

TODAY MAY SEEM TO SOME PEOPLE A TRAGIC DAY FOR ME.

TO ME IT'S JUST ANOTHER DAY IN THE STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL.

THERE HAVE BEEN AND WILL COME THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE PASSED THROUGH THIS CHAMBER OF HELL AND CHAMBERS LIKE THIS.

UNTIL OUR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS CHANGE, MANY MORE WILL BE LED TO THE DEHUMANIZATION AND SLAUGHTER.

I SAY TO THE COURT TODAY, PEOPLE ARE NOT STUPID, WE KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU STAND FOR.

YOU ARE THE FORCES OF MISERY, LECHERY AND DEATH. YOUR EXAMPLES AND JUSTICE SYSTEMS ARE SHAMEFUL AND AN INSULT TO ALL THAT IS DECENT. A LIFELESS FORCE TRAMPLING ON A PEOPLES RIGHTS TO LIVE AS HUMAN BEINGS. WE ARE NOT DIGITS NOR MACHINES, YET WE ARE CAGED AND TREATED LIKE ~~THE~~ ANIMALS. NOR ARE WE IN CONTROL OF THE VICIOUS MEDIA, NEWSPAPER AND TELEVISION, THE REAL PERPETRATORS OF VIOLENCE. WE ARE TAUGHT AND OUR CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT VIOLENCE.

YET THOSE WHO PUT THE THOUGHTS IN OUR MINDS, BY YOUR STANDARDS, ARE NOT CONSIDERED CRIMINALS, ON THE CONTRARY THEY GET A GOOD SLAP ON THE BACK AND BIGGER PAY CHECKS.

THE COURTS WOULD BE OUT OF A JOB WITHOUT PEOPLE TO PROSECUTE.

WITHOUT PRISONERS, THE PROSECUTOR, POLICE, PRISON GUARDS AS WELL WOULD BE OUT OF A JOB.

AND WE LIVE IN A SOCIETY WHERE MISERY \$\$\$ SUFFERING IS NEEDED TO PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE FOR OTHERS.

YET THE VICTIM TODAY IS CALLED THE CRIMINAL AND THE CRIMINAL APPEARS THE VICTIM. HISTORY BEARS ME WITNESS. WE ARE THE PRODUCT OF OUR ENVIRONMENT.

WE ARE FORCED TO CARRY THE WEIGHT FOR THE CRIME THAT IS NOT OURS. THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAVE NOT AND WILL NOT FULFILL \$\$\$ THEIR SWORN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PEOPLE.

AND THOSE IN AND OUT OF PRISON SUFFER BECAUSE OF CONSCIOUS NEGLECT, BY THOSE WHO ARE NOW TEMPORARILY IN AUTHORITY OVER US.

YOU ASK ME DO I HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY....AS A PEOPLE (THE POOR AND OPRESSED) WE REPEAT...GIVE US JUSTICE AND THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE OUR OWN DESTINIES. THIS HAS BEEN SAID IN MANY LANGUAGES ACROSS THE LAND FOR OVER 450 YEARS. YET YOU STILL DO NOT HEAR. THE PAIN AND SUFFERING INFLECTED UPON US HAS CREATED A DETERMINATION WITHIN SPIRITS TO RESIST THOSE WHO OPRESS US TO THE LAST BREATH.

I SAY TO ALL THAT HEAR, LET'S GO WHERE THE LAWS OF MAN ARE MADE AND MAKE LAWS THAT GIVE A PEOPLE DIGNITY AND TRUE JUSTICE.

HERMAN BELL

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