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Social Justice Autobiography

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Greetings

I have received your letter dated January nineteenth asking me to participate in your social justice project. I would love to. But before I move on, I explained in the letter I wrote you that me and my company would love to link up with UBFSF to build together. I am the founder of mar moes publishing/services. I'm known as Da Prisonaire, trademarked. Also, I am a mechanic guru who built two businesses and one company from behind bars. My whole mission in writing to UBFSF was to acknowledge Mr. Ivan Kilgore and his team on the mission you guys are on and wanted to help bring more people to his platform. I have a magazine coming out and wanted to promote UBFSF in it to help other inmates accomplish their goals. See, my team and UBFSF have the same goal which is the hope of discovering solutions, and struggles in communities. I teach people how to build businesses, start from scratch, and how to get rich. I really want to use UBFSF as another resource. I know the importance of networking. Please let me explain.

Social Justice
Taurus DeVault

My name is Dr. Taurus L. DeVault. I have been incarcerated going-on ten years, wrongly convicted. I'll be winning my case soon, in which I'll be exposing the corruption of the prosecutors and others. I was a very well-known drug supplier who lived a lavish lifestyle.

Today, I am a thirty-three-year-old African American man. I was raised in a very strict household and grew up in business; my mother and father owned a grocery store, which we still have after thirty years. But the problem was that the store was in the Hood, where I saw drug dealers, money, fancy cars, women, and more all my life. Us as people, especially Black kids, growing up in the Hood we tend to learn by watching, not by formal education. So even when you have your parents tell you "Stay in school, don't drink, don't sell drugs," it's not going to work unless you move us away from the environment.

See, the problem in society is this: A lot of us don't know who we really are.

And if you don't know who you are then you will let people decide it for you. We begin to live this life of illusion and make it our reality. We think selling drugs, robbing, gangbanging and so on is *the* lifestyle just because we are around it. But it's not. We somehow told ourselves this is correct. There's a lot of people who made great choices that came from poverty. I tell people all the time, "Don't become a victim of your circumstances or situations." That's the number one thing we fail at.

I know that what everyone wants in life is an opportunity, and opportunity will cause less violence no matter where you come from. The problem is that the youth don't realize that there is opportunity in their faces, but their lifestyle and social aspects make them miss it. We need leaders out there, but nowadays the people that kids look up to are the wrong role models. You got guys and women at the age of forty doing the same thing the youth is doing.

I came up with the name “The Prisonaire” and here is my meaning behind it: Someone who truly understands they’re in control of their destiny. It took me coming to prison to really, really realize that. But not only just realize it, but to take action. Listen, everyone, it’s not really about “a black/white thing,” but we let the things we are facing separate us. We must realize every culture lives differently, then you must realize that just because their skin is like yours doesn’t mean they all think like you. Some blacks live in a suburb around whites all their life so they tend to “act white,” if that’s what you call it. Vice versa.

From studying psychology, practicing Islam, reading books, running businesses, and becoming a motivational speaker, I earned the Doctor title. I have helped professors, college students, business owners, and black and white people struggling, all while in prison through the mail, visits, and the telephone. I came to prison and turned my life around. I took advantage of what prison had to offer.

I want to leave everyone with a little message that is so important: the most important part of the body is the HEART.

For one, if the heart is spoiled the whole body becomes spoiled. But once the heart becomes pure and loving, then the whole body becomes pure. See, until we change the way we think, our actions will stay the same. Why? Because each and every one of us is the way we think, and with a new way of thinking we can find honorable ways to satisfy our desires and learn the transformation that is necessary to be successful in the social aspect of our struggle. Always remember that there is a wrong way, a right way, and a correct way to do things in life. I can guarantee you that if you do things the correct way in life, meaning following the rules, learning the system, and standing up for justice even if it be against yourself, I can promise you a happy life. But the problem is that a lot of us don’t know how and strive to learn how to accomplish these things. Yes, I have a method to teach people. God has given me a gift.

I know I did wrong in my past. I know I destroyed my community. I feel ashamed, but I was ignorant then; and now I am going back to help make a difference in people’s lives the correct way. I am an example of a reformed man who came to prison, became successful in prison, and didn’t let my circumstances or situation make me a victim, and so can you.

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