

A NATION'S HUMANITY CANNOT BE JUDGED BY THE DEATH PENALTY - A BLESSING IN DISGUISE!

I have received so many letters asking me about prison conditions and since China executes more people than America, doesn't that make it more cruel? Absolutely Not! I have no time for the ACLU, Amnesty International, Center for Justice, FAMM, or National Cure to mention a few. They do nothing for Americans or their families but take money to pretend they give a damn. I am in favor of the death penalty but not as a deterrent of Biblical Justice. Timothy McVey was not the only prisoner who wanted death. Federal Judges are, by a rule, the most worthless individuals I have ever met. The bench is crowded with ex-Prosecutors who pretend to be judges that never met a citizen who does not deserve punishment and their families tortured. I ~~met~~ recently two people imprisoned for having a driver's license suspended and driving on Federal property. Judges do not think you are punished unless they throw you in jail, one got 30 days the other 60 days. Doctors, lawyers, accountants, and countless people in prison for failure to pay a tax or like Charles Robinson given 10 yrs by Judge Duffy for lying on a passport application. Talk about prison reform, and they show images of rapists and murderers. They won't tell the truth that those type of violent crimes are only 4%.

What people do not hear about is the truth from behind the walls because nobody wants to listen. Just as you have heard of a individual deliberately creating a situation where the police will kill them (Death by Cop), the same takes place in prison. There are those who pray for death but lack the courage to commit suicide. So they pick a fight with someone who will defend themselves in order to seek death. Death penalty should be voluntary. Life in prison is far worse than death. There were plenty of nights I prayed not to wake up again.

Mark Twain wrote, if you want to see the worst people in society, go to a prison and look at who runs them, there are decent guards who see it as a job and derive no pleasure from the power. they are the minority. They are considered traitors - pro inmate - and looked down upon by many. There are guards who clearly are disturbed people, so cruel, its payback for being stuffed in a locker in high school. Others derive pleasure from punishing inmates & their families. Right now, they have me sleeping on the floor in the box - the 3rd man in a 2 man cell, in a building for 150 stuffed with inmates at 200+. Then, once a week, you can have a 2hr visit, but only 10 inmates per week out of 200. Families will drive for hours to be treated like a piece of shit and told to get out.

the death penalty is NOT the measure of a nation's humanity. You cannot appreciate how it is to be treated with such disdain by a bullsh*t country that talks about other nation's "HUMAN RIGHTS" record. I have read the WSJ on how corrupt Mexican courts are with an 85% conviction rate. Hello - USA conviction rate is 99% - the highest in the world!

In Limone v US, 579 F3d 79 (1st Cir 2009) the Gov't lost at trial that they deliberately prosecuted people they knew were innocent. Two men died out of three & the award was \$101 million. The Obama Administration is no different than Bush, for they still refuse to settle or admit that the Gov't can ever make a mistake! Prisoners are denied medical care all the time. Even in the states, to save \$, inmates are ignored, see Milton v Almeida, CV 03-7731 (RGH)(PJW) (CD Cal). New Orleans Jails let prisoners drown in their cells during Katrina. Even the Justice Department was forced to state in a letter 9/11/09 that there was a "pattern or practice of conduct that violates the constitutional rights of inmates". A jury awarded a prisoner \$80,000 in New Hampshire for being beaten by a guard. Cheever v Edmark, (USDC DNH) 06-cv-00351-JM. The conditions in prison were so bad in Idaho, a inmate couldn't take it anymore and committed suicide. His family was awarded \$100,000, Payne v Sandy, 4:09-cv-00089-BLW (USDC D. Idaho)

In Alabama, the mother of a inmate was awarded \$750,000 when her son died of extreme heat in his cell, Barksdale v Holt, 2:08-cv-00441 (USDC MD Ala). There were plenty of nights I did not think I would wake up. At times, I just passed out from the heat in MCC New York. Washington state refused to admit error and forced a inmate to serve 18 months beyond his court sentence and was awarded \$174,000, Hinkle v Dept of Corrections, 06-2-01967-6 Thurston Cnty Sup Ct. In Baba-Ali v NY, 087328 NY Court of Claims, the wrongful conviction for sexually assaulting his 4yr-old daughter was awarded over \$2 million on allegations of an ex-wife in a bitter divorce case. DNA evidence proved they wrongly prosecuted prisoners for rape after spending 19 years in prison bringing total damages to \$14.1 million, Maheir v Town of Ayer 06-cv-10514-RGS (USDC D. Mass). Florida had to pay \$200,000 for causing a inmate to commit suicide in Hansen v Fla Dept Corr, 08-cv-1007 (USDC MD Fla). A Texas prison guard was sentenced to 24 months for viciously beating down a handcuffed prisoner, US v Morris, 4:07-cr-00442 (USDC SD Tex). In Tennessee, the Captain refused to allow a pretrial detainee to be taken to the hospital to save money, resulted in her death from "diabetes-ketoracidosis, or untreated diabetes". The case is still ongoing as prison guards claim immunity, Estate of Phillips v Roane Cnty, 534 F3d 531 (6th Cir 2008)

This is just the tip of the iceberg. A Michigan study sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released a study in December 2008 stating: "Incarceration may not only affect those individuals incarcerated, but also those family members and friends left behind in the community". What the gov't does to prisoners affects their family directly. I wrote to Cardinal Egan in NYC and pleaded with him to intervene on behalf of a man who was conned into borrowing \$250,000 to buy a photodeveloping machine for his store in the World Trade Center. After 9/11, because the agent checked he was an American citizen when he was not, he was

convicted, sentenced to 5 years, and deported. He was here from a child, married to an American and had 6 kids. His family lost everything and were living in the basement of a friend's home. The hatred of "illegal aliens" makes no rational sense as to how or when they arrived. America will now have to support the family and the children are deprived of their father. Egan never responded!

The number of suicides are never reported among prisoners. The Justice Department doesn't want anyone to know. I was in the library next to medical when guards dropped a female prisoner in who slit her wrists and legs. Women lose not just freedom, their children are taken from them often put up for adoption like slaves. There was a inmate facing life who hung himself with a plastic strap. The weight of his body caused the plastic to cut through his neck & decapitated him. A 23 yr old kid hung himself the first week when told how much time he faced. In a mere drug possession case, the minimum is 10 yrs. I have met retarded kids used as couriers by drug dealers sentenced no different than a normal person. Former Atty General Michael B. Mukasey had a man on a bad check case who had maybe 6 months to live who had to be wheeled to court for he could not walk. Mukasey, when he was chief judge in NYC, said "just do whatever time you can" on a 6 ~~years~~ sentence.

There is no humanity in federal courts. To show any compassion is to be liberal. The US rejects Christian values of the forgiveness of sins or turn the other cheek, or do unto others as you would have them do to you. There are far too many who use the system for personal vindictive pleasure. The eye-for-an-eye standard was to prohibit punishment to exceed the harm. There are people serving life for pot. America does not respect human rights they take your right to vote even for tax violations. Death penalty should be voluntary. Stop the bullshit. Enough is enough. Some things are worse than death. Tortured for life is one of them. #1 Political Prisoner, Martin A. Armstrong