

All who have read the first parts of my story to
Thank you. Due to me being in the process of being moved to another
prison, I have stop^d writing in order to re-focus as well as wait
to give you all my new address. However, I would like to take this
brief opportunity to talk about myself and my "new" mind-frame for the
future. First of all, in my story I talk about being a gang-member. My whole
life up until about three years ago I've been "cripin." What changed me? all
I can say is a little bit of life and a lot of God bringing me to conscious-
ness. Over the years I've set out to bring something positive to my 'hood due
to taking away from it. True gang-bangers love their 'hood that's why they die
behind it. Being kids, we don't know how to "put it down" for the 'hood with-
out destroying it along with our lives as I did. Realizing this, I
knew that if I really wanted to change the facts of all my homies dying
or going to prison, I must first change myself. So I did. I'm no longer
cripin, I'm just a 'hood dude who wants to do something positive and
effective for my 'hood/community. I'm in the process of structuring a
"Real positive-gang" called "Yo.O.U.-Gang." (Youths Organizing Unity) More
of this will be popping up in the future. However, I'm calling out all of you
in society who's willing to help me form a positive, effective movement
for inner-city/urban kids who are influenced by the streets and gangs.
Whos down? yeah, I'm in prison, but who says I can't make a diff-
rence? I know with your help and God, all things are ~~possible~~ possible.
I am also structuring a pen-pal club (free of charge) for prisoners
on my unit who are "conscious-minded" and ready to give back?
So, if you are down with that write me and we will get it
together. as of now, I will still receive your mail. so hit me at:
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Peace & Unity,
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My thoughts to the people. The youth
By Q.17E VERBE.

"Life has brought into existence. fate has created circumstances. Choice has made it's bed."

To think about these three things daily. To me, it outlines life over all. Life is a gift given by a conscious energie we call God or Supreme Being(s). We are born into whatever circumstance to challenge ourselves within it. Some of us give up because we "feel" the challenge is too great. So, we give in and die a loser. Not realizing that even if we die fighting we still win because we never gave in. As a kid, I know circumstances can be very challenging, painful and very confusing. But as a "youth," you must realize that you have time to grow and not all things last forever. It's hard when you are living in someone else's world. But you must learn from that "world" until you are "mentally and physically" ready to build your own. Running away into the streets of chaos is not the answer. It's even colder out there. Be a winner for the future and think before you make choices. You are the future, and the only way things can change is "through you." You can't change fate, but you can make the right choice. Real Talk?

- Q.17E VERBE,
Yo. O. U. gang?