

CONTRABAND

FREEDOM: Is contraband in prison because Free-thinking and Independence of spirit and openmindedness are like acids that eat away at all prison bars and locked doors liberating the heart and mind even when the body is not free.

EQUALITY: Is contraband in prison because brother/sisterhood always speaks out against oppression and poses threats to the power structures that be. Also, with the colorblinded prisoners over-coming racism, prejudice and hate to see eachother as equals IS the systems biggest fear(s).

JUSTICE: Is contraband in prison. How many of my brothers and sisters are here who shouldn't be? Some innocent of guilt, others guilty of innocence, while many here have harmed others, still there are those whose crimes have no victim. More-over, we must NEVER forget that Cops, Judges, and Prison-gaurds often see to it that justice is not done for the poor, oppressed, and helpless both inside and outside these walls.

PEACE: Is contraband in prison. From fists and shanks to shields and batons, violence is the way of all tyranny. Remember, the "System" wants us at eachothers throats because it makes us much easier to control. NOTE: The worst violators of "PEACE" are often those pledged to defend it. (eg: Killer cops, Military Leaders, Jingoistic Politicians etc.....)

LOVE: Is contraband in prison. The warm embrace of family and friends. The touching and holding of lovers dear. The fires of passion, stoked and quenched by hand, lips, tongues, and bodies. All of this is denied and forbidden here. There is no room for love in hell! When you can't be with your "Loved-ones" in times of joy or crisis... That is when the contraband nature of "love in a dictative, oppressed state becomes clear. But, in reality in a society where hateful, punitive laws, institutions and practices are all to often the established norms... Should anyone be surprised that "love" is NO where to be found in prison?

TRUTH: Is contraband in prison because, if it were known even half of what the system didn't want us to know, surely the walls would come tumbling down, for their bricks are layed with the mortar of double-talk (double-think) and their foundations are always built upon falsehood. This is the house Orwells "Big Brother" built. Author, George Orwell wrote a book in 1948 called 1984. The book was based upon his theory/preminition of how the government and/or the "powers that be" supervise and monitor the general public. (Kinda eeery huh?) Anyway, by developing a new and revolutionary consciousness... Together, perhaps, we can find a way out of this deception, this misnomer, this evil hoax, this lie the system dares to call "CORRECTIONS" For the ultimate truth is this: The ruling elites need to keep the most marginalized elements of our society stuck in the revolving door of recidivism because "they" fear them!

REASON: Is contraband in prison. How else can it be in a place like this? Where inane rules, illogical policies, twisted thinking and warped minds reign supreme among both prisoners and staff. Here, the authorities often make up the rules as they go along. What regulations do actually exist are always interpreted in a way that serve the interest of the powers that be. So, if you are a victim of wrong doing in prison, DON'T expect there to be common sense resolutions to your problems, especially not if it inconveniences those who run these hell-holes in anyway, shape, or form they please. Critical thinking means NOTHING where arbitrariness is the order of the day. Power always trumps fairness, while logical deduction and rationality are NEVER approved of in slaves.

HAPPINESS: Is contraband in prison. As powerless beings, we are jammed into tiny cubicals, forced to live in unnatural, close quarters and/or unnatural solitude. Manacled, thwarted, squelched, isolated and restrained at every turn. Required or compelled to do this, prohibited or punished if we do that. Deprived of simple pleasures and quite often of necessities as well... When your locked-up, contentment can be as fleeting as a lighting flash and seeking joy can be as futile as a dog chasing it's tail. Those who say: "Prisoners have NO right to be happy just don't understand. Such people should be made to suffer and endure the demeaning life behind bars and locked doors which is our constant reality but NOT a part of our sentences because then, such hateful fools wouldn't be so quick to open their mouths against us.

DIGNITY: Is contraband in prison. When you're treated like a cross between a wayward child and a potentially dangerous or predatory animal, it is often as if you're a non-entity, devoid of rights, privacy, and humanity. How can respect for the inherent worth of life, a person and meager possessions of inmate (s) ever be achieved? Such a thing stands an ice-cubes chance in hell as long as the modern day slavery of imprisonment in penal institutions, mental hospitals and all other such places continues to exist.

UNITY: Is contraband in prison because through unity, we can join the fight against cruelty, malfeasance, and corruption as a bulwark of mighty solidarity. For unity always stands tall against unfairness of all kinds. However, if I take your hand.. You, me and tomorrow link up as one, regardless of, no-matter who or what we are, or what some of us have done, ~~WE MUST NEVER FORGET~~ that we are all in this together. "GUNGHO" is the Chinese word for "All together now" This should be and must become our motto! For united, there is little we can do! Making vows against injustice, raising voices in the loud protest against harm masquerading as "Rehabilitation". Speaking these truths to power, we are a resounding war-cry, shouting down all that is unfair. Together, our siren duet can reach a great thundering crescendo; shaking the rafters of established order from chambers of crypto-fascist inhumanity, our voiced will be heard like clarion trumpet calls wailing.

UNITY CON....

Until the rotting floors of authoritarian control collapse and fall away. As one for all, and all for one, we must fight and work and scream and bleed. We are a pair! We are a team! We are a movement for a better way! We are caged wretches whose words are a conspiracy against the silence of indifference. Our voices should NEVER stop yelling "FOUL" until we are heard! The bottomline is that ALL prisoners lives matter!

Therefore...

WE refuse to be branded, "The irredeemable dregs of humanity"!

We, the first worlds lumpen proletariat who vacillate between jail cells, street shelters, crash pads, and alleyways of your pluto-cratic, quasi-police state, nightmarish society!

We, the poor souls caught between the stigma of our criminal past and our society's refusal to truly help us integrate!

We, the oppressed EX-OFFENDER, caught between the violence of poverty stricken urban concrete jungles on the one hand and the violence of the constant threat of reincarceration or death on the other...

We, the disenfranchised masses for whom the promises of "Free-Enterprise", and "Democracy" and Bourgeois bliss ring hollow.

WE SAY:

NO MORE!

NO MORE TO LOCKING PEOPLE UP LIKE ANIMALS!

NO MORE TO POLICE SHOOTINGS AND BRUTALLITY!

NO MORE TO ALL THE EVILS THAT THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX PERPETUATES!

OUR DEMANDS FOR RECOGNITION,

OUR DEMANDS FOR FAIR TREATMENT,

~~OUR DEMANDS FOR RADICAL CHANGE SHOULD NEVER BE DEEMED....~~

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