

9/13/13: 7am: LISTENING TO: "KNOCKIN ON HEAVENS DOOR" BY; BOB DYLAN  
THANK FOR YOUR COMMENT BILL. YOU COMMENTED ON WHAT I WROTE ABOUT BEING  
IN THE HOLE. ONE THING I LEFT OUT THAT ELUDED ME BECAUSE I HAVEN'T  
BEEN IN THE HOLE SINCE 2010 BUT NATIONAL STATISTICS ESTIMATE THAT ABOUT  
ONE THIRD OF ALL INMATES IN THE HOLE ARE MENTALLY, HOW DO YOU SAY THIS  
CORRECTLY, CHALLENGED? I'VE SEEN MANY MEN WHO WERE MENTALLY RETARDED,  
SOME TO THE POINT OF ACTING LIKE AN ACTUAL CHILD, I'VE SEEN MEN WITH  
DOWN SYNDROME, MEN WHO EAT THEIR OWN FECES, WE EVEN HAVE A GUY HERE  
WHO GOES OUTSIDE EVERY DAY AND EATS GRASS. HE'S KNOWN AS GRASS EATER  
KEVIN OR JUST CRAZY KEV. HE LOVES TO RUN AND EAT GRASS. THATS IT. HE  
TALKS TO NO ONE. THE HOLE WILL BREAK YOU MENTALLY. IF YOU STAY THERE  
LONG ENOUGH, IT WILL MESS WITH YOUR MIND. NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE IS  
LED TO BELIEVE BY POLITICIANS OR BY THE DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS OF BY  
THE COURTS, PRISON IS NOT ABOUT HELPING OR REHABILITATION. IT'S TO  
PUNISH AND MAKE MONEY. IT COSTS YOU (ALL TAXPAYERS) OVER \$1 BILLION  
PER YEAR FOR THE PA D.O.C. BUDGET BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE GETTING  
RICH FROM IT. I HAVE A 6TH GRADE EDUCATION. BUT THERE WAS A PROGRAM  
IN THE BUCKS COUNTY JAIL. IT WAS CALLED V.I.T.A. AND A VOLUNTEER CAME  
IN AND SHE HELPED ME STUDY AND SHE, JEANNIE, SHE SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS  
OF HER OWN SPARE TIME TEACHING ME SO THAT I COULD PASS THE GED, AND  
I DID WHEN I WAS ABOUT 19. I DO HAVE ALOT OF COMMON SENSE BILL. I'VE  
LEARNED TO APPRECIATE LIFE, I'VE LEARNED TO RESPECT PEOPLE, EVEN IF  
I DON'T LIKE THEM. NOT JUST OTHER PRISONERS, STAFF AS WELL. I AM VERY  
WELL LIKED BY ALOT OF STAFF IN HERE. MANY YEARS AGO IT WAS RARE FOR  
INMATES AND STAFF TO TALK AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. BUT IN HERE,  
IN THIS DAY & AGE, THING CHANGE. I KNOW MANY GUARDS, WE TALK OF OUR  
FAMILIES, WE SOCIALIZE. THEY'RE NOT BREAKING THEIR RULES AND I'M NOT  
BREAKING OURS. I TRY MY BEST TO TREAT OTHERS AS I WANT TO BE TREATED  
IN RETURN. AND WHEN YOU HAVE A CELL SEARCH, IT ALWAYS HELPS TO KNOW  
WHO IS SEARCHING YOUR CELL, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE A GOOD RAPPORT WITH  
THEM. I HAVE THE WILL TO PROTECT MYSELF FROM HARM, I CAN & WILL FIGHT  
IF IT MEANS PROTECTING MYSELF FROM SOMEONE IN HERE BUT I DON'T HAVE  
THE DESIRE OR URGE FOR VIOLENCE ANYMORE. ALMOST EVERYTHING I HAVE EVER  
CARED ABOUT IN LIFE HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM ME. AS FOR MY LEGAL SITUATION,  
YES, I DO HAVE A LIFE SENTENCE WITH NO PAROLE. I KNOW MY FATE, I DON'T  
LIKE IT, I DON'T IT BUT I KNOW WHAT IT IS. I AM ALOT WISER NOW THEN  
WHEN I WAS THAT 21 YEAR OLD KID YOU SAW ON THE TV. THANK YOU FOR  
NOTICING IN MY WORDS. THE ONE THING THAT KINDA TUGS AT ME IS I DIDN'T  
COMMIT MY CRIME FOR THE REASON THAT THEY SAID. ROBBERY, THATS A LOAD

OF CRAP. JUST A WAY OF GETTING A CONVICTION. SO MANY JAIL HOUSE SNITCHES LIED AND SAID THEM I TOLD THEM, SO MANY PEOPLE MADE DEALS TO TESTIFY AGAINST ME. THEIR MOTIVE WAS A LOAD OF GARBAGE. THEY KNEW IT. ONE OF THE DETECTIVES WHO ARRESTED ME EVEN SAID HE KNEW THE MOTIVE WAS WRONG BUT THIS IS WHAT THE D.A.'S OFFICE NEEDED FOR A WIN. HE SAID MY CRIME WASN'T THE BIG DEAL, HE SAID I SHOCKED THE COMMUNITY FOR EVERYTHING AFTER, AND THATS WHY THE D.A.'S OFFICE PURSUED ME SO HARD. I WAS NEVER EVEN OFFERED A DEAL. THATS UNHEARD OF. THE DETECTIVE SAID THE D.A.'S OFFICE WOULDN'T OFFER ME A DEAL AND THAT THEY WANTED THE DEATH PENALTY. THE COP SAID HE SAW A KID WHO MADE A REALLY BAD CHOICE. AND HE WAS RIGHT. I WAS A SCARED KID WHO DID WHAT I THOUGHT I HAD TO DO AT THE TIME. AND THESE WERE MISTAKES I MUST LIVE WITH. JUST THIS MORNING, I STOPPED WRITING THIS AND WENT TO BREAKFAST. ON THE WAY BACK I WATCHED 4 YOUNG BLACK KIDS, ALL DOING LIFE, THEY BEAT UP AN 80 YEAR OLD MAN IN THE HALL WAY AND TOOK HIS COMMISSARY. THEY WERE CAUGHT ON CAMERA AND LOCKED IN THE HOLE A FEW HOURS LATER BUT THAT 80 YEAR OLD MAN WHO HAD HIS JAW BROKEN, INTERNAL BLEEDING, THAT COULD BE ME ONE DAY. AND IT'S SCARY. PRISON DOESN'T PROTECT THE ELDERLY. IT'S UP TO THE ONES WHO CAN TO MAKE SURE THE ELDERLY ARE LEFT ALONE. PRISON CAN BE A VERY VIOLENT & DANGEROUS PLACE. THIS PRISON IS LESS VIOLENT THAN OTHERS IN PENNSYLVANIA BUT WE STILL HAVE OUR SHARE OF RAPES, BEATINGS, THEFTS, SUICIDES. BUT THE AVERAGE PERSON DOESN'T CARE. THEY SAY WE ARE VIOLENT CRIMINALS WHO DESERVE WHAT WE GET. THEY SAY OUR VICTIMS DIDN'T GET ANY COMPASSION FROM US SO WHY SHOULD WE BE ANY DIFFERENT. PRISON WILL CHANGE YOU IN HERE. IT HAS DEFINITELY INSPIRED CHANGE IN ME AND MADE ME A BETTER MAN, BUT WHAT GOOD DOES THAT DO WHEN I AM IN THE MOST VIOLENT ATMOSPHERE THERE IS? I COULD GO ON AND ON BUT I WANT TO GO OUTSIDE AND GET SOME FRESH AIR. I QUIT SMOKING IN 2006 AND THIS PLACE HAS HUNDREDS OF CHAIN SMOKERS IN IT. THANK FOR WRITING BILL. TAKE CARE & ENJOY THE FRESH AIR OUT THERE, MOST OF ALL, ENJOY THE LITTLE THINGS IN LIFE, WHEN YOU LOSE THEM, IT'S PRETTY DEVASTATING. CIAO.