

Eph 2:8

Gen 1:27

In The Name of The Most High God
Creator of All things

Psalms 82:6

John 10:34

Date 12/27/20

Dear American Prison Writing Archive
Peace, I originally wrote this letter
to the SF Bay View. but I also thought it made a good
Essay on my beliefs so I'm sending it to you and I
wrote Dear APWA instead of Dear San Francisco Bay
View so the rest of the letter/essay is what I wrote
to the SF Bay View. Thanks for accepting other material
it makes it easier on the writer to share

Date 1/29/19

Dear SF Bay View

Hi, How are you doing? Hopefully
well and the Most High is smiling down on you
Hopefully this letter meets you in good health and good
spirits on a good day

My name I chose is Farrakhan Muhammad
Shabazz I'm named after my 3 favorite teachers
(Minister Farrakhan, The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad
and Malcolm X (Shabazz)) I tried to follow the

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the teachings of the Most Honorable ~~Elyah~~ Elijah Muhammad as now come through the Honorable Minister Farrakhan but it's too hard to get their teachings as an indigent prisoner I know I tried for over 10 years and I never got a Bible or a Quran study but I did get their newspaper for a year or two it changed my life

I said all of that to say this Minister Farrakhan teaches that we should not talk down on other people who are trying to do good especially other Brothers & Sisters if we think somebody is doing a bad job and we think we could do a better job.

Instead of saying we could do a better job we should "show & prove" that we could do a better job with our actions. That's why I never wrote in before about the things that I disliked about the "Bay View"

Plus it was so much more that I did like about the paper I didn't want to look like a hater by saying what I didn't like

Then I'm a lifer that's been in prison since 1998 so I know how hard it is to get half way decent Black Reading material. I love about 85% of the articles in your paper. So I wasn't going to say anything plus I was getting it for free I really wasn't going to say nothing (beggars can't be choosers)

But you a real newspaper and you want my point of view and you asked for my critique like i'm somebody, Then you even said it's my newspaper

Know wonder why you been in the game so long and why your paper is so good- You truly are the people's paper. Made for us, by us. you really care what we think about the paper

The only things I don't like about the paper is ~~the~~ The Behind-Enemy lines and other prisoner articles don't get me wrong, some of them are good and some are really good and well written. My problem with the articles is they're very one-sided and you paint us (prisoners) with a broad brush. We ain't all revolutionaries (Rev's) & Rebels most Brothers that's woke are not Rev's Most Brothers in here ain't Rebels either these Brothers in here are so nice when it comes to the authorities (including me now that I came into knowledge of my true self)

It's alot of thugs in here that when they do come into a little knowledge and are trying to wake up yes it is true they do turn into Rev's & Rebels, but that's only because they're young, dum and angry and they have plenty of right to be angry and I don't like to call anybody dum I rather say misinformed but I'm just trying to speak the real with you

Back to the point yes thugs turn into Rev's & Rebels when they are trying to wake up. But that's just the first step going from Rebels without a cause to Rev's with a cause. That's still just their anger talking. They still haven't learned how to Love their self yet

Nine out of Ten of your Prisoner articles are of these Brothers who are in their first stage of development like we are just stuck on stupid and can't get pass this first stage of development and we are destined to only be Rev's & Rebels for life and that's not true.

I know because I was a thug, then I was a Rebel, then I was a Rev, then I was a Black Nationalist muslim and now I'm a Christian striving to be a pan-African (when I wrote this letter I was a Christian now I'm probably agnostic but I still read and study the Bible 12/27/20)

All you have to do is ask the Rev's a few questions
Do you really want to go to war against the #1 army in the world? What are you going to do if they cut off your water supply? What are you going to do if they cut off your food supply? Do you really want to Blow up the Country where your Grandmother's mother, children and extended family lives?

See most Rev's just think war is about fighting and they down for that. They down to fight for they

Rights ~~but~~ why should we fight the devils for the country they stole from the Indians. When we got a whole continent that need us and welcomes us to come help them. And if they are just stuck on being a soldier why don't they join the African Union and fight for the Black man's land. But that's just me being a garvite a Pan-African that never been to Africa.

See most Revs are just young Misinformed Brothers trying to prove they ain't scared to die for what they believe in which only proves that they are scared to live for what they believe in. Scared to live for their family. Scared to live for their ideas. Scared to live for their philosophy and most of all scared to fight the white man with their mind and not their fist or guns which is dum because any gun we can get the white man got a bigger one.

So let's live for our family. So let's live for our ideas. So let's live for our philosophies and let's fight the white man with what he killing us with, OUR mind. Because at the end of the day if you're intelligent, That's all it is a fight for hearts and minds.

In This war for hearts and minds. Why be a foot soldier when you could be an officer? Why be on the front line when you could use your mind to win hearts & minds. It's silly and childish to talk about war war war!

You're leading these lambs to the slaughter and these lambs happen to be our Brothers & Sisters

That's my only Bone to pick with the SF Bay view the articles by prisoners are mostly Rev's & Rebels and none of them want to take responsibility for their actions. They want to be just like the devils who put them here. They want to kill, steal and destroy with out nothing coming back on them. They want anarchy in 2019 and it's not Realistic

Rev's & Rebels want to be the same devil that they want to destroy. They just want to put the shoe on the other foot and do to the devil what the devils are doing to us. Rev's & Rebels just want to trade places with the devil and inflict the same pain on them as they are inflicting on us. But an eye for an eye will leave the whole world blind

We have to be smarter than that we have to 'be the change that we want to see' otherwise we are just as evil as them. How can we say they are evil, their wrong and they are devils and if we were in their position we would do the same thing to them as they are doing to us.

Are we devils too? The answer to that is NO we are not. So we have to take responsibility for our actions and stop shifting the blame to other people by calling them "Snitches"

I got to give these Revs and Rebels the best piece of advice that I gave to my last cellmate "if you stop committing crimes people will stop switching on you" and he looked at me like I was the crazy one, like he can't live a crime-free life. But if you don't do nothing there ain't nothing to tell on

Sometimes I feel that your paper enables Revs and Rebels to be hard heads and keep doing what they're doing. Instead of taking responsibility for their actions

Instead of living for their cause. The Brothers from the Nation of Islam they live in America, their Black, they don't commit crimes, some of them are X-cons they stand up for ~~their~~ their people, they stand up for their rights. Some of them are more real than you and me so don't tell me it can't be done. When they're doing it they are ^{living} it and they are not the only ones

It's pan ~~Islamic~~ Africans, Black nationalist, Christians, orthodox ~~and~~ muslims, and all kinds of other Brothers out there living right it's not just the Nation of Islam that's just the Brothers who I learned to live right through the fruit of Islam (The F.O.I.)

They are not just living right out there some of them are our peers and in prison living right turning their life around in the belly of the Beast becoming changed men

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And these Rev's and ~~Rebels~~ Rebels could do it too and I believe the SF Bay View - Could enable them to live right and to live for their cause instead of die for it

By featuring some of the Brothers I mentioned above if your paper featured more pan-African, Black ~~Activist~~ Nationalist Christians and Muslims. The people that read your paper could turn over a new leaf Especially the Brothers behind enemy lines

Reading the final Call newspaper changed my life and I believe the SF Bay View could do the same thing for a lot of Brothers & Sisters behind enemy lines across this Nation

If we ~~turned~~ turned these Concentration camps into ~~to~~ institutions of higher learning, That's really the only way to abolish the prison industry complex. because the devils won't keep building them if they are helping people instead of hurting people

That's ~~my~~ my suggestion on how to make the San Francisco Bay View a Better paper for the people. You ~~asked~~ asked and that's my solution

Thank You for Reading These few words

Thank You for Your Time

Have A Nice Day

Peace & Love

FARRAKHAN