

Behind The Barz:

"Current Living" Edition

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This song came to me on Monday, January, 16, 2012 on Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, but when I wrote it, I had absolutely no clue that this day was his birthday. At the time, I just felt the urge to write the song. After I wrote it, it was about 7p.m. and I wondered why the correctional officers hadn't passed out mail yet. So I asked a fellow inmate neighbor if the day was a holiday and he informed me that it was Dr. King's birthday. Shocked and amazed at the irony and coincidence, I explained my situation to the fellow inmate neighbor and performed my new song; "Current Living" to him and all the inmates who could hear. Needless to say I received a great response and positive feedback.

The other ironic coincidence is when I began writing this song, the inspiration came from a Dr. King quote that had been laying in front of me on the table scattered amongst other scribbles of my songs, lyrics, and music. Dr. King's quote just jumped at me and it read, "People don't get along because they fear each other. People fear each other because they don't know each other. They don't know each other because they have not properly communicated with each other." Then I said to myself, "That would make a nice concept for a song." And here you have it; Current Living.

While writing this song I also got influence and gathered information from Eckhart Tolle's book called, A New Earth - Awakening to Your Life's Purpose; pages 10, 11, and 12. Eckhart Tolle is explaining Our Inherited Dysfunction. If you read pages 10, 11, and

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12 of Eckhart's book, you'll see remarkable similarities in word selection, concepts, ideas, and sentences in my song; Current Living.

Additionally, inspiration for this song comes from my personal life's experiences, especially with me being currently incarcerated. The whole purpose or point of this song was created to inform people in another way that Dr. King and Eckhart couldn't, haven't, or hasn't. The message is that we are not communicating properly and effectively with resolving our issues, problems, and discrepancies. It is my hope that through this song, my music, and my creation of Current Living, that I have made something worth seeing, hearing, reading, listening to, and understanding to create a better understanding of our need to communicate better.