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You are about to read a collection
of inspirational poems (and gems)
extracted from the transformed mind
of an Activist who used to be a
habitual offender.

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BEAT THE SYSTEM

How do we
beat the system
is the question
I will ask,

I'm not implying
we case a bank
and then rob it
wearing a face mask,

I'm alluding to
setting our minds on
changing from within,

Where we transmute
the felonious mentality
that led us to the pen,

I'm talking about
developing a mind set
that improves our condition,

where we take responsibility
and we stop volunteering
to put ourselves in prison,

I'm talking about
making that 180°
turning ashes into beauty,

where we learn our lesson
and become a blessing
to our broken community,

We can't beat the system
by violating parole
and returning to jail,

We beat the system
by walking off parole
and stop occupying a cell,

Instead of wasting time
in other people's business
or complaining about our condition,

We need to set our minds
on never ever again
putting ourselves in prison,

We must be cognizance
of who we associate with
and how we utilize our time,

Don't be so preoccupied
with strengthening your body
that you underdevelop your mind,

We must realize
that we entered prison
with shackles on our mind,

To stay out of prison
we must leave all
those shackles behind,

We must treat the
department of corrections
as a wise man's university,

Where we utilize
all the available resources
to correct our mentality,

Transforming our lives
from dysfunctional
to pro-social citizen,

Is the best way
all of us can
beat this system,

GEMS:

- Stop identifying yourself with
who you used to be.
 - Start identifying yourself with
who you suppose to be.
 - Give responsibility the same
loyalty you gave to irresponsibility.
 - Don't leave prison still a
prisoner.
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UNTITLED

Does my brown
skin pigmentation,
make me prone
to incarceration?

Or is my
provocative accusation,
a mere figment
of my imagination?

Is the color
of my beautiful skin,
one of my
biggest sin?

Or is my
victim mentality,
trying to conceal
my irresponsibility?

Does my
abundant melanin
make me
inherently inferior?

Does your
lack of melanin
make you
inherently superior?

Is my Ethnicity
the root cause
of my poverty?

Or is my immaturity
the root cause
of my missing prosperity?

GEMS:

→ Don't let the mess you left
behind define you or hold you
hostage. Let it refine you and
use your "Mess" as your "Message."

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IT SEEMS LIKE

It seems like
some African-Americans
expect someone else
to fix our broken environment,

Instead of joining forces
and combining our resources
to give ourselves agency
to better our predicament,

It seems like
some African-Americans
subconsciously adopted
the white racist ideology.

They hate black people
constantly look down on them
can't stand being around them
and talk about them stereotypically,

They hate being black
trying to be white
is their main priority,
living next to whites
and being accepted by them
gives them validity,

It seems like
some African-Americans
only talk about
the inevitable disparity
between black and caucasian,

When it comes to the
disparity amongst blacks
they have no conversation,

It seems like
some African-Americans
only point to
the toxic hatred
between black and caucasian,

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When it comes to
the hatred amongst blacks
they have no conversation.

GEMS:

- Depraved mind sets and corrupted behaviors are learned, so they can be unlearned.
 - Remember your corrupted passions and desires are trying to set you for failure and lead you into bondage.
 - Put off your lower self with it's corrupted passions and desires and put on your higher self.
 - Be a blessing, not a burden, to other people, especially to women.
 - Never let your anger or negative emotions think or speak for you.
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THE UNIVERSE GAVE ME A VISION

One fall night
while gazing into
the Infinite Universe
I was blessed with
a profound revelation,

The elegant Moon
changed her colors
from Red, Black to Green
this was truly a
breath-taking illustration,

Multiple stars united
forming a constellation
a cosmic widescreen
translucently displaying
the following vision,

I saw wise Blackmen
from state to state
changing their hearts
correcting their behavior
transforming in prison,

They re-entered society
with re-newed minds
and regenerated souls
a brand new creation,

Incarcerated Blackwomen
followed their example
African-Americans constituted
5% of the prison population,

As a result
every department of corrections
closed down prisons
and cut their staff,

More tax dollars
were allocated for STEM:
Science, Technology,
Engineering and Math,

Father absenteeism
no longer existed
lifting the heavy burden
off our women shoulders,

The generational disconnect
became a thing of the past
the youth seeked guidance
from their wise elders,

Broken public schools
became great learning centers
closely reminiscent
to Ancient Egypt and Timbuktu,

Domestic Relations office
laid off all their staff
Homicide detectives
had no cases to pursue,

Black Social Entrepreneurs
heavily invested in Africa
positive African-American images
flooded every form of media,

African-American Doctors
created a new cure
that wiped out breast cancer
and sickle cell anemia,

Sexual Assault vanished
Women were treated equal
as an African-American Woman
ascended to the office of President,

Misled white supremacist
recklessly abandoned hate
racism lost its appeal
crooked politicians started to repent,

I couldn't believe it
I felt tears of joy
flowing from my eye,

The vision became blurry
I saw a great ball of fire
as a huge crack divided the sky,

GEMS:

→ Surround yourself with three kinds
of people:

- (1) Those who sharpen you,
- (2) Those who will walk by your side,
- (3) Those who you sharpen,

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SO-CALLED CHRISTIAN NATION

How could a
true christian nation
be proudly established
on white domination,

Don't believe the hype
or fall for the indoctrination
we reside in a
so-called christian nation,

How could a
spirit-filled nation
blatantly practice
Aboriginal extermination,

Then manufacture
a false white doctrine
to veil their theft
of this wretched nation,

How could a
nation under grace
purposely dehumanize
it's African population,

Then after a
proclamation of emancipation
maliciously enact a
jim crow legislation,

How could a
God-fearing nation
practice covert
foreign government manipulation,
interfering in foreign elections
setting up puppet administration,

How could a
one percent white elite
control a christian nation,
If you can afford
to build a border wall
then you can afford to
rightfully pay reparation,

How could a
exceptionally great nation
intentionally prohibit women
from voter participation,
or practice voter suppression,
separate and unequal
unfair gender compensation,

How could a
nation in christ
lead the world in
mass incarceration,
or have an
occupying police force
that abuses the
minority population,

What kind of
sanctified christian nation
purposely misinforms
85% of it's population,
with a plethora
of modern day media
that specializes in persuasion,

What kind of
judeo-christian nation,
consciously participates in
pagan holiday celebration,

Thank you to all
those caucasians who
fought and fight for
African-American humanization,

Shame to all those
ignorant white congregations
that practiced and practice
non-biblical race segregation,

Please show me
that exact scripture
that specifically mentions
Black inferiority and
white superior predestination,

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Please show me
the exact scripture
that specifically mentions
Christ's white pigmentation
or any kind of denomination,

white supremacy
and christianity
the church and state
need to experience
a permanent separation.

This is when
the Holy Bible
can really influence
our broken nation.

GEMS:

- Let people make their point without cutting them off. Don't attack them personally. Challenge their point humbly and peacefully.
- Don't dwell on how you fell in that hole. Focus on getting out and staying out of that hole.

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I RATHER

I rather
all of us eat
than one of us
starve or go hungry.

I rather
strive to build up
instead of tearing
down my community.

I rather
look at your potential
instead of looking at
your imperfection.

I rather
have a purpose in life
instead of wandering
with no direction.

I rather
forgive your trespasses
instead of holding
a toxic grudge.

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I rather
let the universe judge
instead of trying
to play judge,

I rather
speak to my circumstance
instead of letting
it speak to me,

I rather
exist as an asset
instead of existing
as a ~~pitfall~~ liability,

GEMS:

- Never read meaning into Holy Scripture. Always read meaning out of the text.
 - Don't leave prison still a prisoner.
 - Address your issues or they will address you.
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WHAT GOOD IS IT

What good is it
to pay homage
exclusively on Sunday,

Then live in bondage
for the next six days
serving the adversary,

What good is it
to know the Holy Bible
from Genesis to Revelation,

Then when it comes to
making the word flesh
we see no application,

What good is it
to always point to
the next man's sin,
when you worship idols
like an gentile pagan,

What good is it
to go out of your way
to help a stranger or other,

Then coldheartedly
turn your back on
your mother or brother,

What good is it
to pray to your creator
asking for removal
of a toxic habit,

Then foolishly refuse
to let it go
when the universe
tries to grab it,

What good is it
to leave prison
the same person
that came in,

Foolishly picking up
the same vices
that helped you
land in the state pen.

What good is it
to hold on to the past
when hope lies ahead.

Letting negative energy
and negative people
rent space in your head.

What good is it to
use material possession
to validate self-worth,
knowing you can't take nothing
when you depart this earth.

What good is it
to pick and chose
what scripture to follow,
or worrying about the future
when no one is promised tomorrow.