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#4 Interview
Mr. OC

WHISPERS
S.O.U.L. Clinic
Interview Questions

Thank you for this interview bro... as I said: The Prison Boom these last few decades is this generations modern-day holocaust of "criminals". Its time we remind the living out there that we are still alive, all be it in exile. *

Let's begin this interview with: name/age/race/county-year of conviction/
Public Defender - plea - appeal comments. Was the sentence fair - why? Is prison what you expected - as the media projects? How do you make it psychologically acceptable to deal with your crimes - and corresponding time? How many years have you been in prison now? What would you like to tell tax payers about some of the things you've seen in prison, which they'd never imagined could happen to their sons/husbands/fathers? What would you like to say about your observations/experience with prison guards/counselors/administration? What is your disciplinary history? What is your experience/observations with the Psych. Dept.? With the Religious Dept.? With any of the "Rehab. Groups"? Are you any different from this prison experience? What do you think has changed the most about you? How'd that change come about? Do you consider yourself a criminal? What do you think makes someone a criminal? What's your greatest strength? your greatest weakness? What would you like to accomplish? Have you maintained relationships outside prison? Visits/letters/phone calls? Do you feel you have been forgiven for your actions? Have you made amends to the people you have harmed? If you have not had the opportunity to make personal amends with your victim or their family, what would you say if given the chance?

* Interviews will be posted on my blog site: BetweentheBars.org

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WHISPERS: Welcome to this S.O.U.L. Clinic Interview, which I will be posting on my blog site BetweenTheBars, sir. Obviously you duplicate the merit of this Project, so fire when ready.

MRQC: Thank you. Call me dr. I'm 54 yrs old, white, out of San Joaquin. In 1995 with a Public Defenders "help", I lost at a Jury Trial - and later I also lost my Appeal. Was the sentence fair? I took a human beings life, so I think there's no way I can answer that question. Why? Because I should not have killed a human being and I am not qualified to say what a "fair" sentence would or should be? Is prison what I expected? NO! As the media projects? NO!

How do I make it psychologically? I am and have been attending several self-help groups to help identify the reasons why I used to act the way I did. I think that the changes I've made in myself are positive. I cannot change my past - but I can lead a positive, productive life from here-on.

How many years? I've been in prison for 22 1/2 years now.

Some of the things I've seen? I've seen prison staff set-up and kill prisoners for sport (at Corcoran Prison). All sorts of terrible things done to prisoners, both psychologically and physically, by the so called "Correctional Officers". If tax payers only knew!

My observations and experiences? There are some good - as well as bad staff.

My disciplinary history? I've made and drank a lot of pruno, early in my prison term. I have about eighteen disciplinary reports for alcohol or drugs - and a couple for violence.

Psych. Dept.? Very helpful. Religious Dept.? No religion. Rehab. groups? They're good - except sometimes difficult to get to due to officers not opening doors.

Am I any different? I am totally different now than before! No alcohol and very little drugs on occasion. Rational vs. Impulsive. The biggest change is my Ego no longer dictates that I resort to violence because it gets hurt. How'd that come about? It came about by years of self examination. By many groups and books. No, I do not consider myself a "criminal" anymore. What makes someone a criminal is: Even though they are aware that they are breaking Laws, they do it despite the consequences.

My greatest strength is my ability to see the good in people.

My greatest weakness must be my continued resentment for authority for authority figures.

To accomplish? I'd like to get out of prison and accumulate some wealth to leave for my daughter.

Have I maintained relationships? I have. Mostly family though. Yes, visits - very few letters - some phone calls.

Forgiven? By some... not all.

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Have I made amends to the people I've harmed? Yes, I have made direct amends - I make indirect amends when possible - and my living amends are ongoing.

What would I say? That I am truly sorry for the hurt I've caused them, and I am continuously learning and changing myself, to make sure that I never hurt another human being or anything on this earth!

WHISPERS: Thank you Dr. - I realize there's a line forming behind you, but you are free to take your time and elaborate on any of this if you'd like. Is there anything you'd like to add in conclusion?

MRΘC: What in hell is this interview really trying to accomplish, Whispers?

WHISPERS: It's a LAZARUS PROJECT sir, I merely intend to raise the dead and remind them: YOU ARE ETERNAL UNITS OF CONSCIOUSNESS! This S.O.U.L. Clinic lets you glimpse the Science of Understanding Life, relies only upon your ability to confront the obvious, As Is. This, this alone is why the Tree of Life is withering Dr. - and this is why I pose these Interview Q's. Much like Genetically Modified Organics pervert the natural eco-system, the Tree of Life suffers from all the misperception sustaining it, as well. I AM a concerned gardener - as we all should be, don't you see? Consider what is written in St. Mark 4: 24/25. I mean look Dr., do you think it coincidental that "compos mentis" is above the word "compost", in Merriam's Web?

MRΘC: Your mind is so beautiful! I never thought of it that way. Thank you.

WHISPERS: Yesss, I'm sssso glad you see it now. Now live with lucidity, and nevermind what word that is above in Merriam's Web. LOL!

— End Session —