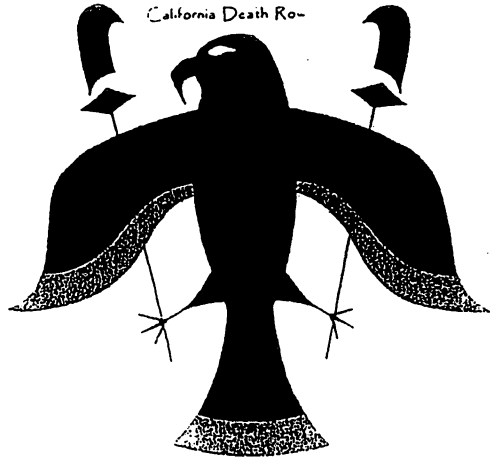


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Justice must be blind, because it doesn't see me.
Am I already dead or still alive? Awake me, I must be dreaming.
Redemption begins at cost, near the front door of restitution's plot,
If revenge is still against your laws, then execute me not.
Keeping me alive just to kill me, demented concept to play me with,
Sodium pentathol to free me, potassium chloride to slay me with.

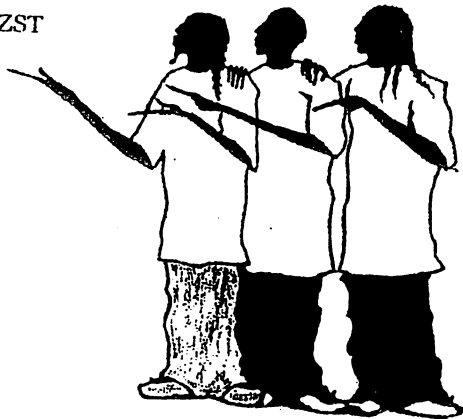
What true conspiracy, label me follower of Christ, my other cheek, bruised,
Thrice refused and falsely accused, by the guards, abused,
Forced to pro-per status, the efficacious design to lose.
Made guilty by way of kangarooed selection of my so-called peers,
Sentenced to death and to a witness of all those so-called tears.

Pancurium bromide, that spear in my side,
So what's next? Do I roll my stoned heart away?
How perfect is the Machiavellian style three days? Well, anyway.
So, still, I rise, go forth and spread this good news,
Abolish the death penalty now, before it's you they choose.

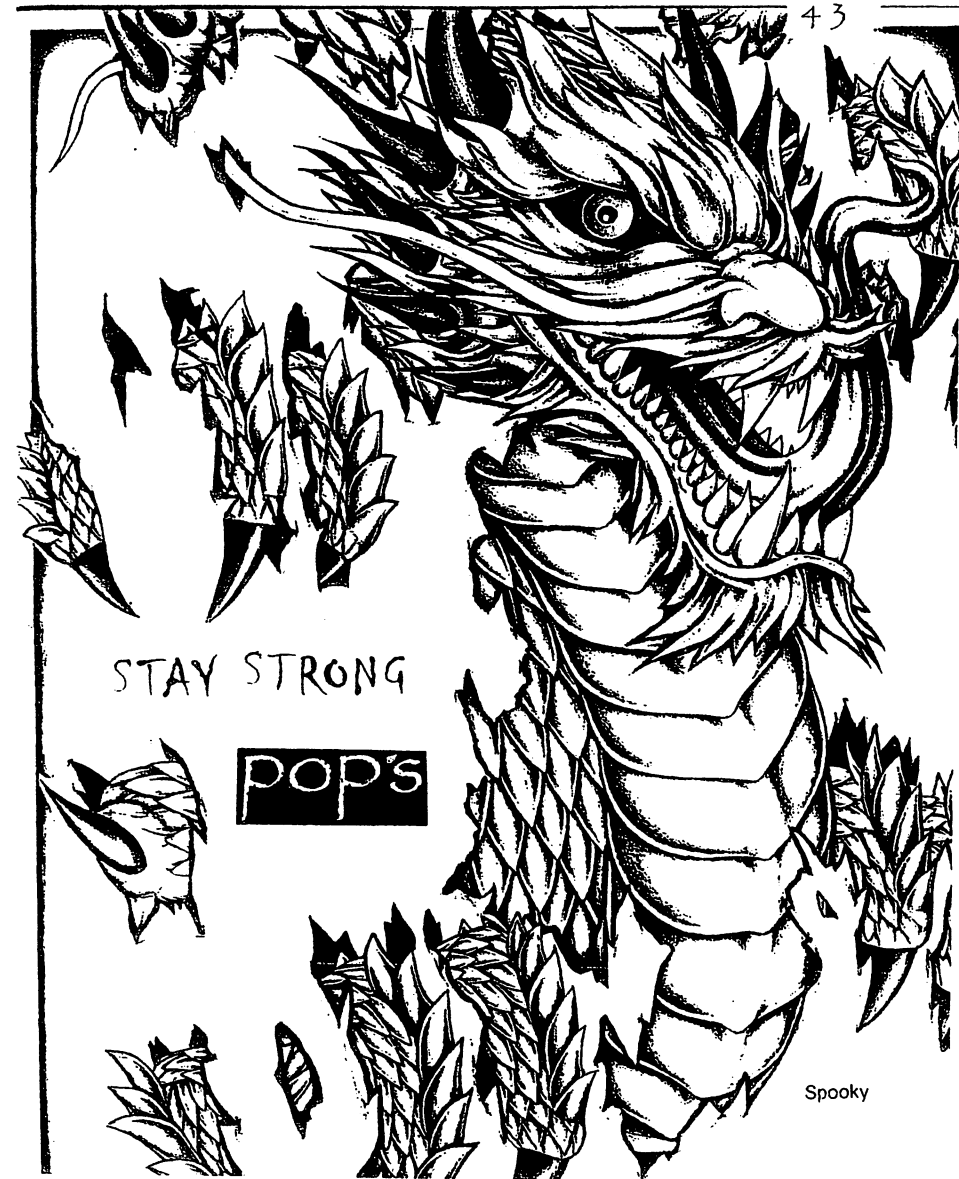
Special circumstances, specially created, especially for you,
The New Chosen Ones, the next generation of our Inner City Youth,
From the prison yards at Golgotha, to the streets of life,
Occupy that very connection, to create our own paradise.

Be in control of your own choices, steer away from Death Row,
And now that you know, what we all now know,
When we get to the future, you can't say that you don't.

by: XZYZST



New Generation Rising



SPK In some cultures, dragons symbolize fire, earth, water and all kinds of things, it's like fear makes dragon's monsters to some, but when one has no fear that same dragon can become a source of strength.

XZ People say that your artwork is better than you think it is.

SPK I'm just never satisfied if my work is not up to my standards.

XZ Are your standars set too high? Or is everybody that see's your dragon standards set too low? Let's put your Uncle's dragon with this.

SPK That's cool because it's my way of saying stay strong no matter what we go through, we always get attacked by something in life and we don't always got a bunch of people to help us in whatever we go through, so I think there is a little dragon of strength in each of us that can come out in those time's when we really need to dig deep in order to survive and my step father is someone that I want to survive in his struggle.

XZ Damn man, for a youngta, that sounded like wisdom, no, let me guess, you hated school?

SPK No, I liked school, I was just bored with thoseteachers, especially the math teacher, man she knew how much I hated math and she would pick me to come up to the board and...man I got to the point where I just nutted up and started tearing everything in the class up.

XZ Spook, she was what, putting you on blast? If she knew you didn't like math how come she didn't ask you to draw on the chalk board a pie or something that was related to the math problem?

SPK She didn't know I could draw and what are you talking about because they took all of the art classes and stuff out of our school. I mean music and everything, so she wasn't no art teacher, she was teaching me math.

XZ If somebody would've put you in art school, would you be on deathrow right now?

SPK I'm not going to say that but, you know what my uncle vito would show me some stuff when we visited him in Los Angeles so in retrospect, after all of the B.S. is set aside, no, what I needed was rehab man.

XZ Rehab at 19? I've never heard of teenage rehab.

SPK Just being honest with myself, if rehab works, I'd have to say, no I would not be on deathrow right now, I never been, so I don't know if it works, I think younsters need to say what they need, instead of people telling them what they need.

XZ And with that, I must say, take me with you when you come into your kingdom; in fact take all of the youth with you to a greater existance than how these streets and prison are now.

SPK Want to play some UNO?

XZ Hell yeah, my daughter taught me how to play in the visitors room, bring it.

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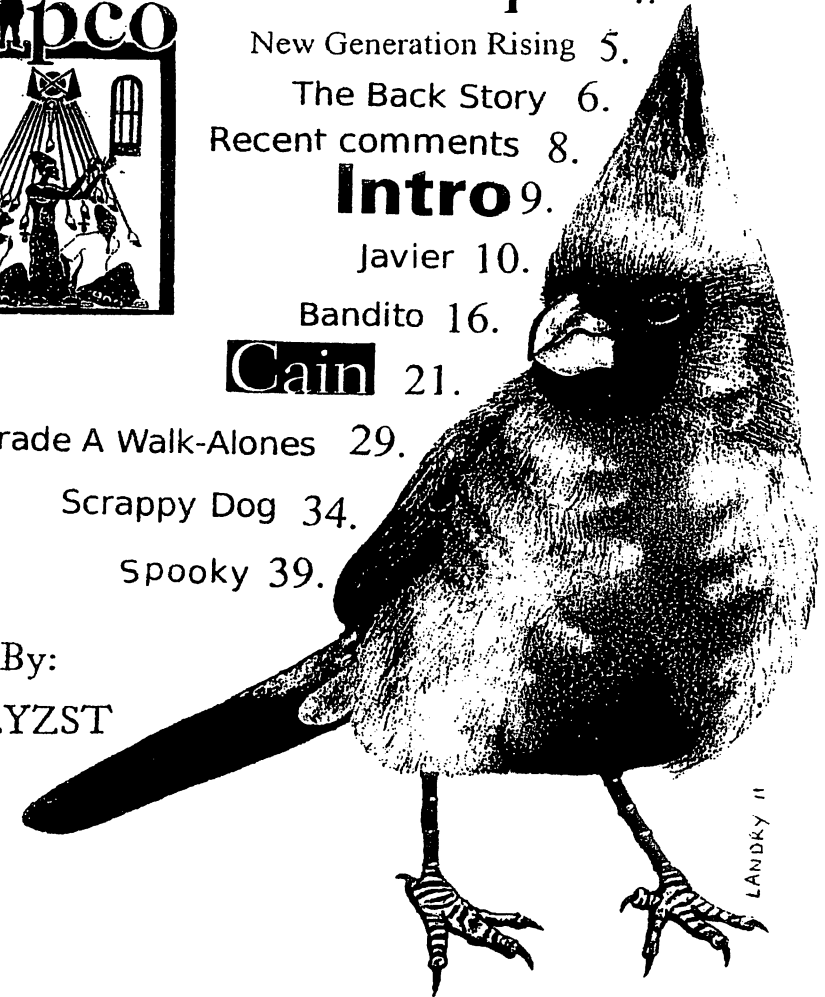
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The New Political Prisoner
By: Xyzst

For the first time in California state history, A New Generation of inner-city youth housed on Death Row at San Quentin State Prison are taking matters into their own hands with an inspiring movement geared to educate the public, specifically the "next generation" of their youth, portraying ruinous patterns of social and economic gain for corrupt law-enforcement and justice system officials alike, redefining the words, "Political Prisoner".

Despite little journalistic acclaim and even fewer resources, this crusade emerged from a vision had by a wise young man who chose to assemble a creative writing group comprised primarily of condemned youth, dubbed Papyrus Collective (PAPCO).

Understood for generations, the term "political prisoner" has been predominantly (and respectfully) tied to revolutionary and freedom fighters everywhere.

PAPCO has begun publishing their own mini magazine (ZINE) now known as, "Write or Die". Their underground guerrilla-like periodical is fast becoming an innovative outlet to exhibit poetry, columns, essays, artwork, photos, and unedited shoptalk between themselves from inside Death Row in a popular section called "@Golgotha", made available both online at www.betweenthebars.org and in print, directed to the streets of America's inner cities, giving rise to the fight for true freedom while preventing illegal captures of our next generation, literally.

With www.deathrowinmate.org (DRI) graciously hosting the workshop efforts, PAPCO thrives online as a platform for society to consume relevant and valuable information slated to impart "reality" upon today's youth, before they (like us) fall victim to the deathtrap which anxiously awaits them. PAPCO's many voices aim to unmask the face of the new political prisoner behind the nation's every detention facility and penitentiary, compounds that warehouse generation after generation of men and women serving unjustified sentences for "Street Level" offenses.

Death Row is no longer a place for the so-called serial killer, child molester, or media-born foreign bomber type. Read unending stories, solution-based ideas, and challenging calls for self-leadership amongst our youth --- forward motion without breaks. Join hands with PAPCO in our mission to keep the next

generation informed and out of prison, stand obliged to alert communities that inner-city youth are indeed, "at-risk". We challenge the public, specifically our local youth leaders, to make inquiries as to the many undisclosed benefits given to those who determine the fate of tomorrow's political prisoner --- our children.

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XZ Now thats exactly what we don't want them to see, ole boy will have them kidz ready to smash him on G.P. for just being super stupid.

SPK A lot of us had to learn the hard way, it don't matter how much hoop'n and hollar'n you do, I know it's one or two youth that will read this and start to think, but lets just be real, if thats what this is all about, the truth is, maybe one or two yeah, but most of them gotta learn the hard way and after reality hit them then they will remember that they should've listened to us on death row.

XZ One or two ain't enough for us you feel me, because like cousin Tucci told us that if we only help one, then we have failed the rest and we are already masters of failure. We've been messing up our whole lives, so we should be the very people in our society that ain't just going to celebrate just helping one kid.

SPK So we got to say to them what wasn't said to us because I guess nobody knew what the hell to say to us because I always had to learn things the hard way.

XZ Me too, and that's like a connection right there that they can feel because they need what's real and on a real live level, so what you got? You're young, get at your generation

SPK My Dad was murdered over a drug deal gone bad, it was heroin, or at least that's what they told me, I was too little back then, but the truth is, ain't no such thing as a good drug deal because somewhere down the line it's going to get all bad.

XZ Growing up without a pops is common in the inner cities, which is sad but having pop's murdered

SPK My sisters Dad was abusive to me and my Mom, so that also played a part in why most of our generation ain't quick to be all buddy buddy with foolz Moms bring around or any so-called male figure. I mean even though I was a little kid at the time I felt like I was the man of the house to protect my Mom and family.

XZ But Moms be thinking we just don't like older dudes, or we are being badass kids...

SPK That's not something a kid can explain, not at that age anyway.

XZ Mothers need to know this too man because we ain't mad at the world feel me. We just are naturally stepping into the protector mode, the good part about that was the other day when we all was talking about animals. you spoke on your step pops and how you and him kicked it with animals and even looked out for that crow.

SPK Yeah, we just started kick'n it after my Mom was done with my sisters father, but my step father is very sick right now.

XZ Oh, thats who you said you was drawing that dragon for?

SPK yeah, it's like for him to have strength from inside to make it..

XZ Why a dragon?

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XZ wasn't it like the firing squad in those days? Did he actually get executed?

SPK Yeah, he did, I still got my uncle vitos letter in the cell.

XZ What tha! Is that right? That may be a collectors item one day, I mean even if you are never executed, that letter is still valuable to your people, your ancestral...

SPK Legacy

XZ Let me ask you this, is death row anywhere near what you thought it was going to be like before you got here?

SPK Nope, I thought it was going to be alot worse to tell you the truth.

XZ what about how our generation is more multicultural and diverse and how the older dudes is stuck in whatever time zone it is...

SPK It's not suprising, it's sad tho, you would think the old folks would know better and learn from everything that has happened and how outer society, at least with the younger generations don't even be trippin off of racial stuff and things like that because nomatter how you look at it, from a religious view or a scientific stand point, we all end up coming from the same place anyway.

XZ They say you can't teach an old dog new tricks.

SPK This is not a trick tho, and that's what they don't get because everything is a game or some sort of trick to them so reality is not something they are used to, I don't know what to say about that man, I don't think I want to understand how people rationalize hate and racism. It's all stupid to me.

XZ I'm with you on that, we all are, Let's shift gears here. Let's just say for the new year the cops will start walking kidz that are already locked up in Juvenile Detention Centers over here. I mean they bring them in S.Q. already but they never bring them over here, but if they did it today, I'm talking about right now, what would be that one thing you would say to them?

SPK Probably nothing because if they are anything like I was, that kid wouldn't care because it's a lot of us that just don't care.

XZ Thats the kid, let's say thats the kidz they bring, what about when they leave, what would you say to them to make them remember what you said.

SPK Now that's a good question because it would be impossible for them to forget anything said by people on deathrow because just coming to deathrow by itself would be hard to forget and when that experience is positive, now that would in my opinion have a major impact, or we can let them meet J. Danks

(Both LOL hysterically)

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This is not a motivational speech
No, this is not a hip hop rap
This is not a state of the union address
So I could care even less
If the half of none of you stand up and clap

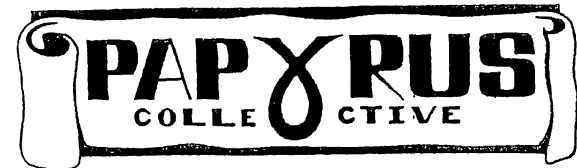
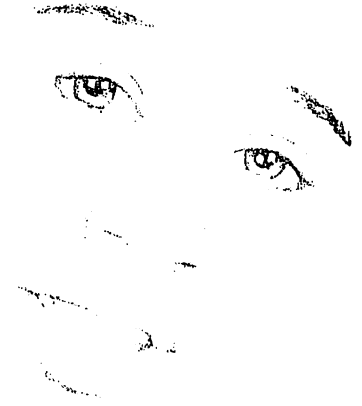
This is a public service announcement
Coming to you live and direct from California Death Row
and inspite of whomever attempt to denounce this
heres a little something all of you should know

You are the New Generation of incarcerated inner city youth
I like to say, Generation Blessed
Blessed with an opportunity to prepare this nation
with a solid, stronger younger generation rising next

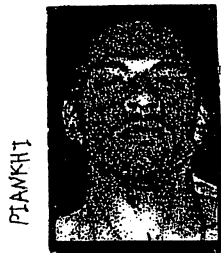
Just take a look around you
You're surrounded by all of them
So if you are not spending quality time
with those minds between the ages of 9 to 29
Then you are absolutely a part of the problem

New Generation Rising
being accountable for oneself
New Generation Rising
experiencing accountability with someone else
New Generation Rising
everybody reaching towards our youth
New Generation Rising
not going anywhere without you

By: XZYZST



@ Golgotha w/ Spooky
an interview by: xzyzst



@ Golgotha: The Back Story

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I remember being angry because my workout potna was sent to the Adjustment Center which is the lock up unit for death row. Just out of the blue, Snake was gone and we was just getting started in the basic fundamentals of boxing out on the yard.

I never let anybody know to what degree I was pissed off, but since everybody liked Snake, we was all hot that he was gone. Today is May 15, 2013 and snake is still in the hole. Here's the thing, I was about 5 seconds away from ending my boxing training back in 2010 when the young homie Piankhi walked over to me while I was stepping away from the heavy bag and said: 'I gotta learn how to do that' (both smiling)

It later became obvious that others wanted to learn boxing as well, but Piankhi was like, the come on Let's go type, and because of that quality alone, there was no way I could say no.

One day towards the end of the year, after a long training session, shower and lunch, Piankhi began to get at me about the series of ideas he had stuffed in his brain, after awhile I stopped him in mid-sentence and said "Kick that shit fool, do it" (both smiling)

As we stood in the middle of the yard, I directed his attention to the vast bodies roaming the many deathrow yards and said: "Count me in, I'm with you, however, you are standing in a place built for death, and I would not want to be you because now you literally got to reach into hell and choose hell's finest to make your project pop because it's all kinds of muthathaz up in here, and we don't know who's who around here."

Piankhi said "I didn't look at it like that, but thats real, but it's a whole new generation up here now."

Later that night, I asked myself what could I bring to the creative writing project that Piankhi was about to kick off? And I kept replaying his last words to me over and over again in my brain. "But it's a whole new generation up here now."

So I asked Piankhi if I could interview the New Generation of inner city youth that's coming up here to death row. Piankhi was all happy, I said "Let's call it @Golgotha." Piankhi was like "@ go what? What does that word mean?" "Gothic?"

I explained to him that in my past life I was involved in ministry, and my mentor/foster father laced me up about the final moments in the life of Jesus Christ, which included his last conversation that was written on papyrus while he was hanging on the cross between two other dudes that had also received the death penalty, and the Bible says that the name of that place was Golgotha which means the place of the skull; so I was like, let's continue that conversation in our time from California Death Row.

XZ First things first, it's my honor to be with you today, new generation rising.

SPK New generation on the move, the honor is all mine.

XZ Where was you born?

SPK Palmdale California, it's way closer to Los Angeles than here.

XZ I got peoples in Palmdale, it's nice, a little dangerous sometimes, but nice. So, about how old was you when you got arrested to come uphere to deathrow?

SPK 19 years old

XZ Spookie, serious? 19? Man whattha?

SPK Yeah I had just turned 19, crazy huh?

XZ Hey man, that's like one of my routine questions because as you know we did hella these already and do far you are like the youngest ese I know of so far on deathrow.

SPK I never looked at it like that before but now that you say that.....you know what, it is alot of youngsters uphere now. I don't normally trip off of stuff like that.

XZ So where is your family originally from? Or is Southern California your roots?

SPK Awuh...this is gonna trip you out because my great grandfather was apart of poncho villas army.

XZ Now I know you don't expect nobody to believe that, come on Spook...

SPK No, I hear that all the time, but it's true, my uncle vito, who just passed away told mewhen they started breaking up the army, the Federales started searching for people and my great grandfather actually escaped from Mexico and moved this family to America and changed his last name to his Mom's maiden name which was Aldana, but our original name was Delarosa.

XZ The Rose?

SPK But that's not it check this out, so he escaped and they eventually caught him and took him back to Mexico and he was facing death.

XZ And here you are two generations later on deathrow

SPK That's why my uncle vito brought it up because I didn't know nothing about it until they gave me the death penalty.

SC You can't lie to kids man, because they remember shit and will call you on shit later on, and it's just disrespectful to lie to kids, last thing you want to do is that shit, oh, and also don't forget that every kid is different, my kids are smart, they have experienced alot, so some kids have a different temperament and can comprehend things at different levels, so I'd say, know your kids first, then answer that question.

XZ Now that's some valuable shit right there. what about, uhm, what advice can you give a Y.G. out here on the mainline of some prison, or still in the hood, or how... wait... what would you say to a younger you that would help to keep you off of deathrow?

SC My advice would be to "think before you move."

XZ OK, great shit, now say that to a lil nigga that's like, "you only saying that because you got caught," because I hear that alot...

SC I mean, no bullshit, I would say the same shit..

XZ We used to be that kid, you're right, finish your comment.

SC Exactly, but on top of that, my comprehension levels was OFF the radar, all I knew was I had a 3 year old daughter when I was 17 years old, she wanted the world, and I had to go get it, so really, a muthafucka couldn't tell me shit, that was my reality.

XZ So now what do we do Scrap? not say shit? because what you are saying is some real shit, you got the last words in this... Go....

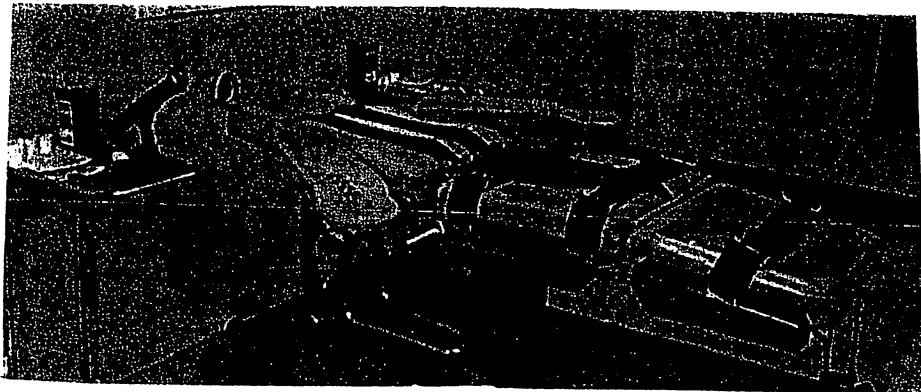
SC Even though they don't want to hear it, they at least need to know that life is litterally like a chess game, one wrong move can be fatal; worth more on the street, or on deathrow?

XZ Being on deathrow is some fatal shit, let's end on your last words that "at least they need to know," and here comes the babylon for yard recall, did you understand the Golgotha connection?

SC That's a trip huh? Fatal.

XZ Yep. Fatal.

Execution chair at San Quentin State Prison



<http://betweenthebars.org/posts/6643/new-generation-part-3>

Piankhi began to agree with me and how he understood the connections. We began to run off everything we had in direct common with Jesus like:

Most of us was viciously hunted
 Most of the New Generation was arrested near to or under the age of 33
 Most of us was falsely accused
 Most of us sold out by our so-called friends
 Most of us was physically abused by guards in jail
 Most of us had our personal clothing and property mistreated & stolen
 Most of us was either inadequately defended or had to be our own lawyers
 Most of us was not judged by a selection of our peers
 And all of us was sentenced to die by a Romanic system

I mean, we just went on and on, everybody knows that Piankhi is a well read younsta, but I could tell that he has a strong family faith based understanding of words that are written in most of the materials that we chop it up about sometimes, I always refer to Piankhi as a wise young man.

Piankhi said "OK, @ Golgotha is your section," I told him "look, I'm going unedited, so whatever is said that's it." As he walked away from that conversation, Piankhi was like, "Lets do a youth oriented one first, I'll hollar at you."

So about a week passed and he blindsided me with our very first @Golgotha chipher, but it was he who was asking me all the questions. That wasn't my original plan, but it was cool and like a trial run to see how these chiphers would turn out and it turned out pretty much raw and uncut.

Most people think that @Golgotha with AL-B was our first cipher because it made the cut for our first issue of the Write or Die Zine Project. The truth is, that @Golgotha with sniper XZYZST was our very first cipher.

Over the lifespan of the Papyrus collective and the Write or Die Zine Project, so far, we are seeing the Death Penalty being put on the ballots as some form of economics issue, a scheme to attempt to make dollars make sense.

What the @Golgotha c'phers do is present the human aspect to the over all issue. You catch us in our rawest form, nonscripted and unedited. There is a New Generation of inner city youth on Death Row here in California and all over America, and guess what, we are also human beings.

Thanks to deathrowinmate.org for turning the thoughts of a wise young man into reality and beyond for a place where they expect us to crumble. DRI has kept it solid as fuck.

One day my son asked me what do we do on deathrow. I want to share my answer with anyone who is wondering the same thing.

We're up in here, Writing to Live!



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Thanks much for writing, for reading, for thinking and sharing.

Best, *kyleproehl*

Thanks for writing.

Very evocative description of your living conditions.

Z

Street Level things.....for real.

A shootout in the hood.....and you don't think you should be on the row for that. Every year black on black murders are the biggest crime statistic in the country. Hundreds of innocents slaughtered along with the bangers and that's just a street level thing. No big thing.

If this is the New Generation then God help the U S

Paul

You are living in hell!

Thanks for sharing your experiences. This is really hard to read. I can totally & absolutely not understand how people can survive in such an environment. But they actually do. The question is at what price.

I send you my best wishes!

Kat

my pops is nothing but real and if yall cnt understand none of that yall still lost

raylon

because we're in jail don't mean that we turn into other people. You know what I'm saying? I'm still me, no matter what.

XZ That's my point, prison is the place that people say is filled with losers and shit and that's a stereotype that even parolee's catch after they get out, it's like, young whites, blacks, latino and usoz and asians from the inner city are viewed as losers that need to be saved, rehabilitated and broken, and domesticated, and that fucks me up because in the same breath they say not to blame the victim, so what can we do?

SC That's a good question

XZ It's a good question because the system is not only designed to exploit the poor, and the well to do, but it's specifically designed to keep society fucked into believing that inner city youth are helpless, and not targets of a corrupt bazillion dollar industry feel me? Single parent homes my ass, broken homes my ass, these are often not self inflicted conditions. Got kids?

SC Yeah 6

XZ 6? What tha? But you're still, I mean, at your age?

SC I got started early, they all grown now

XZ So they wasn't raised in a single parent home because you was on point from death row right? People don't seem to get that...

SC I mean, even before that as well, and also due to my hustle mode, you like that shit huh?

XZ LOL; hustle mode fool, like you ain't got no off switch, like a ghetto super hero or some shit

(Both LOL)

SC When you got kids, hell, it don't turn off, but I had already set up lucrative funds for all of them

XZ And that's also viewed as rare for prisoners, people just somehow automatically think it's a cut off, or total shutdown when nigga'z get locked up. You know? I was thinking; as, you know, the prison is out here looking for a one shot drug to kill us with, have your kids asked you about it? You can pass on this Q...

SC Like I said, they are all grown now, so we can talk about anything.... nawh man, good question.

XZ What advice can you lace the new G'z with thats coming up to deathrow that got toddlers, or 12 to 15 year old kids, how do we answer that question? Most don't even know what to say.

SC Then it becomes a question of discretion because you just can't tell every kid certain things that they ain't ready for, shit, I just said that "It's possible, being that I'm here, but the likelihood? No," I put it that way because it's true, anything can happen on appeal.

XZ And age appropriate true answers ain't easy to find.

SC Media, and they hardly ever showed up until fucked up shit happened.

XZ Yeah, media get alot of fake ass intel from prison administration, like for example, the common thought is prisoners are looking for a handout, or donation, or webpage pimpin, "so to speak," feel me, nigga'z always on some me me me shit, but what they won't say, about, well, lets take you for example and how you got at your sister on a business level. so for clarity, give us a brief recap on how that popped off.

SC I basically got tired of hearing her tell me for years that she couldn't find a job. You know, sitting around complaining about, wasn't... like it ain't nothing to do, I said what do you like to do? That's when she said cooking, shit, I had a lil \$ on the streets so I said, OK, lets start a catering service, it's been like, what, 4 years now, and....

XZ And that shit is crackin, exactly, so Im like, here you are on deathrow, litterally waiting to be smoked, and, sister or not, you had the presence of mind to continue to be what you was before you got locked up, "business minded," in a nutshell, that's you scrap.

SC I mean, it comes from being stuck on hustle mode, and not to mention my Grandfather and Grandmother set that standard in our family, shit, especially when it came to \$. they taught me to save my chips at an early age, I didn't just spend \$.

XZ Man I'm glad you just said that about your G pops & G momz because technically in the hood, that's where it all.....

SC That's where it comes from, so I give them accolades, you know, honor, so, oh yeah, I was gonna say that being in prison can also kick that hustle mode into overdrive for some individuals.

XZ Hell yeah because out in society we be movin huh?

SC Moving. here, you got time to think, here it's slow motion.

XZ A lil hood trivia for ya, I'm just saying tho, let's see what you know about your own; off the dome; OK, name 2 books written by your childhood homie Godfather... Fucked you up huh? I only know one...

SC Ahhh! You ain't said shit, uhm, let me see, OK, "South Central," I ain't read that one yet, but I will, and he got another one called "Things She Needs to Know"

XZ How long has it been since y'all seen each other?

SC 26 years too long.

XZ I asked that question for a reason because it needs to be put out there that incarceration can't stop tha hood connect, 26 years? Godamn Scrap!

SC That's that tribalizm, that we are in sync with each other throughout the years, and after growing up with people, sometimes you can pretty much tell, well, I wasn't suprised that Godfather is successful, and it's also no suprise that I support my sister due to how we was raised, you see, just

INTRO

For their out-of-cell exercise time, California Death Row captives are "assigned" to various kennel-like areas within the confines of San Quentin --- a place where most, if not all of @GOLGOTHA ciphers are conducted; out on the "yard". Some yards are open-air communal types where on any given day, some 40 or more men might mingle for a few hours. These are known as Grade A condemned general population yards. But then like a zoo, there are other areas where captives are kept that few ever get to see.

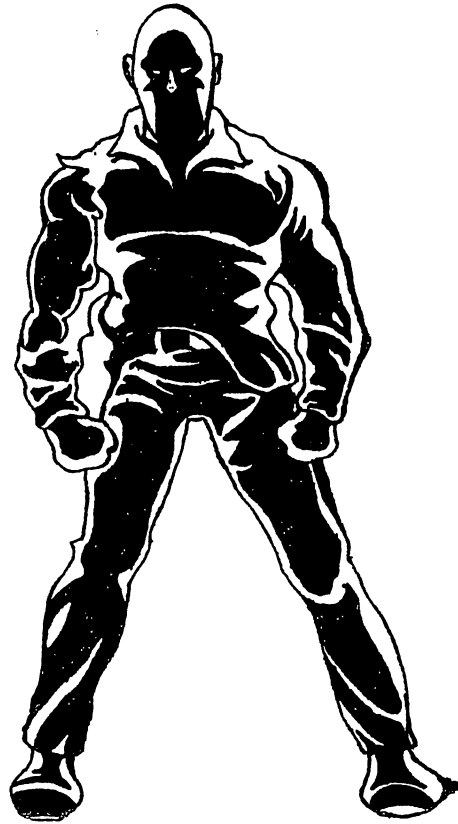
The following @GOLGOTHA interviews are conducted in this place. A dark, dank, soul-sucking area hidden beneath rusted sheet metal awnings and surrounded by thick double-netted green mesh much like one might see at a golf course. This mesh traps between it the cold winds of winter and the suffocating heat of summer, making the 32 single-man kennels quite miserable. Two rows of 16 side-by-side "Walk-Along" cages, each with their own algae-infested toilet, dirt-laden sink, and pigeon crap-splattered asphalt are customary for both Grade A and Grade B (Condemned Row's Administrative Segregation captives) who've been labelled as institutional safety and security concerns. Used in many cases by prison officials as pawns for one reason or another, there are those who have remained on walk-alone status for five or more years.

Attempting to break the spirit of the New Generation of inner-city youth sentenced to death for "street level" poverty and survival crimes, these very same walk-alone yard programs are used to isolate them --- burdening their vulnerability with the stigma that accompanies such status.

Few folks in society are even aware that the California Code of Regulations (CCR Title 15) doesn't apply here. Instead, an operational procedure known as OP608 was introduced as the condemned "manual" where things that might otherwise be mandated in CCR Title 15, are now subject to interpretation and used to cater to prison officials' every divisive whim.

My name is Xzyzst, and the insightful dialogue continues....





GUNNER

@Golgotha w/Javier

XZ It's coming up on a new year, this is going in our last issue of 2012 and with that, let me say what an honor it is to be in the presence of another Young Prince of our people, what's up Javi?

JV NG'z rising, hey man, time is kinda flying huh? What, WOOD is up to what 5 issues now?

SC Change? yeah, it's more Mexican families now...

XZ You're about to say something about a cultural shift?

SC As far as recreationally, all that's gone, it's only like 6 original families still on that block, look, we got the Webs, we got the Edmonds, we got the Jenkins, the Davis and Gibsons, those families been there for generations, our family is one of those original families dating back to the 50's and 60's, so people still come back, but alot of families have moved off the block, not because Mexicans moved in, infact, they moved into homes that black families moved out of, I can only speak for my block, with or without other races, it's always shit to do, now the Mexican families might do things differntly culturally speaking, and I don't know all of what they do, but I don't know; we don't do alot of stuff together, that's what I was about to say.

XZ Your childhood homie "Godfather," uhm, Wesley, what?

SD His last name is Hunter, they always come back and stay connected, automatic, that's family.

XZ On deathrow and prison mainlines all over California, Godfather is fast becoming more and more popular because of the books that he now writes, when y'all was kids, could you or anyone around yall foresee into the future that.....

SC He would end up in prison?

XZ No, like since you and him was childhood friends did you see him as an author? I mean like the prolific urban culture type writer that he is growing into? Wesley "The Godfather" Hunter, feel me?

SC Writer? No, entrepreneur? Yes, I always saw him as a \$ chaser, a hustler, making \$, that's what we always had in common, so now that we are now adults, and when I look back, I can see him being alot of things

XZ You are well known on tha row, especially when it comes to lowriders, unlike some fake ass wannabee.... let me stopthere.... but your history involvement with cars and business is no secret, my question to you is, if your folks, Godfather, was here right now, would he be able to look back and see business in your future? What about cars?

SC Yes, due to the fact that we had our toys, minibikes, go carts and motorcycles, we had it all, worked on 'em, built, dismantled, rebuilt them, everything, hell, I put on rollerskates one day jumped on my motorcycle and popped a wheelie all the way down the street.....

(both LOL:) What tha?

XZ Shit, you put the whole block on notice with that crazy ass shit, I'm asking these economical questions because even though you're on death row, and your childhood potna Godfather is in some prison, and without business 101; in 2013, both of you actually are proof that innercity youth are stereotyped, put into a box that society is forced to view you in.

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@Golgotha w/ Scrappy Dog
an interview by: xzyzst

XZ It's July 27, 2013, a Saturday, out here on the yard with yet another prince of the streets, now, as Pac would say, "Stranded on DeathRow". Got a few routine questions for you, then we, will, just, roll.

SC Alright..

XZ How old was the Scrap Dog when you got arrested for whatever it was that got you up on the row?

SC 24.

XZ Okay, that's fucked up, where do you call home?

SD South Central Los Angeles California.

XZ Oh, before we get into this, I'm going to say one name and you say the first thing that comes to your brain... George Zimmerman

SC Racist murderer

XZ Now we got that out in the universe, I'll back that up with a "Fuck'em," and that should be the end of that, "Tell me what's a black life worth."

SC Yeah... (Knodding head)

XZ Outside of your family, if it takes a village to raise a child, in retrospect, name one thing that you wanted from your community that you never got, like close community? because alot of people think we're all strangers out here. and the word homie is becoming over rated, so did y'all do shit together? like what about the block you grew up on?

SC Shit, on the block I grew up on, our parents knew each other, so... it wasn't nothing that I wanted that I couldn't get, so what do you mean?

XZ Right now, we always hearing about, like the lack of recreation and shit in the inner city, so realistically, give us a quick look into your block, feel me?

SC Hell yeah, man, we had some kind of recreation or function to do at each house, like at my house we had all kinds of video games, next door we had all kinds of fruit trees, down the street we had drill teams for the girls and we played the drums, and we also played football in the street, we had alot of... slapboxing, shit, real fights...

XZ OK, so what about if we fast forward to 2013?

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JV You should make the 2nd half upside down.

XZ Yeah huh, like start it over dead center huh.

JV Flip this shit

XZ Knowing Piankhi, he'll probably do it, or I'll put it on the table like that and see what he says. So let everybody know where you was born?

JV Cuba, but I was raised here.

XZ How old was you when you got cracked to come to California Death Row?

JV 22, I'll be 36 this year.

XZ Godamn Javi.

JV Why do you say that?

XZ. Everybody that answered that same question so far, all hit around the 20's feel me?

JV Man, look, it aint no big conspiracy, they know what they are doing, this shit is done on purpose.

XZ Speak on that shit, bring it.

JV They handing out the death penalty like candy to our whole generation, not just us but if you look around, you see what? Uso's, whites, us, Latinos, asians, I mean all of us are coming up here, or I should say, being sent up here physically strong, intelligent and you know how the slave drivers would breed the strong to produce strength?

XZ Yeah,

JV Well now it's backwards, now they are taking the strong out of the community and out of the equasion so they can leave our females outhere with very little, as to be put in a situation to need to sell or give up property that's been passed down through generations to banks and so-called redevelopment projects and shit.

XZ Swear to all Gods we all see the same shit going down everywhere and have you checked out WOD 4 ?

JV No, I told yall that they on my ass for even having Anthony Rayson's address or anything like that, so I ain't scen not one WOD yet outside of the one we all signed for Dr. Issa at his going away get together, that was issue #1?

XZ Yea, I'm saying that because, you're hitting on points we raising in all of the zines published so far.

JV Shit, it aint no secret that they capturing all of the warrors and commanders out of society so they can relocate muthafuckaz man. They gave us the DP and we aint

been eating people and shit, they don't even put us on the same yard with muthafuckaz like that, I don't know why Obama aint just stopped this shit all together.

XZ On a scale of one to ten, how do you rate Obama?

JV What's the lowest?

XZ One

JV Then zero.

XZ Why zero?

JV He done already killed more people than Bush.

XZ I'm a supporter of Obama, teach me why he gets a zero? Is it because you are Muslim?

JV No, hell no, come on, I love seeing a brotha in that position as well, but I gotta call it like I see it, dude is a lying smooth talker.

XZ You're not giving me anything, because all of us are lying smooth talkers. I tell you what, I'm looking for solution based ideas because we all continue to repeat the same complaints year after year. So tell me, if he was here right now, what would you say to him so that when he leaves he can take with him something valuable to reality.

JV Pull the troops and put that money focus right here, why send money to Isreal and other countries when people is starving right here, it's like how can a muthafucka be in dept to China and itself, yes the USA is also in dept to itself, how can that be and still be sending aid to other countries, and lets not forget the infurstructure of this country, the roads and shit aint been touched since Eisenhower. Do you know how many jobs can be created for everybody if they would focus here? He's an absolute embarrassment, not just that but kinds of shit dotna aint doing.

XZ Thats inciteful, but take into account that they got a nigga up in there surrounded, also how do anybody re-do over 400 years of foul shit in a 4 to 8 year term?

JV You asked for my opion, so if he was here I would simply tell the brotha to feed his own people, he ironically visited his so-called Irish roots but what about his African roots? I aint seen him drink beer, with nobody in Africa, Compton, Riverside.....

(Both LOL;)

XZ Let me lace you on a portion of reality that most have missed. Just before bra got elected, major business, land and home owners, realstate brokers, and private

Ocean: Gunner and whites like him is the new negro to these cops, he ain't gonna change for nobody, they treat him different than the other whites, Gunner is the new kind of white and they not used to... Serious. (all LOL;)

XZ: Dee, do they treat you different because you are Asian?

Dee: Yes and no, I just don't like the committee like, look man, this shit is all backwards, they got yards full of serial killers, but I'm the threat? What kind of shit is that?

XZ: Real talk, I be like, man, I ain't no more dangerous than the next muthafucka and fools don't want me on the yard?

Dee: They should knock some gates down so we can run some full court basketball with the homies and be like a regular prison, most of these, anyway, it's all backwards here, 7 dudes on one group yard and 80 dudes on walk alone?

Gunner: I know, huh, I've been to a regular prison, and this shit is not it, it's backwards.

Ocean: Like I said, this place wasn't built for regular muthafuckas, it's built for those that got crazy ass crimes...

XZ: That's what we've been saying, they don't know what to do with this generation of cats up here for street crimes, and now look, fools is on the yards telling the administration not to put certain people on the group yards with them and now the walk alone cage are overflowing because it's only 32 cages and over 80 people on walk alone cages like we are pitbulls, or animals and...

Dee: I don't give a fuck man, this is still a prison no matter what yard I'm on, all of it is the same.

XZ: Here's the thing tho, it's people that's been here so long, that they look at these yards like their home, so what is prison to us, is home to others, and that's where we will end this cipher, some sun sure would be nice tho, huh?

Gunner: Yelling; rollin', rollin'.

That's a universal heads up to all that it's yard recall... here comes the Babylons.

The end!

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Dee: Shit they put us through makes you wanna be a serial killer. (everybody LOL;)

XZ: Alright, check this out, if they kicked you up off the row and back into society tonight, would you be on your way back here, or further away from here?

Ocean: Further away.

XZ: Dee?

Dee: Further away, to the Pacific Islands and enjoy more life, especially with family, family is what I believe will, oh yeah... away from California for sure... but like I was saying, family man.

XZ: Gunner?

Gunner: I've got to go to prison in Missouri, so...

Ocean: What about if they drop that shit too?

Gunner: Well, I still got to be on probation.

XZ: Goddamn, homie, what tha fuck is you, a career criminal or something? (everybody LOL;) OK, let's say, you get a clean slate?

Gunner: Further away.

XZ: Damn, I'm trying to keep this as short as possible because Piankhi wants these shorter so I won't be able to put down everything we chop it up about.

Gunner: Alright... I understand.

XZ: Gunner, a lot of people don't know this but California Death Row at unit east block have 8 group yards, at least 80 people on walk alone small cage yards for people that is on grade A which is the highest grade, my question to you is, most of these 80 people are black, Latino and Asian, you are white, the minority, what's up with that?

Gunner: Most whites go into Classification Committee and become another person, but they hit the yard and now they are Indian all of a sudden, I don't play that bullshit...

industry packed up and left America because racism is still alive. That black man is not only on the front line, but he crossed the line when he demanded the rich to break that ass off. The financial sector is based on land, properties, this country was founded on the colonization of land. People that got in the way was killed, relocated and made slaves. As we speak, he threatens the very foundation that this country was founded upon, so it's no surprise that today people are being killed, relocated and made slaves (the prison population) Obama knows something a lot of us fail to address. Everybody that's just talking shit from the outside pose zero threat.

JV He's on the inside pushing the line.

XZ Exactly, imagine the walls Malcom, Garvey, and all of us faced from the outside, we can't even imagine how to face and respond to the backdoor underhanded shit he goes through on a daily because none of them thought he was going to demand that [page break]

the rich break bread and stick to it, nobody has done that.

JV And that's old money, like slavery money being circulated.

XZ Real talk, Obama is saying basically look, we know that our ancestors broke their backs so the rich could have this portion of the hemisphere of this planet, now break a mothafucka back off.

JV I can see that, but you know me, from the street level, we see shit getting worse, not better.

XZ We will agree to disagree, but let's agree that in the history of this country, shit always got worse for somebody in order for it to get better for others. Was Death Row anything like you thought it would be before you got here?

JV Hell no, amazingly, not to besmerch his memory, but I read Blue Raged Black Redemption and it aint nothing like Stanley Tookie Williams was describing in those books. It's the last book I read while in the county jail.

XZ Keep in mind that he was describing how shit was over a period of time that our generation did not experience, nigga we was kids during all that.

JV It's like, what heppend? Studying was mandatory, and unity and solidarity, what heppend? because across the board the only unity I see is what Piankhi and The New Generation is doing with these projects, man I thought I was going to come up here and learn something from these older catz, but, man, I just expected for people to be smarter and more together, I don't know what heppend, or if there ever was unity on Death Row, but this shit is sad and embarrassing.

XZ What, if anything would you say to the older brothaz incarcerated and also on Death Row.

JV Snap out of it, wake up , we all need y'all and that wannabee big dog shit is so 1980, man, we at 2013 now and, man, real talk, I don't know what to say to these catz because some of them get this energy and ora that make the rest of us not even want to fuck with none of them because I be wanting to chop it up about legal matters, spirituality and stuff that will prepare us for the future, but they just cant have a solid conversation without talking shit about some 1980s shit they got against somebody else, alot of people here hate each other but they act like it's all good over the wire and in passing, but they all talk behind each others back when they getting at us. Two factted aint even the word.

XZ You know what you sound like right now?

JV What?

XZ The rest of us, they all just need to be put on the same yard together and handle their own shit because these bayblons get their jollies off by knowing how devided we are as a people, some of them is cool, but most have turned unity, brothahood, and solidarity into nothing but a chapter in those war story ass books.

JV That shit is so old, if I read another failure story, man, change the subject, that's some depressing ass.... anyway, next topic please.

XZ Death Penalty on the ballad in the election?

JV Money

XZ For or against stemcell research?

JV For, of course.

XZ If you was asked to participate in colonizing another planet, would you go?

JV Absolutely, it's in man's nature, to leave a legacy and create new beginnings, I'd be on the next thing smokin.

XZ Do you think Michelle Obama could run for president in about 8 years?

JV Yeah, from what I understand, she's the go to in that family, so yeah I can see that, that's a good question because who knows, that may even be a plan coming in the future. Interesting.

XZ If they walked juvenile incarcerated kids up to us right now, what would you say to them?

JV As big as I am I'd probably just start crying and not say nothing so my hope for them not to join this level of suffering would make its own point, man fuck talking, they need to see this shit, not like no scare tactic shit, but more of a human connection thing because aint no humanity in even seeing this shit.

XZ What if anything would you say to our fellow new G'z all over prisons in other states, females as well in case any of them read this line, like speak to all of us toward the new year.

Dee: Yeah, but I was saying like you get to see your family really for the family, or backstabbing friends, words can be powerful, anger, mistrusted words can affect a man's mind... It's just so many things...

XZ: I so feel that because, it's good to know for a fact whose words are the real shit in your life and now that I've experienced that truth, my mind is like, what the fuck? Because the ones I thought was solid, turned out to be the ones that have become invisible, and vice-versa, it's like, all that time out in society, I thought, at least my niggaz was, I don't even know what to say about that no more, I'm like numb to what I thought love was. I get depressed too, but I shine.

Dee: Some people just got that spark, that life, can actually see the end of the tunnel as a bright light.

Ocean: Depends on who's evaluating.

Gunner: Yeah, because everybody don't view change the same way.

Ocean: Right, because what I see as positive can be viewed as negative by another prisoner, for instance, I can get in an argument now, and 10 minutes later, we kickin' it like a muthafucka because I've...

XZ: Matured? That's change...

Ocean: Over time, and some view that as a negative behind these walls because they still expect me to take off like I did when I was younger, but for me, I know that I've made changes in my life for the better, I'm not the same person.

Gunner: What about psychologically? Because it's impossible for anybody to be on death row and not be...

Ocean: And that's real, but, it's different levels of crazy, all of us is crazy, now, on some level, it's just some people can hide it better than others or else how can one view another man's positive change as negative? Crazy!

Dee: Hater shit... (everybody LOL;)

Gunner: I've definitely been degrade in every way, even if I don't want to believe it, I'm not the same person, but I haven't changed into a serial killer or none of that.

the other side to that, look at how many innocent people are here on the row right now, this is some bullshit.

Ocean: And, you can't say that this is humane, look at how we being treated everyday..

Dee: Locked up in a chicken coop.

Gunner: And then they wanna drop bombs on other countries and some of them ain't even got the DP.

Ocean: I guess you can say we are fortunate we ain't in China or we'd be gone already, like remember when the USA called over there getting at them about finding large amounts of led in imported chicken?

X2: Man, what, ummm...toothpaste, children's toys, and...

Ocean: All kinds of shit. The Chinese government found out who was the head supervisor of the places where that shit was coming out of and straight executed his ass, what was it? Fish and everything.

XZ: On the spot? They smoked him like that, same day?

Ocean: No appeal, no nothing.

X2: Couldn't write a 602 (institutional grievance system) (everybody LOL;)

Dee: Lucky to live for 30 days, in a few countries.

Ocean: You see, but they're not in denial about what is humane or about what they do to a fool.

XZ: Let me ask y'all this, since you've been on death row, have you changed? I mean, after all the shit we experience on the daily, how has this experience affected you?

Dee: Hell yeah, good ass question because mentally and physically, I would say positive because you see life at a turning point, like, no grass, no sun, women, it's things we become more aware of now because... I mean, come on homie, no sun?

Ocean: We wasn't thinking about those little things before we was put in this place...

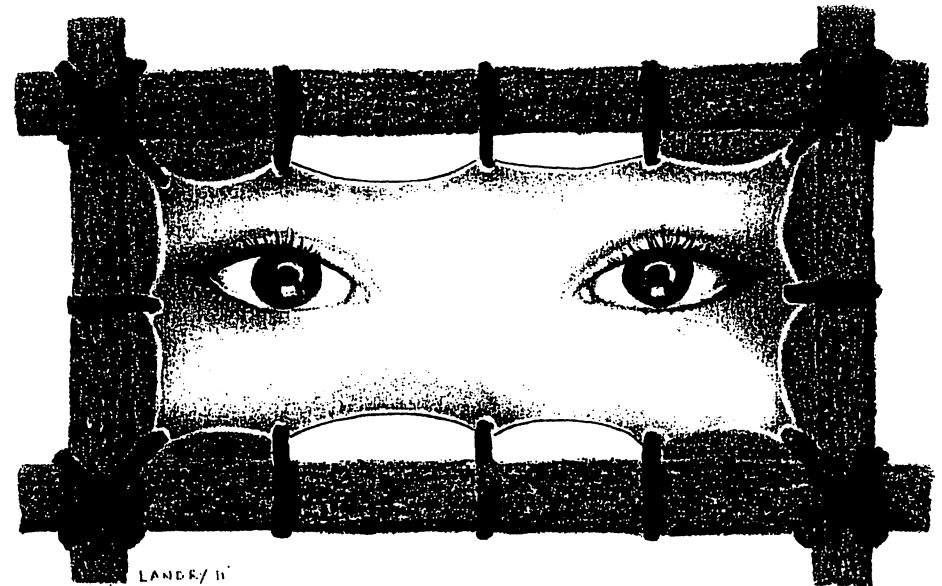
JV Think, read, read, read, read and be action oriented by communicating more with family and friends in outer society because our inner city communities need a breathe of fresh air coming from the true young Gods and Goddesses of our earth. No matter where you are, you are the masters of your own destiny, also, search the history of your genealogy so to provide full knowledge of self, so we can get at the next generation with an appreciation of what our ancestors had to endure for us to even be able to have this very conversation. Somebody survived all that horror so our generation could still exist.

XZ That's some valuable shit you just said, what about your teachers, got something to say to them?

JV My apologies all the way across the board, I was taught way more than to be in a position to end up in this kind of situation, not to excuse the babylon's vices and attacks, I'm just saying, my community laced me well, but at the time, survival mode had my focus on those streets.

XZ Happy New Year, and take me with you when you come into your kindom.

JV Oh, that Golgotha? All this time I was meaning to ask you about where ya'll get that word from to make the connection to the zine, hey man that's pretty rather impressive shit and today you will be with me in paradise.



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@ Golgotha w/ Bandito
an interview by: xzyzst

XZ -- A real prince of our people right here, what's up Bandito?

DTO -- Just kickin' it, what you got right here in that folder, some homework or something? You look like you on your way to school...LOL!

XZ -- Why are you taken off on me like you're, George Lopez, laundry bag chewin' ass...LOL

DTO -- State soap chewin' ass... LOL. Gotta get off first around here...With your Richard Pryor, mustache havin ass!

XZ -- Let the people know where you was raised.

DTO -- Lynnwood California, Mexico is the home of my family, but as far as being raised, it was, Lynnwood California.

XZ -- Let me get at you with this routine question because the answers compared with others is haunting. So, how old were you when you got arrested for whatever landed you onto deathrow?

DTO -- 22 years old. Awh yeah, that's crazy, huh? all of us are young huh?

XZ -- It's like they execute people when they get like in they're 50's and 60's. feel me? But the reality is they are giving the young generation the death penalty, from the jump.

DTO -- That's cold huh? Because I won't even be done with appeals when I turn 35 in the future.

XZ -- Not even close! Trip, is deathrow anything like you thought it was, before you got here?

DTO -- You know, to be honest I never really thought about it before, because I thought this place was for fools that rape and killed like 18 females and cases like that. I didn't know, how you say, "Street Level" things, Like a shoot out in the hood could do this, They don't even put us on the same yard with those people that be eating victims and crazy shit.

XZ -- You're firing on all cylinders right now, because it's like our generation that's up here, got "Street Level" crimes, We were accused of things compared to how the 70's & 80's got down, with zero "Street Level" shit. We are here with individuals that were eating people, Boy, what the hell? LOL.

DTO -- So what happen? They just started; Oh yeah they added that new list of special circumstances? I seen some of them. Now just saying you're from a gang can be used as a special circumstance.

@Golgotha w/The Grade A Walk Alones (Day 2) By: XZYZST

XZ It's my second day out here with the grade A cats here at California death row, this time with a whole new group, sup Yall? Let me start shooting the first question in Gunner's direction.

Gunner: Why me? Why the white guy? (Everybody LOL;)

XZ: Crazy ass, yesterday I asked the homies did they see the morning news about the death penalty.

Ocean: What? I didn't see that, what did they say?

Gunner: Some court put the DP on hold, indefinitely because San Quentin can't get their shit right so now, until they follow them around like a little kids.

Dee: Exactly, it boils down to nobody will be executed until they can come up with the drug cartel protocol.

XZ: Cartel? Damn homie, does your Asian accent cut up the word cocktail like that? (All LOL;)

Dee: (Laughing) So, they can't import the shit from Australia, Canada or Germany, so they can't do shit.

Ocean: Same subject, but off topic; but they called Hitler all kinds of shit for trying to discover different ways to execute Jews, like shooting, burning, gas etc...Now the USA is doing the same shit by so-called trying to find a more humane way to kill somebody, man, it ain't no humane way to kill a muthafucka.

Dee: And the shit these fools agreed on, they won't even use it to kill dogs, I've read that before.

Ocean: Hitler was a dog.

XZ: Fool smoked himself tho.

Gunner: Whoever reads this is gonna think we are racist. (Everybody LOL;)

Dee: Hitler did it to a point where all he wanted to do was leave the earth with one race, his race on the earth, but in our situation, the reason they use, is the 'so called' deterrence from crime which is a bunch of bullshit because the death penalty has been around the world for centuries and it ain't stopped shit. And on

XZ: I mean, that's true but I just, I never looked at it like that before

C: Youngsta, we don't see a lot of shit during times of war, so even if people don't agree with my rationale towards "staying out" of prison when they do touch down, at least they now have another perspective as to how to begin to look at life in its totality and that means we must realize that there is also other people on this planet with us, so find a way to do your shit without putting your kingdom in harms way. Y'all keep building man, this is what you are supposed to do, give my utmost to young Piankhi and I'll send y'all more stuff soon that y'all can use as well. My wife got a stack of materials she is about to hit me with, so stand by.

XZ: Thank you, and that's some real G. shit right there. -----The End

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Change

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Reality can be a trip huh? The good news is that reality can change, real talk.

Change, so, who possess's the power to change you? Not all change is bad because you can always change for the better.

The best thing about change is it's access to freedom, think about that, you have the freedom to change your own mind, make your own choices.

You now have the power to change the direction that your life is headed in right now. Take a good look at my reality yeah, theres a new generation being sent to death row and we're getting younger and younger, YG'z up here now, feel me?

Never in a million years did I think I could be on death row, especially for street level crimes, wow, this can happen to anybody, including you.

Own your own freedom to change the future and it's direction, oh yeah, guess who the future is? If you want to take a brief glimpse into the future, I suggest you look in the mirror.

I'm just saying tho!

By: XZYZST

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XZ -- To qualify to get put up here, exactly. Man it's all about money and power or some demonic sick shit. Whatever it is, foul. They can legally kill me if I admit I'm a member of a gang. I wonder how many of our next generation even knows this?

DTO -- Thats some sick and twisted shit because they say don't kill, but they want to kill legally. Like killing is only legal for them and illegal or not legal for other people. That don't make sense.

XZ -- I mean I never said it like that but you're right. I wonder if you can explain sick and twisted in your art work because I've seen some your art work, can you say that with art?

DTO -- And you mean like tell a story but not with words? It's funny you say that because I just did a drawing and I put sick and twisted on it. I mean everybody got a way to explain the death penalty, but I just think of it in that way, so that's why I say it's sick and twisted. Tell Piankhi I'll shoot it, so people can check it out in the zine.

XZ-- Number one, thank you, number two how long have you been drawing?

DTO -- I'd say in elementary school was when I started.

XZ -- Man I can't draw to save my life, but I'm noticing alot of our new generation can get off, so before I challenge you with an idea, lets open some history.

DTO -- Oh shit, come with it, what you got?

XZ -- The other day you shot me an old S.Q. news article from back in 2010. I normally don't even trip off that paper. but that Sept./Oct, 2012 titled "S.Q. Murals...The good and the bad" was good, sad and a wake up call to our generation.

DTO -- You see that's the thing, back in 1952 inmate Alfredo Santos put up a mural in the south dining hall here on the mainline, it was like a story he was telling about California.

XZ -- Do you think it's still there because we on deathrow never go to the dining hall so I wonder if his work is still up, old school potna was on some 1890's vintage shit man I wish I could've seen it.

DTO -- Did you read the part where it says the original 1982 mural across from the new hospital on that A/C wall oh, you got it, look right there for Gabriel, read that...

XZ -- Okiay, it says, "Due to inclement weather, the colors faded quickly and a group of men breathed new life into the image" those inmates were John Sklut, Scott McKinney, Gabriel Enriquez and Ron Goodman.

DTO -- So they saved it, he said something about us to, the new generation, it should be right under that part you just read.

XZ -- Peep, what he was saying was the S.Q. murals was painted over around here and okay here's the quote you was talking about: "These murals show a different side of the person who painted

these walls, no matter what the artist was in prison for. Now a lot of that is gone and there is nothing for the new generation to appreciate."

DTO -- You see what I'm saying? Carry on tradition.

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XZ -- Real talk, I already know where you going with this so I don't need to challenge you because it sound like you're about to lead the new generation on deathrow to come together and do a mural, man why not?

DTO -- Why not? And on top of that, dedicate the mural to Lynelle Herrick because she was the arts and crafts lady that inspired and helped the prisoners to keep those murals alive, it says she died of breast cancer, we can do this.

XZ -- Perfect idea, my boy "Q" would be all over this cause he's pushing convicts against cancer and what you saying is so on point.

DTO -- I saw that in the zine, his daughter had it? We can add her too or what?

XZ -- No, it was Whitey's daughter, man I can't wait to ask them to allow you to do a joint dedication that includes his baby girl, in fact "Q" is going to type this conversation up so I'm going to ask him to get at "Whitey" and see if the new generation can dedicate a mural in her honor along with Lynelle.

DTO -- All the administration can say is no, but why say no when all they need to do is give us these walls on the yards and pop the tops off all that unused paint. first of all it was very disrespectful to paint over the murals of men that worked on 'em, and we pose no security threat because we asking to do this together and this hasn't been done before on deathrow, never, in no time.

XZ -- How long you think it would take? I mean...

DTO -- I'm taking a wild guess and say 6 months cause I'm factoring in prison interruptions like lockdowns and shit, but it could probably be done sooner because when we work out all the details as one generation it can get done like that...real quick...Like in dry summer months...like June/July/Aug and Sept., feel me?

XZ -- So off the head, what would the mural be?

DTO -- When things go good, our multiple ideas can turn into multiple murals, but the first one would have to be something timeless and appeals to all cultures like, something like...

XZ -- Like what music? No, yeah or what?

DTO -- But you can't really draw music...

XZ -- Hell, I'm hip-hop so you can draw me (LOL:)

DTO -- I think that will be an eye sore (LOL:)

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taught the difference between child molestation and homosexuality.

XZ: Yeah, because child molesters don't have a sexuality, I mean, even in prison fools be like oh, if that person is gay, they must be a sicko...

C: or it's not cool for two dudes, or males, but it's all good when two females go at it.

XZ: That's called selective morality

C: Exactly, and it's some good ministries out there that's spiritual based and not religious that don't down people because of that kind of stuff and the YG'z would be discriminating if they think all churches disrespect people and children like that, you see, it's those sets of values that my parents taught us and I understood it at 23 years old and I stopped treating other people all fucked up, especially another man; even more so women.

XZ: So that's what you mean by making amends?

C: Yeah, starting with family, then the community and overall society, especially a mans babie's mama, even if the cops played her children against him in a case....

XZ: Awwh that's hella valuable right there because you already know how fools is ready to go big on her for testifying in court and all that

C: See, cats don't understand, #1. He should've never allowed the streets to touch his Kingdom, his househouse, he put her in a position to even be all up at the police station being treated all fucked up and threatened to have her kids taken away in the first place, Hell, she cracked because he made her choose the kids over him

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C: 23 years old, I can remember it like it was yesterday, my second oldest brother and I had a conversation and in that dialog, I started reflecting about the love and the respect and gratitude that I had for our parents. I started crying and my brother said, he asked me why am I allowing tears and sorrow to beat me down because of the mistake I made and the misguided love that I was living by.

XZ: You mean that street life?

C: Yep

XZ: You know I'm going to put yep right here, so it's yep?

C: Yep, see, my parents instilled all things valuable in us, peace, love, blessings, all that, I grew up in the church (both LOL;)

XZ: As most of us did, I grew up COGIC, now I've grown away from that as well.

C: My parent's was some amazing people man, taught us right from wrong and...

XZ: Let me stop you there so you can microwave this thought for us. Look man, alot of inner city youth, especially out there in them streets ain't giving a fuck about no church, I mean, we done already seen the preachers trying to get at Moms sexually, or all up in the choir trying to sex the youth and fools be knowing that people can't even pay the damn light bill but still want to pass the plate around 5 times, it's just a gang of...

C: And it's not just the Christians, for some reason in our community, we tend to only see Jesus and not...yeah man, but that's not what our parents taught us, I mean, we was even

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XZ -- Smart ass (both laughing)

DTO -- It's gonna be hard to think of something that the cops won't try to turn into some gang shit like always.

XZ -- Nawh man, give me something, I know you already got something in mind, bring it.

DTO -- What about people of each race, and above each man will be another rising picture of each man after he got out of prison or off the row, like the latino could rise into a good father holding his kid, the black inmate can rise into restaurant owner (chef), the native american can rise into a solar energy tech and on and on you feel me?

XZ -- Awh, so tight as fuck, what about a title?

DTO --- Like you always say, "new generation rising," I don't know, what about a series of cultural evolution ideas like a panoramic view of prison culture over the years like a story about from, no radio to 8tracks, to cassettes, to boomboxes, to cd's to Ipods to Ipod nanos we can wear like wrist watches on the yard.

XZ -- I can see a visual of that mural in my mind right now because each generation even wear prison clothes so not the same as time technology and fashion evolved. And I can see us with Ipod nano watches and scull candy on the yard.

DTO -- That's funny, same prison clothes but it's the way we wear shit like those skinny jeans you got on...Lol

XZ -- I'm from the hip-hop generation, but that don't mean you will ever catch me in some skinny jeans, just like I better not ever catch you with your pants pulled all the way up past your chest like they did in the 80's (both laughing).

DTO -- You stupid! LOL; I've seen some of those old photos...

XZ -- Man it's helleva cold out here huh?

DTO -- It's crazy how the temp just drop like that here on deathrow, creepy ass shit. (both simultaneously put on beanies).

XZ -- Well, my lil mexican potna, brace up for the last ultimate question. Lets say all goes well and the administration shock us with a yes for this project, how will you respond to the haterz that don't want to see a multicultural diverse new generation moving in the same direction because you already know how foolz are, and a project like this could make that jealousy shit crack even more feel me?

DTO -- Most of us already think like Piankhi anyway and if I was worried about any criticism I wouldn't be doing this at all and I'm a grown ass man and those individuals are just stuck in them old ways and with or without them a new generation is on the rise and thinking for ourselves. What would be better is if some of those older individuals would be involved in the creative aspect of the development of this mural project because lets be honest we still can be taught some shit, but until

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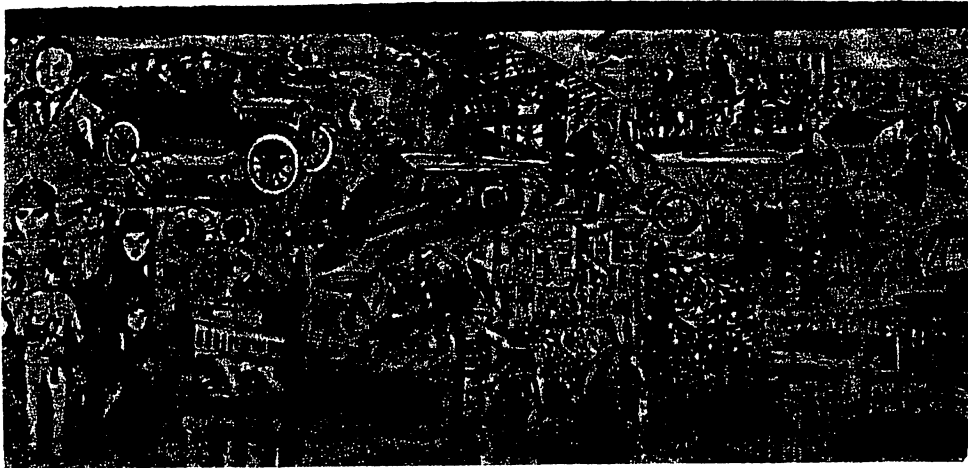
foolz are able to somehow pop their heads out of their asses, we are going to continue to move forward.

XZ -- That's some real shit and you sound like alot like Piankhi and the other youth up here and ya'll haven't even met each other yet and I'm glad to be seeing all of this in this new era. So like they said at Golgotha around 4 B.C. man, take me with you when you come into your kingdom.

DTO -- Yeah, to be continued...

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astronomical that it will never happen, then it is in your bosom interest to tell me to kick rocks....

XZ: and right now alot of people are being told to kick rocks, yeah, and one of the challenges we are having is in prison, friendship is taking a backseat to association.

C: I like that, it's called guilty by association, the inverse of that is becoming not guilty by disassociation with idiots, and befriending the worthy. New G'z and YG'z shouldn't allow for the poor performance of old idiots to cause all of you to think all older cats in prison is on some foul shit

XZ: Yeah, real talk, I already see it because thats why we came up with the term "The Worthy" because we are running into alot of OG'z that as soon as they caught wind of the Papyrus Collective and our Write or Die Zine Project, without a blink, they rushed to Piankhis side with, realness, commentary, poems, photos, encouragement and all types of shit that we didn't even know existed here on the row, so we know it's some hella worthy G'z out there on the mainline or stuffed up in those SHU's all over California and in other states.

C: Y'all coming with something new, creative and multicultural and all of these elements together have not been achieved before here on the row, never.

XZ: Let me ask you this, some people get all perfect, and expect for us to grow at the same rates that they evolved, and when some of us don't, some old school dudes just give up. That wasn't my question, just a segue into, How old was you when you had like your, like, self epiphany and began to think like you do now, feel me?

C: I see that, but why are you posing that question to me, I don't...

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XZ: Okay, so like most of us know whites and Mexicans and Asians from the streets, like we got brother in-laws of different races, and baby mamas and wives and shit of all races, but when we come to prison, all of a sudden they become unapproachable. I'm really talking about prison politics like our table, ya'll side of the yard, and alot of shit that we see as 3rd grader mentality stuff, and...

C: let me stop you there, great question, and within this context, I'll paraphrase a George Jackson quote with a 2013 spin on it. Man, if I'm trying to love myself, and learn how to love myself, and this process is a change for the better, if anybody, including my friends can't accept my transformation, then it is in my bosom interest to exclude them from my life...

XZ: Young A1-B just yelled out Soledad Brothers, he likes Mr. Jackson's writings, I mean, this is a new generation and it's like people expect YGz' to walk these yards fake as fuck because alot of us been cool with each other and are already not fuckin with those, well idiots and they always say we don't listen, but look, we only listen to the worthy, because the worthy ain't coming with strings. That may be where George Jackson was going, who knows?

C: So yeah, I feel ya'll and that's one of the reasons why he was assassinated because he was an intellectual, you see, the gorilla can be controlled with cages, visits, phones, foodsale. and superficial shit, as proven by today's version of prison, but there is no limitation to an intellectual entity, and I'll say that again to make my point clear, if you came to me and said that you was working towards being the best R&B male singer that ever lived, and I said that goal was so

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XZ: Now we got the old school up in here, I was trying to hollar at the homie Ocean, but since he's like two exercise yard away, I can barely hear him.

C: I heard ya'll, whats going on with you anything I can do?

XZ: Yeah, I just shot him my hard copy of that 109th Congress H.R. 1279 session about how they say millions are being given to all law enforcement agencies to deter @ risk youth from joining illegal street gangs, but O.G. it don't say nothing about education, or helping youth, it's all about arrest, arrest, arrest....

C: The biggest street gang is the muthafuckin police, oh, yeah, one thing before we go on, ever trip on how the police get pissed when a cop gets knocked down, but when one of ours get smoked, they don't take it as serious? Even their facial expressions change at funeral processions, or media interviews, it's like they don't value life equally, because a loss is a loss.

XZ: Speakin about loss of life, what do you say to those that choose to, or is contemplating on taking their own lives faster than the old self-destruction route to suicide by street violence?

C: You're correct, it is all suicide, no matter which way you slice it, and it don't need to be a youngsta because the lack of self-worth don't age discriminate. For one thing, his life has meaning and purposed. I'd say that some peoples lives also serve a multitude of purposes, but until he seeks to explore what they are, it would be impossible to find meaning, or a reason.

XZ: That's a trip because we look for that one reason, and get caught up searching for that one purpose and fail to see....

C: all the other things that have meaning, when people begin to understand that, we will also begin to see the greater value in other people

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XZ: You see, normally I would ask a few routine questions, but I can already see where this convo is going, look man, alot of our new generation face some lying ass cats that think we all hella stupid, speak on the truth

C: The truth is that what is a lie is not the truth unless you believe it or can prove it....

XZ: Ok, I get that, now as you know, somebody that may be effected by the re-alignment process thats going on all over California just might be reading this cipher right now, so now that you spoke on truth, or what may be perceived as true, what do we do when these slave drivers just start kicking people out to the streets, I mean how do we make the transition from being around a bunch of wannabee manipulators, back into society?

C: First and foremost, if we are headed towards keeping it all the way real with oneself, we got to start with making amends with the family...

XZ: at least the worthy ones

C: We tend to forget the burnt bridges after being gone for so long, so moving forward must include the truth coming from us by jumpstarting the next levels of family relationships by making amends, one of the saddest things a person can do is allow misunderstandings, egos, ignorance and the lack of communication to dictate the pace of love. So own up to your mistakes because mistakes don't last forever because in the end it doesn't matter who's right or wrong if the love is gone.

XZ: Sound like a old pimp LOL; or one of those old soul songs from back in your day

(both singing "because in the end, it doesn't matter who's right or wrong, If the love is gone" LOL:)

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XZ: I'm saying tho, alot of people my age right now may be like on some FTW shit feel me? Or have been betrayed by family and even our baby mamas, and can't wait to get out for round 2, so speak directly to a YG out there on the mainline, or in Juvenile Detention about amending shit to start over.

C: Since you are right here, let me get at you straight up, one day, look snipe, one day, you are going to run across a younger you, and...

XZ: But, a younger me? Couldn't nobody tell me shit....

C: Exactly, so that makes you qualified to deal with your younger self, because now you have experienced his future, and although he may not think he's obligated to listen to you, the truth of you is obligated to lace him, and or at least offer him a blueprint on how to navigate through what's coming, and in this situation, we know how things can turn out when we miss opportunities to make amends with people, especially family.

XZ: Damn OG, now cool, but what about those of us that don't have no family?

C: Some people create family inside of prison, like a family of lost souls that gravitate toward each other.

XZ: Real fuckin talk

C: I mean, the way yall doing this is family building, and it's a good thing, it's simple, you Write or you Die.

XZ: Yeah, it's like alot of lil unity movements going on all over California like inside of prison, I'm glad you just said that because I wanted to ask your thoughts about how my generation is more multicultural than how your generation was.