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Greetings again World.

Once again I have a couple essays to post. Trust me when I say that I would much rather be enjoying some type of dialogue with other people in this web, instead of posting these topical soliloquies ... but for the time being this will have to suffice. Hopefully, somewhere along the line - those people who read my blog postings will in turn post their comments and welcome real dialogue, either via this blog site or directly to my address listed above.

Be Blessed.

Living On Purpose (LOP)

Statement Workbook

Adapted from D. Amen's M.D. One Page Miracle

In Cell Assignment

Answer the following question to help you shed light on what you value, use another sheet of paper if needed.

10 List five experience in which you felt like a failure. Have you been more likely to repeat your failures or your successes?

I would have to say that I have obviously failed in everything domestic — nay, rather everything civic. I dearly enjoyed the domestic life and it was easy enough to manifest a good life playing house out there. Playing the citizen was an entirely different matter for me though. I have been a dis-franchized citizen all my life, and I just would not subject my fealty to any master above my eternal legacy to assert my Will on this temporal sphere of existence, as is spelled out to us in Genesis 128. Unfortunately other earthlings are given this same directive and my Will was simply outnumbered by the Will of the present establishment. Survival of the fittest — and of the most organized, is Nature's way I suppose. So I lost the battle to survive on my own terms with little regret... yet, the collateral damage of my self-assertive rebellion to the status quo is regretful in that my five failures, nay — a few more than five, is... My failure to honor my responsibilities to all my children, and toward their mothers. I regret that I couldn't manage my eternal legacy as a free-spirit with the temporal responsibilities of domestic bondage. As for the query, am I prone to repeat these failures? With two consecutive life sentences, I no longer have domestic or civic opportunities... but I do still offend etiquette with my free-spirited Nature.

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11. List five experiences in which you felt successful in the past. Remember these experiences, and dwell on them.

Presently, this experience at Mule Creek turns out to have been a "successful" navigation into a haven of sorts wherein I've managed to establish a certain un-gregarious disposition which permits me much grace doing this time here. I am "successfully" able to produce exceptional pieces of artwork I send out to loved ones. This has become a life-affirming expression - and exchange of Good-will for all involved. I have "successfully" developed a rather fecund pen that tends to be-dazzle or inspire those who encounter the subjective force of my thoughts.

Having just recently reached 49 years ... I am able to look back on a life of audacious experiences which has pretty much ruined my life — and yet paved the way to ennoble my soul. The most notable being my iconoclastic quarrels with ecclesiastical puppeteers, and my seditious crusades against our Nation's tyrants. Living through my billigerent battles with the status quo of zeitgeist caused my exile to these penal colonies for life ... But when you consider the alternative death sentence which is typical for a rebel's last act of defiance — a life-sentence in exile (where one may live a Monastic life of ennobling contemplation and liberation of the soul), can actually become the ultimate "successful" experience.

Of course I want to list individual experiences which made me feel "successful" in the past, such as when I got married ... or when each of my kids were born ... or when I took my step-sons out of

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public school in the second grade in order to home-school them rather than allow them to be prescribed drugs to attend class. Or when we moved from a two bedroom apartment into a three-bedroom house. Or for that matter any of my pleasant memories of yore — BUT... those experiences which hold a degree of success then, have become the degree of failure I feel now, having lost all those successes when my Quixotic Crusades destroyed them all and landed me here. So tho I want to list those pleasant memories of yore, I just can't through the shame I feel that I failed to maintain them.