



The teacher was taken back when he heard his answer. He went ahead to inquire from him. "So Trevor, so why was Golioth so surprised when David hit him with a slingshot?" He confidently looked him in the eyes and said, "The thought had never entered his head before."

The teacher called me aside and told me to spare some extra time for Bible study with him lest he becomes a politician. As we were winding up the service, the teacher gave them a question to go think about and come with the answer the following Sunday. He told them to go and find out which servant of God was a law breaker in the Bible.

As we walked along the path to ~~my~~ home. I asked my son Trevor whether he had thought of the answer. He looked at me and wore a smile that exposed ~~him~~ him. Three missing teeth and said, "It was Moses." I asked him why he thought so and he added, "Because he broke all the ten commandments at once." I rest my case!!

Entry #7:

What is whiteness?

Whiteness is a term that by itself describes the superior status of one group above all other groups in America. It is a sense of superiority regardless of economic status. It is based on skin color, and background. America has constructed its society to give people better housing, jobs, and schools because of their whiteness. The government of America has set these standards of whiteness, and continues to make it thrive.

Professor Bob

English 110

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How are you? My name is Robert Toll and I just had the wonderful opportunity of completing English 110 with Professor Bob. English 110 has been an very interesting and eye opening class for me. Before English 110, I was foreign to comma splices and sentence fragments, but as a result of extensive grammar drills I learned to always be on the prowl for them. I haven't got it downpacked as of yet but I'm constantly drilling myself to stay alert. I was told that I have a "wonderful knack" for language, so that is one of my strengths. One of my main weaknesses lie in properly structuring paragraphs and tense shifts. These are areas that I really try to concentrate on, and as a future student I want you to know that I am really excited to advance in my English course and have the opportunity to learn English on a higher level. I took my education for granted in the past, but this time I around I plan on taking control of my life. Acquiring a higher education means alot to me, and I believe that English is one of the most important courses that colleges offer. Professor, I just want you to know that when I walk through your classroom door I'm bringing that insatiable thirst for knowledge with me. From what I've been told about college in the streets, ~~so that~~ it's hard to get students to be actively involved in group discussions. I don't know how true that is due to my circumstances, but if that is the case I plan on being the exception.

If you want to be a flower, make sure you always face the sun,

If you want to be a rock, make sure you are a diamond,

If you want to be a bird, make sure you are a white dove,

Having you Jasmine, has taught me how to love.

Good Morning young fella! Today is the 28th of September 2015. Somewhere between 5:45 and 6am in the morning and I'm bright eyed and bushy tailed ready for whatever should come my way. Unfortunately, I'm in a residential program due to my failure to comply with parole stipulations. I was well aware of my actions and the consequences that might follow. However, I did what I wanted to do because I knew I wouldn't be away too long. I felt know one else will care so at least I'm not hurting any one else. I'm here for 45 days starting on the 22nd. Honestly I feel good about the situation because I thought I could stop on my own. So this time away is well needed. However, I intend to make the best of this situation by taking full advantage of all resources and make sure every second is spent on something that is consistent with my short and long term goals. I have evaluated the actions that cause me to take be confined and I'm well aware of the steps I need to take to get back on track. I'm also well aware of what steps I took to get off track and and I'm constantly aware so that I may avoid them. I love being in the presence of fine women, prying and having a good time. But I understand that I still can enjoy myself without violating my freedom. I just have to be a bit more patient. Finish my parole, save my money, secure my employment and housing status and then I can enjoy the finer thing in life. I also plan on giving back to my community. I've been contemplating whether I should coach, mentor, or be a motivational speaker. However, at this point I don't feel confident in my ability not to revert back to my negative behavior. The reason I'm not confident is because of my faith in life and death. I don't want to confuse any one by saying this. I don't feel suicidal. I just don't understand the meaning of life and death. For me, understanding the two phenomenas will help me put together a suitable plan to from one phenomena to the next. I see so many individuals living life on some one else's terms, whether it be there parents, friends, family, coaches, society, fore fathers, powers that be and whoever else. I tried religion practices but was discourage because of the historical wars that were present during its development. My ideology is how does something so natural has to be fought about. Another is I found myself and others continuously fallen short of the "glory of god" or their expectations of themselves as members of a faith. Again, how is something so natural so difficult to adhere to? At this time I'm reading a book titled "Birth of the Constitution." I found the birth of the constitution intriguing because I was really curious on how such a way of life was constructed, why it was constructed and to conclusively ask myself was it a need for such guidelines for the way of living. That's it for this session of Live with Myself"

In response to The Color of Water, One of the things that stood out to me from the very beginning of the book, the very first chapter, was the mother, Rachel Dwajra Zylska or Rachel Deborah Shilsky's relationship with her family. She spoke about her family upbringing as if she were some sort of prisoner. As if this is one of the worst situations a child could be in. It appears that you weren't able to express yourself as a child or a woman in Shilsky's family. She makes it appear as if love is rarely expressed in the Jewish community. I don't believe that

Something else that stood out to me was the part when James was leaving to go away to Fresh Air Forest summer camp. When the bus began to pull off and he found out that the man standing next to his mom was a member of the Black Panther Party. I just wanted to point how the media controlled peoples perception of things back then and

Down into the earth went the plow in the free hands and the slave hands, in indentured hands and adventurous hands, turning the rich soil went the plow in many hands that planted and harvested the food that fed and the cotton that clothed Uganda. As I end up, a man said "All men are created equal - Empowered and endowed by their creator Among these life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness. No man is good enough to govern another man without that other's consent."

Who am I?

I am my mother's first and only male child,

The by-product of a musical infusion of Glades Knight and Sweet Mickey, with a splash of Boggy Down Production for extra flavor.

I am a son, brother, and an uncle who wishes to one day be a father.

I am the protector and defender of my family, the glue that binds them all.

I am the most charismatic and personable eagle among the flock of my siblings.

I am a relapsing addict of laughter, and humor, who never takes life too serious.

I am a dreamer who dares to dream bigger than life, but smart enough to know I have to hit the ground running.

I am an emotional storm of feelings always on the brink of spilling over who is never afraid to bring the rain.

I am consumer of books, with a thirst for knowledge that has no limits.

The ultimate embodiment of a friend and companion, who will tell you what it is, not what you want to hear.

I am a God fearing man who isn't afraid to live life on life's terms.

Prison, When will you get tired?
Of detaining, innocents,
Persons without cause,
People come and go,
But there's no change,
At all.
People
People
People
When shall we wake,
Up and try to avoid our
Selves from being culprits,
Of prison
Get concerned
Time lost,
It's never regained.

By,
Love This! RR

How would I Make a Strong addition to the "Prison-to-College Pipeline"?

Upon reflecting and searching within my inner self, a Strong contribution to the pipeline would begin with good study habits and a hunger to continue excelling in my educational journey. Presently, my GPA is a 3.21 from my studies with "The New School-Eugene Lang College" and one of my goals is to elevate my GPA much higher in future semesters. Additional, I have a total of (43) transferable credits and no degree as of yet. A total of 30 Credits are from "New York Theological Seminary" and the remainder (13) are freshly from Eugene Lang College. Furthermore, for the past 15 Years I have been living up to a Malcolm X quote from his autobiography that has been of great inspiration for the transformation in my life.

"To be a criminal is not a disgrace, to remain a criminal that is the disgrace".

At this moment, I pride myself going against the grain in this prison experience and when released. Meaning, that I no longer desire to participate in criminal activities, rather I am in pursuit of becoming the first amongst my siblings to have a Degree. In addition to, I would like to be one of the pioneers of the John Jay Prison College and the Pipeline Fraternity upon my release. Finally, I would like to pledge to volunteer my time when I become a formally incarcerated Man to the John Jay College in the criminal Justice department were my criminal and prison experience can be shared with enrolled students (Future Officer's, D.A.'s, Lawyer's, etc.). I am not just look out for a free ride, but I want to give back to my community and to those as John Jay who are investing in Raul Burgos Stock.

