Children of the incarcerated are made to feel that they were conceived by a bad parent, therefore they must also be bad people. As long as we as a society, judge others without mercy or compassion, and as long as society insists on punishing ex-cons for life, after they have served the time for their crime – nothing will change.

With 3 million people in our prison system, and as many on probation or parole, our leaders are facing a worse disaster than the current "economic crash."

The children of "Felons" will out-number the children of Vets. None of them will want to fight wars for a government who has neglected their emotional needs, by judging and inflicting hopelessness in their parents who are released from prison. Parents who love their children no less than veterans.

What our leaders sow now, they will reap for the nation down the road of time. Citizens who fail to DEMAND JUSTICE for "ALL" children, are willing participants of an evil, self-serving government, void of wisdom or compassion.

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The Poetry Wisdom & Compassion Of Simonne Liberty

Righteousness is not a Pay-Off

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"Righteousness" is of God, where
"Justice is Truth."
Justice in the eyes of officials
In our suicidal system
Is based on Victory for lawyers
Who play the game best
Righteousness and truth is a
Roll of the dice in our courts
Attorneys play craps with the lives
Of those they represent
As many innocent are convicted
As there are guilty who go free
Justice is not righteousness when
Truth is gambled by greedy lawyers
Who only seek to win a case for
Their own gain
Lies on police reports are called
"facts"
And *any* arrested person is guilty
In the eyes of the law
Unless the accused can pay the
High priced pay off

on the burdens of being seen as children of criminals. They often become infested with a bitterness, and hatred of a society that is self-righteous in their own eyes. Often people are convicted as lost cause, when all they needed was treatment for a drug addiction or help with basic human needs, to prevent them from committing desperate acts – that were done to survive.

Our society is addicted to locking up people instead of helping them with their problems. Children of the incarcerated face far worse emotional pain than the children of veterans. They are not told their parents are "heroes" and should be proud of them. They feel shame and guilt. They deal with depression, denial, and mental illness, due to inner conflicts that torment them.

Our prison system neglects to consider the emotional needs of *innocent* children with parents in prison. Our prison sentences are "outrageously long." Then society rejects ex-cons who seek employment. Even after "doing their time for their crime," they are still labeled a "Felon" *FOR LIFE!* Employers refuse to hire "felons."

Children of Vets are told that their parents deserve help to get back on their feet. Children of the incarcerated never forget how society sees their parents as "Felons" *for life*, and society is cold towards helping ex-cons get back on their feet, thus making recidivism a strong possibility.

THEN THERE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE INCARCERATED! These children also suffer the pain of separation from a parent who is taken 10 away from them. These children are *not* told that their parents are "heroes." They must hear about how their parents are "criminals," and don't deserve freedom.

These children are no different than children of military personnel. However society does not treat them with the same compassion or understanding as they do military children.

Children of the incarcerated are made to feel that a parent who is in prison, is a "Bad" parent. This negative view by society impresses on the children that they are seen as being bad.

Most parents who are in prison love their children no less than a person in the military. That love is the same both ways. However, the social stigma that comes from our society towards the incarcerated, has a negative impact on the children carrying this weight of being judged for the sins of the parent.

Many children suffer emotional and mental illness from the shame and hopelessness they face every day. Many of these children give up all contact with parents doing hard time. A lot of times it is the only way they can cope.

A lot of these children end up turning to crime themselves, to get even with a society that refused to acknowledge their individual values. They take

Forgiveness

Forgiveness comes from
The heart
Sometimes the pain one carries
Is a wall preventing one
From forgiving
It grows into a mountain of hate
And festers into the
Lust fro Revenge
The one who must forgive has
A heavy load weighing
Them down
Forgiveness is the knife to cut
The burden down and feel
The freedom of relief
Without forgiveness a situation that
Erupted from evil continues
To cause pain
The wounds do not heal
Memories are scarred and never forgotten
The act of forgiveness gives the forgiver
Peace of mind – letting go of the anger
Calm replaces the stress of holding
Onto hate
Forgiveness is a gift the forgiver
Gives to himself.

Katrina Facts

They opened the levies to save the
Better areas of New Orleans
They abandoned the poor like
Parasites
Charity hospitals were put on hold
Until the better class were
Cared for
Billions of donated dollars disappeared
In thin air
And the poor who survived scattered
Across the country as
Refugees
FEMA pretended to care as they
Separated the needs of
The poor and the rich
The poor waited at the end of the
Line – knowing that
Nothing would be left
When they go to their turn
Castro offered to accept the generous
Peace offering of humanity
Compassion tried to reach the
Victims through the
Heartless bureaucracy of
Government

Judging Societies' Children For the Choices of Parents

Children of parents who are serving in the military, are faced with the separation of parents they miss terribly. They are told how their parents are "heroes" for sacrificing their time and lives to protect the nation from harm.

These children suffer the pain of separation, and the pride they hold for what their parents are doing, is not much comfort. Many parents return with war-related problems. Post traumatic stress, and depression often overcomes a returning vet. They face overwhelming emotional struggles that need intense treatment.

Drug abuse and mental illness is inflicted on homecoming soldiers. Many can not cope, or overcome the memories of insanity, and end their own lives. Others come back home in body bags, or so severely wounded, that life no longer can be returned to normal.

The results of war can not make up for lost time with the children who are left behind. Children who are made to believe that their parents did it all for them, and everyone else.

The children of veterans are shown love and attention to help them feel *good* about the choices their parents made.

Prayers are said in vain, and the lucky ones die. Life continues, one miserable day after another filled with the hopelessness of oppression by those who rule.

There must be a God somewhere who could come to the rescue, but his reasons for allowing this global mass of troubles is only known to him. Yet, we still put our trust and hope in him, believing he will come and fulfill his promises.

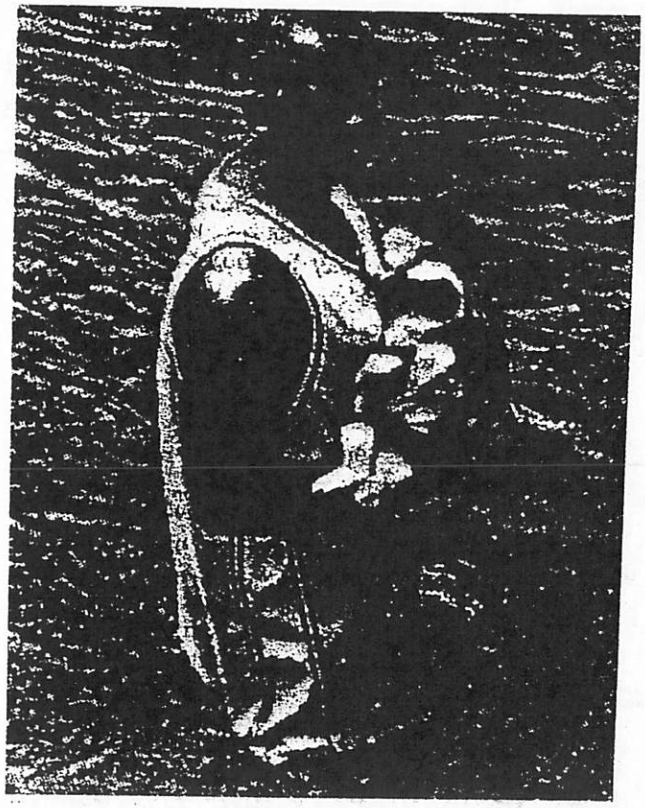
No man knows the time or the hour that he will come, and until then, Satan has his demons fast at work – creating every unimaginable pain and misery known to mankind.

Nobody knows the troubles that I've seen, can be sung by the oppressed the world over. We all have troubles that no one else has seen. We all must endure the best we can. We did not choose to face these troubles, and none of us who go through them deserve to suffer forever. Therefore,

"Bear ye one another's
burdens, and so fulfill
the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

Neil Bortch, called the poor
Victims, "lazy, tax sucking
Parasites who deserved
What they got"
His faithful listeners agreed
With him
So much for freedom of the poor
In a land where
Only the wealthy are respected
By those who control



Nobody Knows

"Nobody knows the troubles that I've seen." Any poor or oppressed person can sing that song. Any person falsely accused of a crime they did not commit. Any child who has been bullied or abused.

The troubles of the wealthy could never compare to those who are oppressed and unjustly treated. The torments and hardships of the oppressed are unbearable to endure. The mental anguish tearing away at hope like a shark tearing apart its prey. Time stands still with the pain, and words do not heal. Life is a burden not worth living, and death becomes a wish not answered.

Nobody knows the hell a person has endured, unless they have suffered in the same fires of hell. No one deserves to walk this path of pain on hot coals of evilness. They question – "Where is God?" Why is this horrible thing happening to me?

Nobody knows the troubles that I've been through, and worse even, is that no one even cares. Much less those who are responsible. The world is inflicted with poverty, and illness, so that few can enjoy wealth beyond necessary. The lust for greed and power by fortunate few creates poverty and misery for the masses. Troubles are everywhere with no end in sight. Evil has power to fuel the troubles and nobody knows the inner conflict of those who suffer by the deeds of the powers that be.

Soldiers are sent to battle to fight and die, seeing troubles no man should see. They are told it is for the "Freedom of their country," but the freedoms only belong to those who can afford to pay for them.

Soldiers see troubles that rob their souls of humanity, unable to endure the results of war, they kill themselves to escape the torment inflicted in their minds. Nobody has seen the troubles they have seen.

Innocent people rot in prison for crimes they never committed. Forgotten and labeled unworthy by those who judge. They sit day in and day out trying to see a spark of hope that the truth will emerge one day, and a miracle will set them free. Alone they see troubles no one can see. To God they cry, "Why has thou forsaken me?"

Poverty is the quicksand of misery. Those who dare to move when entrapped, sink faster and deeper, losing hope that someone will have mercy upon them and pull them out.

Mercy is the gift given to those who don't deserve it. The oppressed fully deserve more than mercy, but it needs to come to them from those who control the world. Therefore none is given, and evil rules – blessing only itself.