

"BLACK ALIBIST" (ENTRY NINE)
ESSAY

WHENEVER I'M ASKED, WHAT ARE MY PLANS FOR THE FUTURE, OR MORE SPECIFICALLY, WHAT ARE MY PLANS FOR WHEN I GET RELEASED FROM PRISON?

MY ANSWER IS ALWAYS STRANGE FOR THE PERSON ASKING THE QUESTION.

BECAUSE THEY PAUSE, AND LOOK AT ME PUZZLED. "WHEN I TELL THEM, I'M GONNA PLAY 'CHESS' FOR A LIVING". IT'S MY WAY OF SAYING THAT, 'LIFE' AND 'CHESS' ARE A THINKING PERSON'S GAME, PERIOD. I'M SAYING THAT, I WILL BE USING ADVANCED TACTICAL THINKING TO PLOT MY COURSE. IF YOU TRY AND UNDERSTAND THE GAME OF CHESS LIKE WE CONSTANTLY TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE GAME OF LIFE. THOSE WHO TAKE THE TIME NECESSARY TO PLOT THEIR COURSE, TO PLAN AHEAD BEFORE THEY MOVE, THEY WILL LIKELY SUCCEED. IT'S THE SAME WITH 'CHESS'. ONE MUST MAKE MOVES THAT ALLOW ONE, TO CAPTURE VALUABLE PIECES. I CAN TELL A LOT ABOUT SOMEONE, BY THE WAY THEY PLAY 'CHESS'.

THE OPPONENTS, WHO THINK 'SMALL' IN LIFE. SPEND THEIR DAYS, INVESTING 'TIME' AND EFFORTS, TRYING TO CAPTURE PAWNS. THE LEAST VALUABLE PIECES ON THE BOARD. 'THINKING' THEIR PLAYING TO WIN, BUT THEY'RE NOT. THOSE WHO THINK 'BIG' TEND TO PURSUE THE 'KING' OR 'QUEEN', WHICH IS HOW THE GAME IS WON.

MOST PEOPLE, INCLUDING MYSELF, SPEND MANY YEARS TRYING TO CAPTURE PAWNS. THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO PLAY AND WIN. BUT, AS IN 'LIFE', THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM 'CHESS' IS THIS. 'CHESS' IS A GAME OF CONSEQUENCES; LIKE REAL LIFE. THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES FOR EACH AND EVERY MOVE, WE MAKE. IN CHESS AND IN LIFE. DON'T MAKE ANY MOVE -

WITHOUT FIRST EVALUATING, CONSIDERING EVERY POSSIBLE OUTCOME. IF NOT YOU WANT HAVE ANY CONTROL OVER THE RESULTS. SOMETHING I'VE NEVER DONE GROWING UP, TIL IT WAS ALWAYS TOO LATE. TODAY, I'VE HAD THE CHANCE TO PLAY AGAINST SOME OF THE BEST, WITH THE MOST ADVANCED GAMES.

THE ELITE 'CHESS' PLAYERS OF TODAY ARE OF NO PARTICULAR "SCHOOL OF THOUGHT", OR ERA. WE HAIL FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, EVERY WALK OF LIFE, EVERY socio-political and economic BACKGROUND; OUTCOME IS ALL THAT MATTERS.