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"BLACK ALCHEMIST" (ENTRY FIFTEEN)

AFTER BEING CAPTURED AND CONVICTED, ESSAY'S

I've been engaged in the adventures of trying to understand how this world really truly works, every since - being enrolled into California's Institutions of 'Higher Education'. Where my 're-educational' journey first began at. We can all get an education at a number of different colleges. But - college tuition is, 'out of reach' for most people ^{WHO} come from my - environment. Having the money to afford college, keeps most of us, - excluded from that option. Especially, if we aren't a talented athlete. Our ambition to pursue an academic education becomes 'disrupted' by, bad influences all around us. The 'strong' temptations and peer pressures of our surroundings, along with the lure of all the instant, immediate gratification, that we are immersed in, on a daily basis, adding to that, we don't feel that society sees us or hears us, feeling 'undervalued'. ^{THIS} pushes us into the streets - awaiting arms. Where, we begin to gain an intimate knowledge of how the 'subterranean' world works, knowing nothing else, or learning nothing else about, the 'real' world. Eventually, we the 'stereotypical', lower social-class Black, young male soon becomes a 'man of confusion', uneducated about the world ~~we~~ ^{we're} living in, facing a hostile environment, not even sure if it's ~~our~~ ^{our} own fault or, not, that ^{we} have attracted the hostilities of society. All of our lives, we are 'taught', and 'treated' like inferior, weaker males. We, look around for something to 'blame' for our predicament. Like me, for example, eventually I started to identify with those who were 'lost' in a state of confusion like, I was, increasingly more frustrated. Family relationships disintegrating all around us; 'endless' series of failures and misfortunes, self-hatred grows and confidence weakens. But, nobody with a 'spark' of self-respect left, inside them. Willingly submits or gives in to being filed away on a 'back-shelf' like an outdated ~~idea~~ ^{idea}.