

Jae,

Peace and Blessings. Hope this finds you well within good health and spirits. Most importantly that you're peace at heart and mind.

How am I? Things are well my way, just had a change of venue. They transfer me to a new institution for program needs. This all happen within the last month. I am an adaptable individual, so I adjust to my new surroundings, at the same time maintaining my individuality. Being myself is a valuable asset to have to stay within the essence of realness.

If you are still interested in corresponding with me via letters here is my new address:

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I know you are planning to write me the old fashion way, and I am waiting because there things I would love to share with you, but not wanting the whole world to know. I have no secrets either, but certain things can be personal, and only shared within the realms of understanding minds. I am like you, ask and I will tell you, I have no skeletons, I am all flesh.

Never say that you're not a interesting person. Just because you have no secrets doesn't mean that you're not interesting. Uniqueness lies within your insights, views, dreams, goals, what lies within, what makes you smile, and the depth of your heart are interesting things I would like the opportunity to know. Curiosity captured my attention and to solve the mystery of your person is a journey I seek to complete.

You say you are simple and complex at

the same time, I ponder on that for a while and seem to realize that you are a very balance person. However, shifty at times but still remaining balance. Kind of reminds of the Tao, an ancient Chinese thought or way. What is the Tao? It is everything and at the same time, nothing. Did you understand that? Ponder on it too much and you might go off course of the way.

My deepest prayers goes out to you and your family for the lost. Death is so hard to take in, but it is an essential reality of living. Tears purifies the pain. However, too much despair can lead to the questioning of the realities or purpose of our existence. Why this and why that? The simple answer to our existence is to enjoy life and find peace within ourselves and world.

Yeah, I totally understand the formalities of Asian customs. My mother is very traditional and I disagree with her a lot about our traditions, and some of our way. Some of it has been past down to us thru generations. Sometimes I feel like it is a psychological injection to keep us in submission to old way, and not allow us to think outside the normalities of customs. We tend to cling on to them, because we feel like we are losing our culture. To me, this is a pseudo form of maintaining a identity.

My views is that I can maintain tradition at the same time be my own individual with my own perceptions. I realize this a new world and time, old ways are past views fitted for them. Some of it are views with manipulative concepts of past leaderships to keep people thinking in the realms of subjects. Subjects are nothing but peasants of power.

However, I am glad to know that you and your mom had a chance to bond from this. Sometimes within adversity we find strength. Just because your mother doesn't say "I love you" doesn't mean

she doesn't. Old folks of our culture show it by being providers and caretakers. Think back of your mother's journey from Laos to here and envision her struggle. You will see her love clearly.

My father and mother never said they loved me, but I knew they did. Their feelings are so locked away, and exposing it is a sign of weakness. But their actions speak to me without the words.

Damn! that crazy you do hair and I am bald. So I can't benefit from that. But maybe your strip razor game can clean my head. I am elated to see that you are doing some thing you enjoy doing. That is the most important thing.

Well it is getting kind of late and I hate end this but never end my hand of friendship. Listen you can always lean on me and I can share your burdens and listen. I don't mind being an emotional punching bag as I can help. Goodnight my dear friend.

Sleep w/ me angels
and wake up to find
paradise in heart and mind,

