

POST FROM JACOB

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I am preparing all my paperwork and other materials to restart this hunger strike. I see it is already headed in that direction. This time, however, I will be ready for the FDOC's misconduct.

As I prepare I am writing thank you notes and letters to those who wrote. I have gained several mothers, a few pen-pals and a good support base. But a few people wrote that I wish hadn't.

Let me tell you something — and you know who you are — I do not care to hear from people who use their religion to guise their hate. If you don't care for gays or transgender folks, find someone else to bother. There are 2.3⁺ million prisoners in the U.S. You may agree with discrimination and talk about love and calling others "sinners" based on who they love. But those who fight so hard to keep same-sex couples from marrying and then try to tell me it's only because they're "sinners", will get nothing but wrath from me.

I want no part of your faith. My religion calls for me to embrace all people. I love because they do.

There are a lot of people who have a right to hate me for my own past. People who could choose to not forgive. But those same people that

you call "faggot", "niggers", "spics", or whatever your flavor of hate is, are the ones who have time and time again been there to pick me up, dust me off and forgive.

The real test of spiritual value comes in how it helps us live our lives in the world and to provide strength for others — not break them down. I will continue my own fight, but the fact I have got so much support and you are losing one court battle after another shows love beats hate!

"We're playing those mind games together,
 Pushing the barrier, planting seeds.
 Playing the mind guerrilla,
 Chanting Mantra, 'Peace on Earth'.
 We all been playing those mind games forever
 Some kinda Druid dudes lifting the veil.
 Some call it magic — the search for the grail."

'Mind Games'
 by John Lennon

"It is by steadily building on our successes; valuing our connection with friends, family, and those we serve; and noting what people are truly appreciating, that we set our inspirational work in its true context."

Caitlin Matthews, Druidess
 The Celtic Spirit