

@ Golgotha w/ Lil Detroit

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(The Tone)

It's hot and muggy under this Metal Top, The Young homie from Detroit Michigan just got to deathrow, and cats are already clowning him, saying that he looks like Malcolm X, the Derrzel version, the jokes go on forever, and all he can do is laugh, today is a good day, as the non-stop comedy set a cool tone.

@ Golgotha w/ Young Detroit

YZ Alright, another young prince of our people, new generation rising yeah?, let's give back.

YD Feelin good, but it's crazy, so many fall, and few are able to give back, not just in general, but also on a bigger scale, like this zine project.

YZ That's pretty much what this new generation movement is all about, giving back on scales not expected of us, Trip, I know you don't talk much, so good looking out right now, so, where did you grow up out there?

YD I'm a traveler, but mostly, adult wise in Oceanside California, a small military city in San Diego Calif.

YZ Booooo Chargers lol; Kiiiiiderrrrz!
(YD smiling while chalking up the middle fingers)

(DIFFERENCES)

YZ You spoke on your childhood in Detroit Michigan awhile back, I'm interested if you've experienced differences in, let's say, the inner cities, what's a difference that jumps out at you about, or between California and Detroit?

YD Truth be told, life is probably harder in Detroit given the fact that it's colder, so if you are poor, you're both hungry and cold, and plus, the police will just shoot you and leave your body there in the street, racism is a huge problem there. Open racism like in the South, not sneaky racism like here.

XZ

Glad you said that, because they do be on some sneaky shit, but we see it

YD

Oh yeah, As for My Lions, we beat Jail, and had a better record this year.

(HOW YOUNG?)

XZ

Deal with you next season pltna, so how old were you when you got arrested on your way to death row?

YD

(DEATH ROW)

24 years old

XZ

Right now, you have no idea of just how valuable that answer was Broh, is death row anywhere near what you thought it would be before you got here?

YD

Hell Nawh, I was told it wasn't as bad as a Level 4 prison, but damn, we aint got no program up here, all cement and gates for yard, some people look like they've been standing in the same spot for 30 years.
(Both lol;)

(ONE THING)

XZ

Real talk, heard some education class will start soon, just that may be another rumor, I hope not, this place is not 'like anywhere' else in the world, trip, name one thing that you wanted in your community that you never got?

YD

I hate to say it, but my Fam was the reason as to why I had less of a better opportunity as a child, But as an adult, I became myself for my own poor decisions. But the teenage years could've used more steady attention and direction toward more than just "every black youngster being groomed for the low income jobs, or failure period."

(ONE IDEA)

XZ

Now that's valuable, because You're right, you can't raise a kid in 2012 with 1950 expectations, and it sounds like you was one of our young people that demanded more from a community that only had "Parade Days" to fill that void, we all love our parades, but, culture goes way beyond one parade, any thoughts of at least one idea to achieve this Family/Culture merge you wanted as a kid?

YD

Not enough unity in the household to pull it off, you see it's not the youth that are lost, it's that our culture is missing, or ending up on the streets of others, and now our respect level is low, for example, I'd rather see OUR Parades to be rerouted to travel through the streets in the hood where real niggaz are, and not on those big mainstreets where we get stopped and harassed by Cops and others. Why do youth have to go outside of the hood to our own parade? It should run through our own needs, projects and streets we call home, and invite the world to come.

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XZ

I don't believe our community self-appointed leaders that sit on parade committees even think like that because they are bound to follow City Zoning regulations for functions like that, but now since you brought it up, things as simple as that would give a lil nigga a season to participate, enjoy, feel a part of, and not destroy if that one adjustment was a reality.

YD

Let's keep in mind that so far, we are only talking about a parade, can you imagine what else can be done so that the Children/Senior Citizen gap can be re-filled by inner city youth that are not included in most community functions, and I didn't want to go to those boring as parades that didn't cater to us no way.

(You @ 16 years old)

XZ

What would you say to a 16 year old you right now after experiencing deathrow?

YD

That's a different kind of question because everything I knew was, uh, illegal, so, I'd need to coach myself into finding something legal, get passionate about it, and go from there, that's a good one, I'm going to think on that one more tonight because it may be a few more things that I wouldn't responded to at that age, like, a show of love wouldn't do good.

XZ You just may be on to something, so, maybe one day I'll get all of these interviews and document each answer to that routine question for us, and see what that looks like through an adult eye, I've got a lot of these, and everytime I ask that question, the response is never the same.

(SPITFIRE ROUND)

YD Now that's something I'd like to read you're talking about cats on the Row?

XZ Yep, let's do a one word answer sound, well, it aint gotta be one word, but at least try it, cool?

YD Ready.

XZ FOR or against abortion?

YD Against.

XZ For or against The Death Penalty?

YD FOR.

XZ That's becoming a popular answer amongst the new generation here, if you was asked to colonize another planet, would you go?

YD NO

XZ FOR or against stemcell research?

LD Against

XZ Did you get a fair trial?

YD Hell NO

XZ Is racism natural or learned behavior?

YD Natural, no, learned, I thought you meant...

(State of The Struggle)

XZ Keep up son lol; in your honest opinion, what's the state of the struggle?

YD Racism still exist in The United States even more now in 2012 because our generation experience racism on multiple levels and not just in the form of slavery.

XZ That was a bold statement that sadly can be proven, is the death penalty punishment or revenge?

YD Revenge no doubt, revenge ain't bad man, I just don't think revenge should systematically affect someone that ain't got it coming.

XZ That's 100, spirituality of religion

YD Spirituality of course,

XZ You surprised me with a few of those.

(What Would You Say To A Bully?)

XZ

If you had action at saying something to a bully, what would it be?

YD

That's not something I ever thought about on that side of it but, I'd keep it real and say:

"As a species, we do a lot of stupid things, and bullying is one of those things, each person has to face themselves everyday, I hope you face yourself soon!"

XZ

I chose that as a random question for you because I wanted to gauge what kind of Man you are becoming, so your answer says a lot about who you are now.

YD

We forget that bullies are often victims of other stuff as well, so I hope my words would hit that person on a human level, and not as an attack, because the attack thing has already become a problem by the time I had the chance to better them ~~em~~.

XZ

New Generation Rising.

The End!