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TO: "THE ANGELMAKER"

GREETINGS IN PEACE,

FOR YOU, WHEREVER YOU ARE, I OFFER THESE WORDS TO MAKE YOUR DAY BRIGHTER. WORDS THAT WILL LAST YOU LONG THROUGH ANY TROUBLED DAYS THAT YOU MUST ENDURE. MAY MY SINCERE WORDS GIVE YOUR HEART AND MIND "THE LIGHT" TO BRIGHTEN ALL OF THE DARK THAT FALLS IN YOUR WAY.

AS I'VE BEEN ON THIS PLANET OVER HALF A CENTURY, EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE YOU'LL FIND A FRIEND WHO'S YOUR FRIEND RIGHT FROM THE START. EVEN MORE RARELY, SOMETIMES YOU HAVE A FRIENDSHIP SO STRONG IT REALLY WARMS YOUR HEART. IF YOU'RE REALLY LUCKY, YOU'LL DEVELOP A FRIENDSHIP THAT LASTS YOU THROUGH YOUR WHOLE LIFETIME. IT ONLY HAPPENS ONCE IN A WHILE, BUT I HOPE IT WILL HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND I! ©

AS MY JOURNEY WITHIN THIS "FORTRESS OF FEAR", I HOPE, WILL SOON BE COMING TO AN END, I FULLY REALIZE THAT WHEN MY SENTENCING JUDGE GAVE ME ALL THIS "TIME" HE GAVE ME TIME "TO THINK". HOWEVER, GOD (ALLAH) GAVE ME TIME "TO HEAL". SO EVEN IF THE REALITIES THAT SURROUND ME, TODAY, MAY NOT BE TO MY LIKINGS; THEY ARE

WHAT THEY ARE, AND I MUST MAKE THE BEST WITH WHAT I HAVE, AND I MUST NOT FALL INTO THE TRAPS OR THE MORASS OF MALCONTENT AND REGRET. FOR ME, <u>TODAY</u>, LIFE IS SO INDESCRIBABLY WONDERFUL, AND THE SIMPLE EXPERIENCE OF TAKING BREATH INTO MY LINGS IS NOT OVERLOOKED NOR TAKEN FOR GRANTED. I SAY THIS BECAUSE SO MANY MEN HERE WHOM I'VE KNOWN ARE NOW IN THEIR GRAVES. SO FOR ME, SIMPLY HAVING "LIFE" TO LIVE IS A VERY GOOD THING, AND ALL ELSE IS SECONDARY.

WITH THAT SAID, WE SHOULD GAIN MORE BY LETTING OURSELVES BE SEEN AS WE ARE, THAN BY ATTEMPTING TO APPEAR WHAT WE ARE NOT. IN OTHER WORDS, I'M FAR FROM
"BEING PERFECT" OR "MR. RIGHT" AND I'M SO ACCUSTOMED
TO BE TENSE IN HERE THAT WHEN I'M CALM I TEND TO
GET NERVOUS! @ I OFTEN FEEL FRUSTRATED, I GET ANGRY,
MY TOLERANCE FOR IGNORANT INDIVIDUAS IS VERY LOW, AND
I'M VERY OPINIONATED. BUT WHAT I'VE LEARNED ABOUT
MYSELF IS THAT SOMETIMES WHEN I'M ANGRY OR FRUSTRATED WITH SOMEONE, I HAVE THAT RIGHT TO BE, BUT THAT
DOESN'T GIVE ME THE RIGHT TO BE CRUEL. YOU KNOW WHAT
I MEAN? I ALSO REALIZE THAT NO MATTER HOW GOOD A
FRIEND IS, THEY'RE GOING TO HURT YOUR FEELINGS EVERY
ONCE IN A WHILE AND I MUST FORGIVE THEM FOR THAT, AS
I TEND TO HOLD GRUDGES. SO, ANGELMAKER, WHAT I'M
SAYING IS THIS: IT'S TAKING ME A LONG TIME IN BECOMING
THE PERSON THAT I WANT TO BE, BUT EITHER I CONTROL MY
FEELINGS AND ATTITUDES OR THEY WILL CONTROL ME.

LASTLY, I GOT A SIMPLE PLUE ABOUT "EVERYBODY". IF YOU DO NOT TREAT ME RIGHT; THEN SHAME ON YOU! @ PLEASE GET IN CONTACT & LEAVE ME INFO AS TO HOW TO CONNECT WITH YOU, PERSONALLY. UNTIL THEN, PEACE... ZORDE