. "*It is this System which constitutes the real grievance and makes the landlord an odious loafer with abundant cash and the laborer a constant toiler always upon the verge of starvation. Evidently, therefore,*" Mr. Fortune logically reasoned, "*to remove the landlord and leave the system of land Monopoly would not remove the evil. Destroy the latter [land monopoly] and the former [the landlord] would be compelled to go.*"

Locally, it's time we get out of the habit of surrendering our potential to government institutions & get into the habit of thinking along the lines of *People's Power* for ourselves and our children.

It's a *world-wide* imperative that we organize with the working-class in other countries to effectively strike against imperialism and aggressive corporate globalization!

People everywhere are beginning to stir and now's the Time to make the necessary coalitions at home & abroad with those who are solidarity-minded. Our commitment will be answered in proportion to the destiny that we question, and the question of our destiny will be answered in proportion to our commitment.

These are but few ways in which the government apparatus fights to repress and "de-generate" us. It sticks us in a rut and molds us mentally from birth in the hands of social conformity. Those in power who govern and exploit us harbor an inherent *fear* that the masses will arm ourselves with revolutionary ideology and "*change our minds.*"

Revolutionary Consciousness

Instead of letting your mind have control over you; resolve within yourself to have control over your mind. All things revolutionary begin with a conscious awareness of our situation. And as Jacquelyn Small wrote once: "*We must have an image of something in our minds before it can be created. This psychological law explains sayings like 'thought is creative' and 'energy follows thought.'*"

Alchemy, as a personal, revolutionary science has the power of manifesting the potential the people socially can possess – from the cell to the society that the cell represents. In a social context, the alchemical process can be referred to as "*building the new society in the shell of the old.*"

In a world where the majority of us are driven to feeling worth-less, our foundation as a force of change must include overstanding our Purpose in life. Na'im Akbar shared this overstanding when he penned that "*Every person learns within the context of their education that they were born to executé some type of mission towards the advancement of humankind and each person must seek to identify what their mission might be.*"

"Extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice. Moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue." – Malcolm X

Being that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, extreme measures need to be undertaken to bring balance (*Maat*, as the Ancient Egyptians called it) into our lives and the lives of our people. To transform ourselves as individuals, and to effectively revolutionize our social conditions we need to be motivated with the overstanding that *revolution* implies radical change. A *revolutionary spirituality* implies the need for us to spiritualize the material aspects of our lives and to materialize the spiritual elements within us as we advance.

Alchemy as a Revolutionary Science

The Revolutionary mind is goal-oriented and involves personal refinement and transformation. Being psychologically enslaved and ignorant of the powers that we possess as rational beings, we've been coerced into accepting impoverishment & degeneration of our minds, bodies and spirits for the greater part of our lives.

The revolutionary recognizes that *regeneration* begins in the mind, and hones this craft for the "goldening" of self & others. This can (at first) be a painful process as it involves healing from painful memories and purification from the social ills the majority of us have been programmed into accepting.

"Try not to blame yourself if you've made emotional mistakes. For our transformation to occur, the fires of crisis must burn hot – that is why crises are life-altering experiences and pain is our greatest teacher." (Jacquelyn Small)

As touched on earlier, throughout life we've accepted ideas that've enslaved us in one way or another. With all our mistakes & imperfections, however, we have within us the elements necessary to nurture the seeds of *free-thinking* and overstanding of Purpose. As revolutionaries, we have these seeds within us all; and as Hall wrote, "*Alchemy is not the process of making something from nothing; it is the process of increasing and improving that which already exists.*" (The Secret Teachings of All Ages)

In the 21st century, the refinement (*and multiplying*) of the revolutionary Mind in the prisons & streets pose a living threat in the invaluable fervor mounting to overthrow the crown of government power. A power which knows it will inevitably be toppled, paradoxically, by the very social forces it has struggled so hard to create! (e.g., Counter Intelligence officials resort to physical, psychological & chemical warfare (drugs, as the Ervins teach) to destroy opposition and perpetuate exploitation. (Organizers in penitentiaries are separated from the general prison population out of fear of the potential which can foment due to an ever-evolving Mental up-rising.)

The next time you find yourself depressed at a job you can't stand or find yourself one paycheck away from being homeless, think about the words of this writing. The growing thrust towards socio-economic revolution includes YOU! You're not alone in your situation, ¹⁵ we've grown insane in *civilization*, where the conformity into being law-abiding citizens only leads to the exploitation and inferiorization of the masses. The *hunger, thirst, and isolation* of those of us who thrive on society's margins no longer find morale in being imprisoned by the oppressive government powers. We can only find ourselves becoming truly *cultured* and *sane* in being un-civilized and we discover our humynity ethically in becoming "immoral." ["Immoral" is an adjective and is defined as: *not conforming to accepted forms of morality.*] Against the Establishment which is based on bloodshed, isolation and greed, we find ourselves no longer being *lost*.

On Alchemy and the Revolutionary Mind

Alchemy has been described as the science of transmutating base metals into material gold.

In 1689, King Henry IV "*declared the multiplying of metals to be a crime against the crown.*" The Act was later repealed by William and Mary who together *ascended the throne in England,*" encouraging alchemists to continue honing the craft (for personal gain for the Kingdom, no doubt.)

The roots of *alchemy*, however, reach further back into antiquity and imply the need for a deeper understanding. It was considered "*the master science of the Egyptians.*" Chem (short for (Chemet, or, "Kemet") was an ancient name for the land of Egypt; and both words "*alchemy*" and "*chemistry*" are a perfect reminder of the priority of Egypt's scientific knowledge." (Manly P. Hall, "*The Secret Teachings of All Ages*").

Despite the fact that many considered it, superficially, as a science of changing base metals, they fail to realize that alchemy (on a deeper level) involves *the transmutating of one's mental state into spiritual gold.* Thus, true and personal alchemy is a Revolutionary Science; for it's a science of revolutionaries, in the deepest sense of the word.

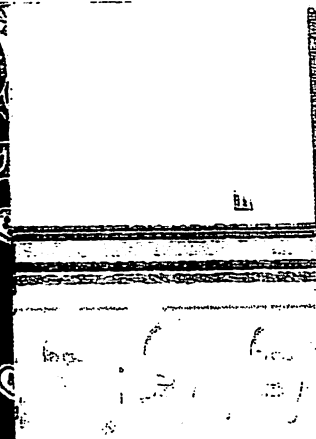
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