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P R I S O N

As the morning sun glimmers and sneaks its way in through the brick and steel bars which so binds and limits my freedom of movement, so do my thoughts creep back into a world which I once lived, where loved ones were but a touch away, and desired things within reaching distance.

The soft patter of little feet that once used to awaken me each morning has been replaced by the cries of prisoners and the hard and loud slamming of gates by uncaring, sadistic guards. The soft sweet kisses which once brought joy to my existence, have been replaced by the hard hickory-clubs and new spring action steel baton's upon my head and body, supported by a constant degree of denials, rejections, humiliations, degradation, and the continual shadow of semi-automatic rifles and guns dangling over my head. What an atmosphere to wake up to each and every morning. What a mental state of mind to be in.

My once cherished thoughts of elevating myself to a capacity of social comfortability and respect has now become a vague image in my mind, and the vast majority of experiences which so enhanced my existence is but a conglomeration of dreams. Oh, if once again I could relieve the social hazard which became instrumental in my present condition, atmospheric surrounding and eventual incarceration, I'm sure such a degree of humiliation would not exist, and the atrocities which I now must suffer would cease to torment my daily existence.

As I chance to anticipate prospectively and perspectivevely, I tend to find myself with limits and inhibitions, and I begin to briefly wonder if it is even worthwhile going back into the same society which I left. For my brief confinement has given sight to the cannibalistic, egotistical, materialistic society I really lived in. It was not until the harsh reality of what is now, which separated me from what was, that I began to see the system I had really lived in. Not that I wouldn't jump at the opportunity of returning, but that maybe through my returning, I can be of some help in correcting the wrongs within it.

I believe people should isolate themselves from the society which they have built for themselves for a brief period of time and see for themselves just what type of conditions they have created around their lives, and what these conditions are changing their lives into.

We as a people would like to believe that we are in control of our environment, that we govern the changes socially and economically. But it is a myth. We are in no more control of our situation than we are of our daily cooking and drinking water, for we are in actuality only allowed temporal control, and even that has limitations, standards and conditions behind it.

We would like to believe we are a free society, and yet many times over it has been proven beyond all doubt that freedom in this country is a privilege to be earned, not a GOD given right to exercise and enjoy. The escarpment of misery and pain inflicted on so many of today's people bears truth to this.

To those who have yet to be effected by these social changes because of their social positions, material and economical wealth/value, I may seem to them to be amplifying the situation. But in our thermonuclear and automation age, in this time of unprecedented technology, people are yet experiencing the effects of starvation, slavery, (mentally & physically), servitude up and beyond a persons ability to perform. There are far too many homeless people unemployment, government distrust, suspicion and skepticism.

Children today, young in years, yet old in experiences. Today's mothers need not worry about their sons going overseas to fight in a non-sense war for the economical benefits of Big Businesses and certain governmental officials. For they have brought the war to their front doors. One need not to volunteer enlistment in today's armed services, but only to step outside their front doors and began to fight.

Today's bootcamps are the jails and prisons, where the basic training for survival is well taught and established through the sadistic behaviors of overpaid guards. It is no wonder the recidivism rate is so high. Because men/women are not treated or respected as men and women. But rather as animals and children. Subsequently, upon release the change-over so quickly does not always take so smoothly, and they often find themselves responding to situations in an animalistic, sadistic way (as was conditioned through confinement) in free society.

It is hard to believe that so many millions and billions of dollars have gone into constructing and reconstructing jails and prisons, yet nothing towards constructing and reconstructing the minds and lives of those put into them (both prisoners and staff).

The number of Americans incarcerated in federal and state prisons has soared from 10.5% to a new total over 2.3 million, the largest prisoner population in the nation's history, and the end is nowhere in sight.

According to Neal R. Pierce, of the National Journal, "Prison building threatens to become the biggest growth industry of the century. With prisons across the nation already grievously overcrowded, 63 new facilities or expansions are now on the drawing boards. Their likely cost; more than \$500 Billion."

During the time when Thomas Maloney of Wilmington Delaware was Mayor, he stated: "The great need is to change and entirely restructure the way society deals with crime."

Now more and more people are beginning to realize that the prisoner needs help, not years of warehousing. More and more people are beginning to take notice to the streets of America fast becoming a jungle. That there is an ever growing army of lawbreakers and the only way to reach and prevent crime and criminals is to reach inside the minds and cultivate, train, and elevate the values and morals of such potential offenders.

W H Y ?

Why is my question? Because society as we once knew it, is rapidly losing it's unity and quality. People are losing that common culture, that thing that unites and cause- shared interests. Only the rich, political influential and fashionable social class (the elitist establishment) stands to progress and win at the rate America is presently going. For they make all the rules which they themselves do not adhere to. They are the ones who encourage the criminal element for their own personal and political progress. They are the ones who hide behind the cloak of the law and keep all the secrets from the people. they are the ones who tell us what wars to fight, what enemies to hate, what taxes to pay, and what laws to support.

But when the wars are over, they never tell us to stop hating those enemies, but rather upon our return from such wars, we find no jobs because they have given our industries to the very same enemies we were told to hate. We never see the results of those wars.

According to Webster's New World Dictionary, Society is: "a group of persons forming a single community, the wealthy dominant class." Well that fits a certain group. Certainly not we the common people who are only just one pay-check away from becoming homeless. However; I will not leave another definition to be lost in the message, for the American Heritage Dictionary defines society as: "a group of people who unites to share a common interest." So there are two major groups within what we classify as society. The capitalistic imperialist, (rich and powerful), and the common people.

Let me skip through a few thoughts and present a question. Why, with all the people (voting class), will this government not allow prisoners to vote? Considering that they also must live under the same system of power. Could it be that because they have more experience with governmental bull-shit, they have more time to read and learn/study and personally deal with the system which allows them to see what really is happening? They have the time to get inside views and access to knowledge and information that the common working man/woman don't always have the time to research and get. The common people are informed of things through the controlled news media, who will give them/you only the governmental approved information surrounding business, agriculture, politics, laws, sports, economy, foreign exchange and relations, etc. . . Why would they want you to know the truth about all the lies they tell you to believe in and trust?

Not pushing his book, but giving you an ideal of what I am talking about is, G. Gordon Liddy's book on "OUT OF CONTROL". It shows fine examples of our blindness and of the trickeration and unconcern for human lives this government practices. Should not the radiation and nuclear testing of people without their knowledge be evident enough to prove this fact?

In this article, essay or whatever classification each reader may wish to execute in his/her mind. I have tried to speak on certain matters which effect each and everyone of us in our daily lives or in the course of a lifetime. I have presented only an old problem anticipating that we as a people will take a fresh look at it. That once again we can unite and become a society that we all may enjoy the benefits of life, happiness, and the fellowship of equalization.

Once again I'm compelled to acknowledge the outside atmosphere. As the stars wink millions of love tunes, the moon has replaced the sun, and another day has passed, another good meal thought of, but not experienced (consumed). My existence in this monstrosity I find takes more and more to tolerate each day, and I ponder, I who realizes my physical imprisonment, wonder how long before you realize your mental and economical imprisonment, that we both may be free?

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