

The muslim community, and trample on their civil rights. Then I said, "Oh, I think that was CIA, not FBI," because I had read the earlier AF article, to which the article you sent me was a follow up. He became a bit defensive about the CIA. Apparently he works with CIA, and they must be turning some of their attention from fucking with foreign countries to fucking with US citizens on American soil.

I thought it was interesting that two of the news articles you sent me were brought up in that conversation.

There were two guards and a prison administrator also in the room, and I would chat with the administrator, asking him questions, to the consternation of the two agents. Cowboy Joe would say, "Let's get back on the

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Subject," but then I would ask the agents questions, like the one about targeting Muslims. The FBI actually had a manual that said they could "suspend civil liberties" if they needed to do so. We know that's what these people did to two little boys. They frampled on them to get to Josh. And they got Josh. They just had to climb over two little bodies to get to him.

Several times these agents said, "We can bring you in front of a grand jury if you won't talk to us." Refusal to answer questions to a grand jury, they said, would get me 60 months in prison. I finally said to go ahead and call together a grand jury. I will not talk to these people about Josh or Susan or anything they want from me.

One of the veiled threats against me was, ~~if~~ if I did not talk, the

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police are trying to keep your journals away from the media, but they may not be able to keep them from the media. The clear implication was, talk, or we expose your sexual fantasies about Susan, etc. Of course, they tried a "Susan" angle over and over, [redacted] tried to paint a picture of wild animals ripping apart her body and the stages of decomposition. Two and a half years later were thinking that hasn't happened already if she's dead?

There were lots of other things these morons said and asked, but you're probably already tired of reading.

Thanks for the various articles. They are definitely welcome and helpful.

Love, Steve

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Dear Alina and John,

yesterday, for three hours, I met with

[REDACTED] who said

She was with FBI in recovering bodies and sex crimes. I did not speak to them at all about Josh or Susan, the subject they were most interested in. The other agent, [REDACTED], who said he is with DoD (Dept. of Defense) in body recovery, made numerous veiled threats, such as there is still a possibility to bring me up on child-porn charges, and maybe Michael's reputation could be besmirched such that he might lose federal funding for his PhD research and be kicked out of the PhD program. He also implied that Josh was maybe having an affair by asking, "Do you know who [REDACTED] is?" or "who [REDACTED] is?"

God only knows what these people are capable of doing. Just be wary.

This [REDACTED] guy (I have sent a Kite requesting admin to ID him)

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offered that if I talk to them I could be on my way to my parent institution by Monday. (I also said in my Kite that it sounded like these ass holes are fucking with my prison status, and I want a full disclosure).

██████████ said lots of money will continue to pour into this case. That the DoD has been involved in this (one of those guys I met in Kennewick talked like DoD or CIA), and it sounded like this cowboy ██████████ was connected to CIA. Suggests that Chuck Cox, whose entire career has been federal (military and FAA as some kind of police in the sky) has brought in not only his local cop friends, but also his federal buddies.

██████████ described you and your web site as crackpot in so many words. But the gag was so "all over

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the map" that it was clear that he was fishing for something to get under my skin. The only thing he got was my demand that they quit harassing me and my family. Clearly, they know I am concerned when they start going after John, you and Michael, which seems to be in their veiled threats.

It is truly frightening that the government has people like this who, with whatever agenda or motivation drives them, can go after Muslims, or the Powells, or whomever they please.

[REDACTED] brought up a recent shooting in Colorado by a dropout Cog Sci PhD student, and said he thought Michael would go off the deep end and do something similarly crazy. What occurs to me this morning is that if these government agents want, they can make me or you or Michael do something crazy by slipping us some psychotropic drugs at their disposal.

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Our government is liable to do anything. Obama evidently has signed off on a number of unmanned - drone missions to kill opposition leaders. Civilian casualties are treated with, "Oh well. Collateral damage." Oddly, this [redacted] brought up the Colorado incident and I tried to throw in their face CIA involvement with NYPD in attacking the Muslim community, and there were articles on both subjects with a letter from [redacted] I got last night. Her article did not mention that shooter [redacted] in Colorado was a Cognitive Science student.

Anyway, be on your guard. These morons have money to burn and are not going away.

Love, Dad) PS: I am enclosing the first few pages of my log from yesterday, which details what I could remember about yesterday's interview. I'll send the rest in a later letter in a 8/1/2012-4 few days.

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over my cell when asking if the inmates to my right wanted yard and Shower. At about 4:00 PM I got a call into the PA system in my cell. The Co wanted to confirm I was here because, he said, my name is not in the Computer.

LOGP 029 About noon today a lady from medical came by, one I had not seen before. She seemed more in authority than the five others who have come by. As usual, I reiterated my complaint about "no glasses" and she said they were working on that policy. She had an assistant with her and asked that other woman to note something about it.

↓ FBI INTERVIEW ↓

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At about 11:30 I was taken to a conference room in Admin Bldg C where I was met by FBI operative [REDACTED] and a guy who would only identify him-

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Self as "[REDACTED]" and said he was with the Department of Defense. They said their purpose is to get some clues from me as to where to find Susan's body. Obviously our cooperation in the past has got us nowhere, so I said nothing about Josh or Susan during over three hours.

LOGP
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I have answered any and all of their questions in previous interviews with police, FBI and US Marshals. I'm done talking to them.

[REDACTED] asked me about two women, a Summer and a Courtney in connection with Josh. I think maybe he is trying to imply that Josh was having an affair, but he said no more. We could not talk Josh into dating. His only concern, his whole life, was his boys.

There were two guards present and a [REDACTED] from prison

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admin present, I Kited [REDACTED] to
request the names and agencies
of the interviewers.

[REDACTED] said he believes Michael
knows something but won't talk. He
made veiled threats related to the
funding of Michael's PhD program.
LOGP He sort of described Alina as a
31 crackpot with her laughable web-
site and theories.

[REDACTED] asked me if I know
[REDACTED] (Michael's friend) and
apparently they have spoken to
[REDACTED], who was in jail
with me and is now out.

[REDACTED] also threatened that they
were trying (they probably the Cox
family and their cohorts) to overturn
the judge's decision that pictures I
am accused of taking are not child
porn. [REDACTED] said, "I / those are

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ruled to be child porn, that's ten
to fifteen years in prison." But
it's also double jeopardy. Any-
way my conviction is being appealed.

LOGP
32 [redacted] tried to shame me in
front of the three DOC personnel who
were present by bringing up this
and that sexual thing from my
journal. He also made a veiled
threat by saying the police are
"trying" not to release your
journals to the news media.

"Tell us what Josh told you
about that night" Susan disap-
peared, they repeated over and over.
I pretty much said nothing to
them.

[redacted] harped on Josh's two
days and 807 miles in a rental
car. "I bet you didn't know he

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Went to Tremonton, Utah during those two days," he said. Actually I did know that, but I said nothing. They have drawn their own conclusions from ([REDACTED] words) "gut feeling." And there's not anything that will change that. Be-

Sides, I hope to sue all of these LOGP agencies, and don't need to give them any more.

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[REDACTED] said that two days before Josh's death he went in to see the psychologist who was to give him the psychosexual exam and plethysmograph. Josh wanted to get it all done that day, of course to get his boys back, but apparently he was told he had to set up light appointments. He set them up, but clearly the extended delay caused him to

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be despondent and lose hope.
What they did to him and the
boy is monumentally sad.

The other thing about that
Friday Feb 3 [redacted] mentioned
was that he asked about the ques-
tions on the psycho-sexual exam
and Josh pointed to his ring in
response to one question and said,
COGP 034 "I'm married."

Josh could not win against
these morons investigating the
Susan Powell case. [redacted]
Strom (today's FBI interviewer) said
this case is so important to so many
people that a lot of resources will
continue to be expended on it.

The one thing of substance I
said was when [redacted] threatened
to fuck with Michael, John and
Alina. I said, "Leave my kids

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alone. You've been harassing
my family for two and a half
years." Apparently, my outburst
pleased them, and [REDACTED] had
predicted my reaction. I gave
them too much by doing that.
That's what they did to Josh
too. They frampled on his
Kids to get under his skin.

LOGP

035 [REDACTED] asked [REDACTED] (DOC) who
was there the entire time, if I would
be required to take a psycho-sexual
exam in this state. He said yes.
Of course, I've been ordered by the court
to take a psycho-sexual exam, which
will no doubt be made public (as
one was that was taken by a former
priest in California. 4000 pages of
psychological reports and narratives
he wrote about his sexual proclivities
were all made public. He lives in
northern California). So I am not

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inclined to give them more than they
already have, which has been splashed
around liberally everywhere, in court
and the media. I have to take the
exam, but no order to pass it. And
my sentence is not contingent on it.
I should be out of here mid-January.

LOGP
036 [redacted] insulted me with a lot of
psycho-babble, accusing me of being
only out for myself, etc. When they
start making gratuitous comments
like that, with no basis in truth,
it strengthens my resolve to re-
main clammed up.

[redacted] in particular commented
that Michael and Aline don't care
about me, etc. The only support, he
said, is from them and [redacted] and
her family. He said, in fact,
that there are twenty "credible"

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Dear Alvin,

I've enclosed some additional pages from my log that covers the 7/31 meeting with the federal incursions. Please do me a favor and make these available to Michael too. They were particularly making threats against him and he needs to be aware of what they said. He said if they tried to fuck with his program he would sue them.

The guy on staff here could not ID the guy who called himself "[REDACTED]" (new Cowboy Joe), but the FBI gal was [REDACTED].

If there was a lawsuit they would have to pony up.

Thanks again for the glasses. I know my writing is better and smaller. I've been reading some of the novel I have been writing, and it's like I don't even come close to the lines on the page.

Most of what I call the "novel" is more of an outline. There's a total of about 175 hand-written pages. Around 50-60 pages, though, are some pretty good dialogue.

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And pretty imaginative story telling. I finally broke free of my inhibitions and started writing creatively and putting words in my characters' mouths. Joseph Smith is saying and doing a load of shit the Mormons won't like. But he wrote a bullshit history of the American Indians (Book of Mormon), a complete fraud, so turn about is fair play.

I've written a scene where he meets Nathaniel Hawthorne in Salem (a total fantasy that I have toyed with for years). While he and his brother and siblings wait in Salem, Mass (he and his older brothers are staying at his uncle Jesse's farm in nearby Topsfield, and the others are at the Salem Alma House - long story) his father is up in New Hampshire involved in a counterfeiting scheme.

I've written a fairly long scene where he is involved in one of his money-digging operations in Pennsylvania, where he meets his wife Emma. There's even a romantic scene where the mutual attraction starts

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Showing. It's clearly mutual, but she has strong reservations.

I've written a few other scenes and narratives that will have to be organized into something coherent. I am so sure of the scenes I've already written, and like them enough, that I think that will motivate me to keep at it and tell the whole story as I conceive it, much to the consternation of Mommons.

Anyway, I hope you'll buy a copy when it's published. I'll autograph it for free. I think what I've written so far in the way of scenes with dialogue and storyline should be pretty entertaining to most readers. The ideas and phrases are flowing freely enough that I think I can put it all together.

I read about the last 1/3 of Hunger Games Friday afternoon, after my glasses arrived, in about the time it took to read a couple of chapters without glasses. Yesterday, I read a whole book (only 243 pages). Now I just need more reading material, but I hesitate to ask you guys to start sending books. I

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can only have two of my own in 1M4, and. I don't know if there will be much time before I am shipped out. I just hope it's a prison that has a piano. Maybe other inmates will have guitars or keyboards. If I were expecting a couple of years, I could hone my guitar skills.

Anyway, I want to move on, but knowing it was imminent made me very apprehensive. Then they moved me to a new cell (E 210) yesterday. Same neighbors. [REDACTED] is still in E 209 ([REDACTED] B209 and [REDACTED] B210). Change is always unsettling, especially to the unknown.

I ~~But~~ love you. I feel lucky to have the support of three great kids.

Love,
Dad

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death threats against me. "Do the right thing" and talk, he said over and over. Clearly, if my life is in danger, it is because of what law enforcement has done to my family.

LOG 037 These "credible" death threats may be why I am still here and have not been moved on. The West Valley City Police came up with total bull shit to keep two little boys from being with their father. They may be fucking with me in the background too.

[REDACTED] did say he could get me out of here by Monday if I would cooperate, which suggests they are fucking with my prison status. He asked me if I like it here. I believe I did answer that. I like it just fine. I just want glasses (in my 6th week without), and I would like to move on to my parent institution. But if they think that

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making my life miserable will open
me up, they're as thick-headed as the
ones (probably these two were in-
volved) who did it to Josh. Play-
ing Keep away from Josh with two little
boys was their strategy to break Josh
down. It worked.

LOGP
038 Were all of these people morons
before they entered law enforcement, or
because they did? There's a moron-mob
mentality in law enforcement.

[REDACTED] said it was my fault Josh
killed Susan and killed the boys because
of my infatuation with her, yada yada
yada. Did they think that insulting
me and guiltting me would make them
my friend?

They tried to get me to talk about
my music (and ambitions) and Susan's
singing voice. [REDACTED] mentioned in

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graphic detail what happens to Bodies left out in the open for wild animals and described the Stages of decomposition. She was hoping to tap in on my "love" for Susan, thinking I would want (and she said this) her body properly laid to rest.

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039

Toward the end [REDACTED] said "you think about this every moment of the day, don't you?" She said I fantasize about Susan all the time, blah blah blah.

About 6:30 pm - I wrote a letter to [REDACTED] and it was picked up at this time. I asked for the names and agencies of the two who interviewed me today and asked for "full disclosure" as to whether these people are "fucking" with my prison status.

[REDACTED] said a lot of money would continue to be spent on this case because a lot of people want it resolved. I

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asked her how much as been spent
on it so far. She said, "Probably
\$100,000.00. What? Does she think
I'm an idiot? Both of the morons I
met with today are in the business of
recovering bodies. They will probably
go from here directly to Utah, as it
sounded like they were getting ready
for a new search. I would guess this
week of their time and expenses will
run like \$10K. And there are multi-
tudes of other morons who will be
turning in time cards and expense
ouchers this week. \$100K? My ass!
I'm thinking in the range of \$2.5M.
And they've succeeded in jailing one
and killing three. And they have
found absolutely no evidence impli-
cating Josh in Susan's disappearance!!!
[REDACTED] brought up a massacre(?)
in Colorado by a Cognitive-Science

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neuroscience student and made some comments about Michael being off his rocker and likely to do something similar. I have had no access to news since 6/18/2012.

This log for today is out of order because I am writing things as I remember them.

LOG P One of the first things that was brought up was my health. [REDACTED]

041 I seemed genuinely disappointed that I look healthy and fit, which I am, other than my vision. I did complain about that. She wanted to convey the idea that my mental breakdown, which she apparently expects I should be having

as a result of all this tragedy in my family, should lead to a physical breakdown. I was amused that she seemed so surprised that I am quite healthy. I enjoyed that it was things like that that made it so very clear to me that these two morons

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were totally shooting in the dark. I think their principal arguments to try and get me to say something were 1) we can get you out of this place by next week (out of solitary confinement) and 2) your physical and mental health depends on talking to us and getting this burden off your chest. Sadly for them neither argument mattered to me.

I am worried they will try to do something to harass my kids more, since I unfortunately allowed them to see that as my hot button.

Doc [redacted] said he could spend day and night outside my cell door if he wanted to. I asked Doc [redacted] if that was true. He nodded. Also, he asked if I knew anything about programming and

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asked specifically about SQL something, and made it sound like Josh, Michael, John, [REDACTED] and maybe others were involved in some kind of secret organization call SQL something. I have no clue what he was talking about, Sequel Server? It wasn't LOGP that, but [REDACTED] wanted to know 043 if I knew anything about it. I did not respond.

[REDACTED] also said some things about Dugway Proving Grounds, I think he either said or implied that maybe Josh left Susan there to die, or dumped her body there. I wonder how Josh got past security without getting shot.

8/1/2012 -1 Wednesday - Sending LOGP 029 to LOGP 036 to Alina.

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Continuing my review of yesterday's meeting with FBI [redacted] and DOD [redacted] they said if I don't talk to them I would have to talk to a grand jury. "Refusal to answer questions, and perjury can land you in prison for 60 months." They harped on this so much, LOGP thinking to scare me into opening up and 044 talking to them, that I said, "Go ahead and call a grand jury."

They were regularly dropping names of my friends and family, to make sure I know they are aware of anything and anyone in my life. The following names were specifically mentioned:

[redacted] Michael, Almar, [redacted] (Michael's long-time friend), [redacted] (my tank-mate at Pierce County Jail), [redacted] (my friend from the gym), Terrica Powell, Jennifer Graves

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10 August 2012 - Friday
Dear Alina,

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I think my stress level is up a bit, because I know a change is coming, but I don't know where or when. They could just spring it on me at any time, I guess. I don't know if they will give me notice, or just come into my area and say, "Roll up. You're leaving in a few minutes." I hear other inmates talking, and they seem to know where they are going and when they will get out of here. For example, "I have eight more days."

I asked in writing for my final day, and the response only had a date that reflected my whole sentence, and one that deducted 10 months ($\frac{1}{3}$) for "good time," but did not take into account the extra day of credit for each full day in jail. When I was on my way here from the jail, one of my escorts, a Sgt. Schrum, told me from the information he had in his hand, that I would spend about a month or so in Shelton for processing, and about five months in a "camp." That reflected the calculation I had already made: a total of 6.5 months in prison.

I am enclosing here of the Kites related to my bond with the prior over glasses. Please keep them safe, scan them, with the others, in case anything comes of this legally. I'm not sure what I'll do yet.

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On 8/17/2012 there is a "restitution" hearing in which [REDACTED] who testified against me in trial, will plead that her daughters needed counseling, and that I should pay for it. At least that is what my attorney described it to be. I waived my right to be there. If I had already been assigned to a parent institution I would be transported back here, and then to the jail. If you can take time to be there, to get a visual on what happens, that would be nice.

I tried calling you, but your number is on ice due to lack of funds. I did not get to yard yesterday because I was not "ready" (Stripped down to boxers) when they came to get me. I did not hear anyone say "get ready." I hope I get out today. I need to do some walking for exercise, and some talking to you and Michael for emotional health. Please make sure you give my love to John, since I don't get to talk to him myself.

I am so much enjoying having glasses again. I have been able to read through some of my

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"novel," Some is pretty good in terms of narrative, but most of the 170+ pages are more or less an outline. As I wrote I got freer and more creative, and started describing scenes in Joseph Smith's life the way I envisioned them. So the last 50+ pages are much more interesting.

I haven't written much for several days, just a short note here and there. That is partly due to turning my time to reading the Bible (I'm finding lots and lots of interesting and funny things in it), but also due to the chronic paper/pen shortage. That will be resolved, I think, when I move on. Pens are only available twice a day on the tray-pick-up cart at breakfast and dinner. At least three times my pen, which has to be traded for the new one (you can't have two pens), has run out within 10 minutes of the tray pick-up, meaning I have to wait 8 hours until dinner or overnight. That's frustrating when you are on a roll and want to continue writing.

Reading the Bible is helping me and giving me ideas. To understand the beginnings of Mormonism it's essential to understand the Bible better. Yesterday or today I

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I was reading about how the Israelites chose their first King, Saul, by "casting lots." It's hocus pocus like your mother's and Jennifer Graves' muscle testing. The Israelites asked yes and no questions, and tossed some sticks on the ground. God made them line up a certain way. So it was God answering yes or no. Like a ouija board. The same principal. Like your mother saying, "You need three capsules," and tugging on her fingers to get a yes answer or a no. Of course there's her efforts to make political decisions that way. She used muscle testing to conclude that corrupt Arizona-governor [redacted] was just being persecuted by gays and other enemies of Mormonism. God only knows what conclusion she came up with about Josh. But there is no doubt [redacted] let her fingers do her thinking about Josh. But continuing on the theme, Joseph Smith and his cronies used hazel witching rods and peepstones to find answers. Again, hocus pocus. But having spent time around your mother has helped me understand how the witching rod was used to get answers.

It's funny that when we were in Spokane, some

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Mormons looked at your mother and her friends, all
hormones too, askance. Your mother was engaged in
practices that are not acceptable in Mormonism
today. But Joseph Smith, his family, and most of
those who were involved in the creation of Mormonism
were similarly engaged. But they did a pretty good
job of keeping it under wraps. However it has been con-
firmed that Joseph Smith and his family used talismans
and parchments to ward off evil, etc. It has led me
to believe that it's possible that church leaders, the
ones at the top in the inner Sanctum (the holy of
holies in the temple), may be using the same sort
of hocus focus to run the church today. Think
about it. If you make your decisions by casting lots,
muscle testing, consulting the rod or ouija board, you
absolve yourself of responsibility. While at the same
time you satisfy yourself with a "confirmation"
of what you already believe either consciously or
subconsciously.

It's funny to listen to the banter among the inmates
here. A whole gang of Mexicans came in a week or two
ago. They exercise together (upper and lower tier), they
talk about their sexual conquests. They call each

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other "homey." (homeboy). When they talk about their associates
he call them "homey Santa" and "homey Conejo," and so on.
"Homey" with their nickname usually, to identify
them as good guys, home boys. They call each other
"homey" a lot, so I wonder how they know who is talking
to whom.

The other day on my way to the yard, I think
it was one of these homeys who yelled at me, "Where's
Sarah Palin?" Apparently he confused her with
Susan Powell. That was pretty funny.

Anyway, I'm going to get this in the mail.
I love you. I wish we could talk together
freely and privately. But I'm OK, and I am
doing reasonably well. I'm mostly happy and
in decently good spirits.

Love,

Dad

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I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MY ATTORNEY LAST WEEK, THAT REQUIRES RESPONSE, BUT I CAN'T READ IT.

Steven Powell
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PLEASE PRINT

SUBMISSION OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUEST MAY RESULT IN A CO-PAY

LAST NAME	POWELL	FIRST NAME	STEVEN
DOC NO	[REDACTED]		
JOB/PROGRAM	JOB/PROGRAM HOURS	DAYS OFF ALL	

If you feel you have an actual medical emergency, alert the staff and do not use this form.

TYPE OF REQUEST (check only one box per form)

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REASON FOR REQUEST (list problem or medications needing refill)

I RECEIVED YOUR KITE, SAYING YOU CAN'T ORDER READING GLASSES FOR ME, AND THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON IMU COMMISSARY LIST. I TRIED KITING COMMISSARY ON 6/23/2012, AND IT WAS INTERCEPTED BY CO, WHO SAID TO SEE OPTOMETRIST. MY EYES WERE TESTED ON 6/21, CAN YOU PLEASE ORDER PRESCRIPTION GLASSES, BASED ON THAT TEST? BIFOCALS PLEASE. THANKS

OFFENDER SIGNATURE

HEALTH SERVICES RESPONSE/ENCOUNTER

This form must be filed if any information is entered below except for: simple prescription refills, finance, non-medical work/bunk change, religious diets, shoes, classification, non-health services issues

☐ Schedule within ___ days/weeks/months ☐ Next available sick call ☐ No visit required

You may be able to get bifocals, but you must have another exam by optometrist at your next facility. You may also meet criteria for automatic removal. Follow up at next facility.

RESPONDER signature and stamp (all copies)

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DATE and TIME

7-18-12

PRESCRIPTIONS MUST BE WRITTEN ON DOC 13-435, PRIMARY ENCOUNTER REPORT (PER) OR IN CIPS

Check appropriate box if kite is to be filed in section other than Correspondence: ☐ Outpt ☐ Inpt ☐ Consult ☐ Dental ☐ MH

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OFFENDER'S KITE

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INFIRMARY - MEDICAL		

REASON/QUESTION RAZÓN/PREGUNTA

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SIGNATURE/FIRMA

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RESPONSE
RESPUESTA

I NEED +5 FOR READING. NO GLASSES WERE ON THE IM4 COMMISSARY FORM. SO I REQUESTED THEM BY KITE

You have been requested to see OPTOMETRIST soon

RESPONDER/PERSONA QUE RESPONDE	DATE/FECHA
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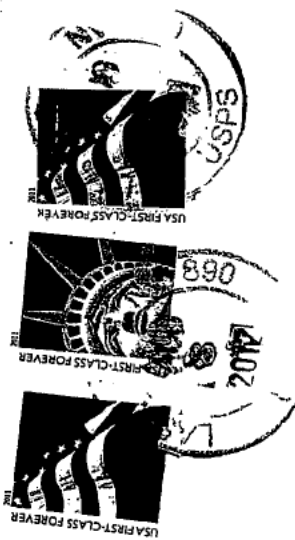
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Hi Steve-

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I received both of your letters last week. I'm glad we can communicate now. I let my mom know about your health and she is concerned about your cataracts. She says your mom had issues with that, but so far she has no signs herself.

After reading the info you gave me on your meeting with the FBI, I wondered if perhaps Michael had spoken with you a day or so before he called me last week. I believe it was Thursday 8/2 that he called me. He sounded very down, asked for my address and didn't want to speak of any details to me. I assumed his mood was either related to the insurance lawsuit or his school funding. Now I am concerned that the FBI has intervened and done something to sabotage his education. It's unbelievable that these people can have that kind of power if that is the case. What a great country we live in!

I'm hoping by now you have received your new glasses and can read normal print. I am enlarging only what I am writing myself. The below material is just news articles and short stories to keep you occupied.

The comment you made about leaving Washington is probably in your best interest, however Alina has made comments to me in

the past that she doesn't want to be pushed out of her home. But at this stage in your life, you will be a target forever, and she will not feel the same heat as you will. Eventually there will be a bigger and more horrific story for people to get sucked into and since she has never served time in prison, she will have a better chance than you at having a future in WA. I get concerned for John, however Mike says he is stable, so I feel a bit more at ease. You have such wonderful kids and I hope you can all get past this and find happiness and treasure the memories you all have with Josh, Braden, Charlie and Susan.

I find it interesting that the FBI likes to toss around your family's names since we all know they can see every email we sent and probably had a wire-tap on every phone conversation. Besides, your family tree would not be hard for them to get their hands on! They don't really impress me, since obviously they are at a complete dead-end and getting pressure from Chuck or whomever! Chuck is trying to sue the WVPD to get access to all of the forensic and case files in Susan's case. They have denied his request twice I believe. Now he is threatening to sue – imagine that? WVPD won't release their files because they botched everything and 3 people got killed in the process as far as I'm concerned. Josh may have done the actual action, but he was really left with nowhere to go because every avenue he went to get help from stabbed him in the back every single time!

I do not search the internet for stories on any of you that often anymore. This whole chapter in our lives has been so horrifying, I have tried to heal from the emotional stress and focus on going to college and now my oldest son [REDACTED] will be starting college. It seems to be a positive influence in my life and I really want to keep moving forward with that. I think about all of you and Josh and the kids all of the time and I just can't help but wonder what will happen. Chuck will have all of you tied up in civil court until the day he dies. He will spend every last dime he has trying to suck info out of anyone and everyone he thinks has it. I guess I don't blame him much. I would probably do the same thing I suppose. It just sucks that you are all the targets!

I feel like being able to write to you now is somewhat therapeutic for me. I am not trying to rehash all that has happened, but I want resolution and in my mind I guess keeping the connection with you makes me feel like that resolution may come one day.

Enjoy the reading and I will write soon.











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Top Medal Winners - Athletes			
Athlete	Country	Sport	Total
Michael Phelps	USA	SWI	21
Larysa Latypina	URS	GYM	18
Nikolay Andrianov	URS	GYM	15
Borys Shakhlin	URS	GYM	13
Edoardo Mangiarotti	ITA	FEN	13
Takashi Ono	JPN	GYM	13
Paavo Nurmi	FIN	ATH	12
Bjørn Dæhlie	NOR	CCS	12
Birgit Fischer-Schmidt	GDR/GER	CAN	12
Savao Kato	JPN	GYM	12
Jenny Thompson	USA	SWI	12
Dara Torres	USA	SWI	12
Aleksey Nemov	RUS	GYM	12
Natalie Coughlin	USA	SWI	12

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Top Medal Winners - Countries				
Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
 USA	1051	841	725	2617
 URS	473	376	355	1204
 GER	287	318	313	918
 FRA	246	256	303	805
 GBR	234	282	277	793
 ITA	243	207	218	668
 SWE	194	200	229	623
 GDR	192	165	162	519
 HUN	164	150	169	483
 CHN	191	147	131	469

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Washington (CNN) -- Republican sources say they're in a Catch-22 situation on how to reply to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's claims that GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney went 10 years without paying taxes.

They understand that they're taking Reid's bait and that responding to his unsubstantiated claims against Romney keeps alive the issue of Romney's refusing to release his tax returns.

Still, these GOP sources say they feel that if they do not respond to such a serious charge from such a high-ranking Democrat, it will look like a tacit admission Reid is right.

Republicans stepped up attempts to undermine Reid's unsubstantiated allegations Monday, saying Reid and other Democrats' accusations are being orchestrated by President Barack Obama's campaign -- specifically his senior campaign adviser, David Axelrod.

To that end, Republican National Committee spokesman Sean Spicer noted that Axelrod visited Senate Democrats for their weekly lunch last Tuesday. Later that afternoon, a Huffington Post story was published with Reid's allegations about the presumptive GOP nominee not paying any taxes.

Opinion: Why won't Romney release more tax returns?

"You've got to wonder if the so-called source is Axelrod himself," Spicer said. "Hours after meeting with Axelrod, Reid comes out and makes baseless accusations?"

Axelrod flatly denied that allegation, calling it "completely false" and saying he "never had any such discussion."

"Instead of pointing fingers in every direction, they can put the whole matter to rest by simply observing the standard George Romney and a generation of candidates have set by releasing the returns," Axelrod said.

In a separate article posted Monday, the Huffington Post reported that it interviewed Reid days before Axelrod's visit, making any influence from the top Obama official's Capitol Hill visit impossible.

By trying to tie Reid's remarks to the Obama campaign, Republicans are trying to hit Democrats where it could hurt most: the president's credibility.

That comes after the GOP response to Reid got increasingly hostile and personal over the weekend.

"I'm not going to respond to a dirty liar who hasn't filed a single page of tax returns himself (and) complains about people with money but lives in the Ritz-Carlton here down the street," Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said on ABC News. "And the fact that we're going to spend any time talking about it is ridiculous."

Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina also used the "L" word to describe Reid's statements, which were repeated on the Senate floor later in the week, saying the majority leader is "making things up."

"What he did on the floor of the Senate is so out of bounds. I think he's lying about his statement, of knowing something about Romney," Graham said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union."

Big GOP convention roles revealed

As for Reid, he tried to turn the focus right back to where he wants it.

"This whole issue is not about me," Reid said in his home state of Nevada on Monday. "Mitt Romney's the first presidential candidate since his dad ran not to release his income tax returns. He's released one income tax return, and that points toward the Bahamas, Switzerland and a few other foreign countries. This whole controversy will end very quickly if he releases his income tax returns, like everybody else has done."

Romney has released his tax return from 2010 and an estimate from 2011. He has vowed to release his full 2011 return once it's completed, but he will not release past years', as previous presidential candidates have done.

Meanwhile, Reid chief of staff David Krone insisted Monday, again, that he knows who Reid's source is -- and that the source is credible.

"I know who this person is, and if I thought this person was not credible, I would say something to Sen. Reid. I would try to shut it down. This person is credible," Krone said.

"This person has asked Reid to protect the confidentiality of this person, but it's real," he continued. "This person told him this. This person said it to Sen. Reid."

Multiple Democratic sources insist that Reid made the allegations against Romney on his own but also admit the Obama campaign is not telling him to back off.

Sources close to Reid say he knew full well he would be challenged by Republicans and the media for accusing Romney of not paying taxes for 10 years but not offering any proof.

But these sources say Reid didn't care -- in fact, he was eager to do it.

Growing up impoverished in a trailer with no running water in Searchlight, Nevada, Reid literally fought his way out as a boxer. As a politician, he has never been afraid to punch below the belt, especially when he dislikes someone personally, and by all accounts Reid has a strong personal disregard for Romney.

Obama debuts 'Romney Hood'

Through the years he has called President George W. Bush a loser and a liar, named then-Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan a political hack and gone after Sen. John McCain during the 2008 presidential race as someone too temperamental to be president.

But Republicans say this time, Reid took it too far, not only because he won't back up his accusation beyond citing a confidential source but because he chose to attack Romney on the issue from the Senate floor.

Romney himself pushed back against Reid's accusations twice last week, insisting that he has paid a lot of money in taxes -- and telling the majority leader to either "put up or shut up."

CNN's Ashley Killough contributed to this report.

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Yet another crazy.....

Oak Creek, Wisconsin (CNN) -- An Army veteran who neighbors say played in a far-right punk band was the lone shooter in the rampage at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin that killed six people and wounded four, according to information Monday from law enforcement authorities.

Wade Michael Page, 40, was shot to death by police responding to the Sunday morning attack in the Milwaukee suburb of Oak Creek, the community's chief of police told reporters.

A long history of bias crimes against Sikhs

Sunday's attack occurred 16 days after a gunman killed 12 people and wounded scores in a Colorado movie theater, reigniting the gun-control debate in the United States.

"These kinds of terrible and tragic events are happening with too much regularity for us not to do some soul-searching and examine additional ways that we can prevent" such violence, President Barack Obama told reporters when asked about the Wisconsin shooting at a White House bill-signing ceremony.

However, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg criticized Obama and certain Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney for not advocating tougher laws to prevent dangerous people from obtaining guns.

"The fact that criminals, terrorists and other mentally ill people have access to guns is a national crisis," Bloomberg said during a visit to a Sikh community center in Queens.

Bernard Zapor -- the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives special agent in the investigation -- said Monday that the 9mm semiautomatic handgun with multiple ammunition magazines used by the attacker had been legally purchased.

Page bought the gun on July 28 at the Shooters Shop in West Allis, Wisconsin, and picked it up two days later, according to a law enforcement official. The suspect bought ammunition there and used the shop's range at some point, said the official.

The gunman shot people inside and outside the Sikh house of worship, including a police officer, Oak Creek Police Chief John Edwards said. Another police officer with a rifle then shot the gunman, who died at the scene.

Read Obama's statement on the Wisconsin shooting

While authorities said Page was the only gunman, they also had been looking for another man spotted at the crime scene Sunday who left before anyone could identify him. On Monday, the FBI's Paul Bresson said the man being sought had been "located, interviewed and cleared." Edwards said authorities were still in contact with that person.

According to Edwards and the FBI, authorities have received tips that Page might have links to the white supremacist movement, but nothing had been confirmed. "I don't want to use that term (white supremacist) until we want to put it out there for sure," Edwards said Monday night. "That's not something I can take back."

Authorities are following up on numerous leads and are still reviewing exterior videos of the temple, Edwards told CNN's "AC360." Investigators haven't identified a known motive, he said.

Two neighbors of Page identified him in photos that showed him playing in the far-right punk band "End Apathy," and the nephew of the slain president of the Sikh temple said the attacker had a 9/11 tattoo on his arm.

Teresa Carlson, the FBI special agent in charge of the investigation of Sunday's shooting, said no motive for the attack has been established. The FBI was looking into whether it was domestic terrorism, which is the use of violence for political or social gain, Carlson said.

"We are looking at ties to white supremacist groups," Carlson told a news conference, adding there was no active investigation of Page prior to Sunday's attack.

According to a man who described himself as an old Army buddy of Page's, the attacker talked about "racial holy war" when they served together in the 1990s. Christopher Robillard of Oregon, who said he lost contact with Page more than a decade ago, added that when Page would rant, "it would be about mostly any non-white person."

"He didn't seem like the type of person to go out and hurt people," Robillard said. "He would talk about it all the time, but it was more like he was waiting for the ... revolution to start."

Page, born on Veterans Day in 1971, joined the Army in 1992 and left the service in 1998, according to Army spokesman George Wright. His service was marked by "patterns of misconduct," though he received an honorable discharge, according to a Pentagon official.

The suspect did have a criminal record, Edwards said. A background check showed Page had separate convictions for DUI in Colorado in 1999 and for criminal mischief in Texas in 1994.

A federal law enforcement official told CNN that investigators interviewed a former girlfriend of Page. The woman said the pair had recently broken up, and she told investigators she had no indication Page planned such an attack. She provided the names of friends and associates of Page, the official said.

Page's family said it was "devastated by the horrific events," according to the Journal Sentinel newspaper.

"While there can be no words of comfort that will make sense of what happened that day, please be aware that our thoughts and prayers go out to all the victims and their families," the family said in a text message, according to the newspaper.

"We share in their grief for all who lost their lives that day and for those survivors, we hope for a speedy recovery. We have been cooperating and will continue to cooperate with the investigation in any way we can. Please respect our privacy as we try to deal with the tragic loss of life and family."

Obama noted Monday that the motive for attack had yet to be determined, but if it turns out to be based on the ethnicity of the worshippers, "I think the American people immediately recoil from those kinds of attitudes."

Because of their customary beards and turbans, Sikh men are often confused with Muslims, and they have been the targets of hate crimes since the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

The six victims of Sunday's attack were identified by police as five men -- Sita Singh, 41; Ranjit Singh, 49; Satwant Singh Kaleka, 65; Prakash Singh, 39, and Suvegh Singh, 84 -- and one woman, 41-year-old Paramjit Kaur.

Photos: Shooting at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin

Two other Sikh victims remained hospitalized in critical condition, while a third was treated and released, Edwards said.

Prayer vigils were held Monday night in the Milwaukee metropolitan area, with another scheduled for Tuesday evening.

The wounded police officer, identified as 51-year-old Lt. Brian Murphy, also was in critical condition, the police chief said. Edwards told CNN's "Erin Burnett OutFront" that Murphy had a "promising," but long, recovery ahead. The officer suffered nine gunshot wounds.

Terror, tragedy for tight-knit Sikh community

One of the dead, Prakash Singh, was a priest who recently immigrated to the United States with his wife and two young children, said Justice Singh Khalsa, a temple member since the 1990s.

Relatives of Kaleka, the president of the temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, said that he was killed fighting the attacker.

"From what we understand, he basically fought to the very end and suffered gunshot wounds while trying to take down the gunman," said Kaiwardeep Singh Kaleka, his nephew.

Kaleka said those inside the gurdwara, or Sikh house of worship, described the attacker as a bald white man, dressed in a white T-shirt and black pants and with the 9/11 tattoo on one arm, which "implies to me that there's some level of hate crime there."

Belief Blog: Who are Sikhs?

While officials try to piece together what prompted the man to go on his shooting spree, America's Sikh community struggled to come to grips with the brutal attack.

A Sikh human rights group said it would give a \$10,000 reward to Murphy, the police officer wounded in the attack.

"Our government must take urgent steps to educate the country about the Sikh population and help put an end to these horrific and deadly acts of violence," said a statement by the group, Sikhs for Justice.

Kaleka was horrified to have such violence occur at his place of worship, especially so soon after the 12 killings at a screening of the Batman movie "The Dark Knight Rises" in Aurora, Colorado.

"You're talking about Aurora one minute, and the next minute it's you and your family," Kaleka said.

Meanwhile in India, the birthplace of Sikhism, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said he was "shocked and saddened" by the shooting.

"That this senseless act of violence should be targeted at a place of religious worship is particularly painful," Singh, himself a Sikh, said.

The country's main Sikh political party, the Shiromani Akali Dal, held a demonstration in New Delhi's embassy district Monday to protest.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton spoke by phone with India's foreign minister, and U.S. Ambassador Nancy Powell met with Sikh community leaders in New Delhi and visited the largest Sikh temple in the city, said State Department spokesman Patrick Ventrell.

Sunday's attack occurred about 10:30 a.m., when temple members were reading scriptures and cooking food in preparation for the main Sunday service and community lunch. The temple has more than 350 members.

According to witnesses, the gunman started shooting in the parking lot, killing at least one person. He then entered the temple and continued firing, they said. Police spent Sunday night searching the shooter's home in nearby Cudahy, a short distance from the temple.

Political leaders at the national, state and local level offered condolences for the killings and declared solidarity with the Sikh community.

Obama ordered U.S. flags flown at half-staff through Friday "as a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence."

In a statement Sunday, Obama said the United States had been "enriched" by Sikhs, and that his administration "will provide whatever support is necessary to the officials who are responding to this tragic shooting and moving forward with an investigation."

Romney, meanwhile, called the slayings "a senseless act of violence and a tragedy that should never befall any house of worship."

Romney: A 'senseless act of violence'

The United States is home to about 700,000 Sikhs, nearly all of Indian origin, according to the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund. The men are easily identifiable by their beards and turbans, a tradition that's lasted for 500 years.

Obama: Shooting a 'tragedy'

Six people were killed in a shooting rampage. Share your thoughts and remembrances.

CNN's Tom Cohen, Brian Todd, Harmeet Shah Singh, Poppy Harlow, Ed Payne, Ted Rowlands, Marlena Baldacci, Matt Smith, Steve Almasy, Greg Botelho, Phil Gast, Shawn Nottingham, Carol Cratty, Susan Candiotti and Deborah Feyerick contributed to this report.

CNN) -- On Sunday night, as the Curiosity rover descended through the Martian atmosphere and the HiRISE camera on the Reconnaissance Orbiter caught its parachute deploy, the mood in the NASA Control Room became increasingly electric. As the rover touched down on Mars, the nation seemed to catch the fever and excitement. You would have needed a heart of stone not to get at least a little sentimental in seeing the high-fives and emotional embraces of scientists on live television.

But was the moment a blip? Or are Americans rekindling their romance with science after what seemed like a long and tepid stupor?

Americans have always been taken with the adventure of the "final frontier," but perhaps this is not enough to explain our intense interest this week in a technological marvel.

Mars landing: It could be crazier

With the rover so far from the laboratories that hatched it, it took light itself 14 minutes to reach us back on Earth. During that time span, we could not communicate with Curiosity. What if something went wrong? The waiting seemed like a solar system's game of chess by mail.

The destination only made it more gripping: Mars has been a lodestone for the imagination for at least a century. Percival Lowell's 1890s views of a Martian civilization frantically irrigating its dying world were at last debunked during the Mariner 4 flyby in 1964. But hopes of life on Mars continued. In literature, from Ray Bradbury's *Martian Chronicles* to Kim Stanley Robinson's *Martian Trilogy*, the Red Planet has become the American's Avalon.

Earth loves Mars -- why we're crushing on the red planet

Maybe we saw something deeper in the successful landing of Curiosity. We experienced -- even if vicariously -- a group achieving unambiguous excellence. In a nation where a city like Detroit can nearly collapse, where consensus on important policy issues seems far off, where some of the "best

and brightest" minds of finance have built fragile institutions, how is it possible that a large cast of scientists and engineers can pull off such a remarkable task?

One of the widely reproduced photographs from the NASA Control Room showed a trio of scientists: the clean-cut, the mohawked and the Gandalf-haired — something unthinkable for the NASA of pocket protectors and ties of 50 years ago. Times have surely changed.

The Space Age has come of age, and this century has a chance to see us living on Mars. This is also the era when we might finally understand some of the underlying principles of human society.

Scientists have long sought to unlock the rules and regularities in the natural world. Likewise, social scientists have long believed in the existence of invisible forces that govern our social world. Aided by today's nearly limitless computer power, we can learn from the traces we leave behind on how we actually live and behave. We can see not only how traffic jams form and markets crash but how courtrooms are more or less just, how wars have changed and how they might end.

While science cannot capture the exhilaration of a successful society, or the misery of a failed one, it can show us the properties that underlie them. As scientists, my colleagues and I are inspired every day to put theories of both nature and human kind to the test, in hopes of answering their whys and hows.

Rover had 'exciting ride'

So is science cool again? Those of us in the laboratories, universities and institutes could be forgiven for not knowing it was ever uncool. Topics may fall out of fashion, and some can become political battlegrounds. What the immense interest in Curiosity's landing shows, however, is that the curiosity that drives all scientific endeavors persists in the nation as a whole.

Complete coverage of Mars

When a rover millions of miles away can light our hearts, it's hard to say whether we wanted to know more about Mars, or space colonies, or Earth, or ourselves.

10 best cities for 'successful aging'

It's a long-held belief that seniors, whether they retire to Florida or not, want one simple thing: to do as little as possible for as long as possible.

"That's out of date, to the extent that it was ever accurate," says Paul Irving, Milken Institute's senior managing director and chief operating officer. "Seniors want to remain active and engaged and healthy and connected to their communities. Many want to continue to work throughout life ... they want and deserve great health systems. They want to have a voice."

Baby boomers living in Provo-Orem, Utah, and Sioux Falls, South Dakota, are certainly in the right place. The two cities rank at the top of the Milken Institute's first "Best Cities for Successful Aging" report. Provo-Orem is No. 1 on the list of large metro areas and Sioux Falls is No. 1 for small metros.

The Milken Institute analyzed data for 78 indicators of success, including health care, housing, transportation, education opportunities and cultural experiences. They then weighted the indicators based on survey information regarding what was most important to seniors - health care and financial security landing at the top of their concerns.

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While Provo-Orem and Sioux Falls rank at the top of the overall lists, the data was also broken down into sub-lists based on age. What's most important for those aged 65 to 79, after all, is not the same for those over the age of 80. For example, Boston, Massachusetts, was No. 4 on the overall list for large metros, but ranked No. 1 for those over 80 because of its reputable health care facilities.

Readers can also go the institute's website to weigh the indicators that are most important to them, creating a new set of city rankings individualized to their needs.

While many people see the older generation as a burden, Irving says, in reality they have a lot to offer the community - and leaders should have a vested interest in taking care of this population. The Milken Institute is a nonprofit, non-partisan think tank based in Santa Monica, California, that "believes in the power of capital markets to solve urgent social and economic challenges and improve lives," according to its website.

"We all know that America is growing older," Irving says. "As we looked at what was going on... some of the most innovative thinking and most helpful progress was going on at the metro, at the city level."

Aging stylishly, online and in the streets

Rankings like this often create competition and motivate change, similar to the way college rankings inspire university presidents to focus on academics or sports scores. Here are the top overall cities for large and small metro areas:

Large metros

1. Provo, Utah
2. Madison, Wisconsin
3. Omaha, Nebraska
4. Boston, Massachusetts
5. New York
6. Des Moines, Iowa (tie)
6. Salt Lake City, Utah (tie)
8. Toledo, Ohio
9. Washington
10. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Smaller metros

1. Sioux Falls, South Dakota
2. Iowa City, Iowa
3. Bismarck, North Dakota
4. Columbia, Missouri
5. Rochester, Minnesota
6. Gainesville, Florida
7. Ann Arbor, Michigan
8. Missoula, Montana
9. Durham, North Carolina
10. Rapid City, South Dakota

Technology boosting China people power

By Fareed Zakaria

This past week, an unusual state of affairs caught my eye. I expect protests in China to be stamped out pretty quickly. Instead, not only did the government recently allow a large group of protesters to run amok, it also apologized and caved in to their demands.

What in the world?

Let's begin in the town of Qidong, about an hour north of Shanghai. Thousands assembled to protest against the construction of an industrial waste pipeline. And then something rarely seen in China took place. Despite the presence of scores of policemen, the protesters went wild. Hundreds entered and took over an entire government building. Computers were smashed. Outside, cars were overturned. At least two police officers were beaten up.

I would have expected Beijing to retaliate with great force. Instead, it caved. The waste disposal project was abandoned. And the state-run *People's Daily* applauded the decision, writing that "a responsible government should...create an inclusive environment for public opinion."

Here's what's even more surprising: The same thing happened a few weeks earlier.

Tens of thousands of citizens of Shifang in Sichuan Province staged a protest against a smelting plant. It was met with anti-riot police and tear gas. But later, the government relented, doing a u-turn and shutting down the \$1.6 billion project.

The two protests, despite being nearly 2,000 miles apart, are actually connected. Residents of Qidong said they were inspired by the news of the successful demonstration in Shifang. But there's another connection.

The protesters in both cities mobilized on Weibo — China's version of Twitter — where as many as 300 million users share news, photos, and discuss politics.

According to the consulting firm McKinsey, China has "by far the world's most active" social media population. Ninety-one percent of its surveyed internet users visited a social media website in the last six months, compared with 70 percent in South Korea, 67 percent in the U.S. and 30 percent in Japan.

The internet, despite Beijing's best efforts at censorship, has empowered and connected China's people in a way that couldn't have been envisioned even a few years ago.

So, are the events of Qidong and Shifang part of a larger trend? Will it spread?

For now, it seems not. From years of watching China, one thing is apparent. Beijing picks its battles — if people complain about pollution or the environment, it increasingly has begun to make some concessions. But protests over economic policy produce less change. And demands for political liberalization are met with a very different kind of response.

Also, many of these decisions are actually taking place at the local and provincial levels, where governors have significant powers and independence. So sometimes these provinces will tolerate demonstrations as a pressure valve to let off steam. In other cases, most cases, they crack down.

The key is whether protests in one place build momentum to a regional or national level – and that's what Beijing works hard to prevent.

But about 4 in 10 Chinese now have access to the internet.

As China advances, that ratio will grow and grow. In the past, Beijing could contain the flow of information from one part of the country to another. But that might prove increasingly difficult as the Chinese people get more and more connected. The internet will not make China free – that will take actual Chinese reformers and revolutionaries and organized movements – but technology does in some ways help the cause of individual liberty here.

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The Monkey's Paw

"Be careful what you wish for, you may receive it." – Anonymous

Part I

Without, the night was cold and wet, but in the small parlour of Laburnum Villa the blinds were drawn and the fire burned brightly. Father and son were at chess; the former, who possessed ideas about the game involving radical chances, putting his king into such sharp and unnecessary perils that it even provoked comment from the white-haired old lady knitting placidly by the fire.

"Hark at the wind," said Mr. White, who, having seen a fatal mistake after it was too late, was amiably desirous of preventing his son from seeing it.

"I'm listening," said the latter grimly surveying the board as he stretched out his hand. "Check."

"I should hardly think that he's come tonight," said his father, with his hand poised over the board.

"Mate," replied the son.

"That's the worst of living so far out," balled Mr. White with sudden and unlooked-for violence; "Of all the beastly, slushy, out of the way places to live in, this is the worst. Path's a bog, and the road's a torrent. I don't know what people are thinking about. I suppose because only two houses in the road are let, they think it doesn't matter."

"Never mind, dear," said his wife soothingly; "perhaps you'll win the next one."

Mr. White looked up sharply, just in time to intercept a knowing glance between mother and son. The words died away on his lips, and he hid a guilty grin in his thin grey beard.

"There he is," said Herbert White as the gate banged to loudly and heavy footsteps came toward the door.

The old man rose with hospitable haste and opening the door, was heard condoling with the new arrival. The new arrival also consoled with himself, so that Mrs. White said, "Tut, tut!" and coughed gently as her husband entered the room followed by a tall, burly man, beady of eye and rubicund of visage.

"Sergeant-Major Morris," he said, introducing him.

The Sergeant-Major took hands and taking the proffered seat by the fire, watched contentedly as his host got out whiskey and tumblers and stood a small copper-kettle on the fire.

At the third glass his eyes got brighter, and he began to talk, the little family circle regarding with eager interest this visitor from distant parts, as he squared his broad shoulders in the chair and spoke of wild scenes and doughty deeds; of wars and plagues and strange peoples.

"Twenty-one years of it," said Mr. White, nodding at his wife and son: "When he went away he was a slip of a youth in the warehouse. Now look at him."

"He don't look to have taken much harm," said Mrs. White politely.

"I'd like to go to India myself," said the old man, just to look around a bit, you know."

"Better where you are," said the Sargent-Major, shaking his head. He put down the empty glass and sighing softly, shook it again.

"I should like to see those old temples and fakirs and jugglers," said the old man. "what was that that you started telling me the other day about a monkey's paw or something, Morris?"

"Nothing," said the soldier hastily. "Leastways, nothing worth hearing."

"Monkey's paw?" said Mrs. White curiously.

"Well, it's just a bit of what you might call magic, perhaps," said the Sargeant-Major off-handedly.

His three listeners leaned forward eagerly. The visitor absent-mindedly put his empty glass to his lips and then set it down again. His host filled it for him again.

"To look at," said the Sargent-Major, fumbling in his pocket, "it's just an ordinary little paw, dried to a mummy."

He took something out of his pocket and proffered it. Mrs. White drew back with a grimace, but her son, taking it, examined it curiously.

"And what is there special about it?" inquired Mr. White as he took it from his son, and having examined it, placed it upon the table.

"It had a spell put on it by an old Fakir," said the Sargent-Major, "a very holy man. He wanted to show that fate ruled people's lives, and that those who interefered with it did so to their sorrow. He put a spell on it so that three separate men could each have three wishes from it."

His manners were so impressive that his hearers were concious that their light laughter had jarred somewhat.

"Well, why don't you have three, sir?" said Herbert White cleverly.

The soldier regarded him the way that middle age is wont to regard presumptuous youth. "I have," he said quietly, and his blotchy face whitened.

"And did you really have the three wishes granted?" asked Mrs. White.

"I did," said the seargent-major, and his glass tapped against his strong teeth.

"And has anybody else wished?" persisted the old lady.

"The first man had his three wishes. Yes," was the reply, "I don't know what the first two were, but the third was for death. That's how I got the paw."

His tones were so grave that a hush fell upon the group.

"If you've had your three wishes it's no good to you now then Morris," said the old man at last. "What do you keep it for?"

The soldier shook his head. "Fancy I suppose," he said slowly. "I did have some idea of selling it, but I don't think I will. It has caused me enough mischief already. Besides, people won't buy. They think it's a fairy tale, some of them; and those who do think anything of it want to try it first and pay me afterward."

"If you could have another three wishes," said the old man, eyeing him keenly, "would you have them?"

"I don't know," said the other. "I don't know."

He took the paw, and dangling it between his forefinger and thumb, suddenly threw it upon the fire. White, with a slight cry, stooped down and snatched it off.

"Better let it burn," said the soldier solemnly.

"If you don't want it Morris," said the other, "give it to me."

"I won't," said his friend doggedly. "I threw it on the fire. If you keep it, don't blame me for what happens. Pitch it on the fire like a sensible man."

The other shook his head and examined his possession closely. "How do you do it?" he inquired.

"Hold it up in your right hand, and wish aloud," said the sergeant-major, "But I warn you of the consequences."

"Sounds like the 'Arabian Nights'," said Mrs. White, as she rose and began to set the supper. "Don't you think you might wish for four pairs of hands for me?"

Her husband drew the talisman from his pocket, and all three burst into laughter as the Sergeant-Major, with a look of alarm on his face, caught him by the arm.

"If you must wish," he said gruffly, "Wish for something sensible."

Mr. White dropped it back in his pocket, and placing chairs, motioned his friend to the table. In the business of supper the talisman was partly forgotten, and afterward the three sat listening in an enthralled fashion to a second installment of the soldier's adventures in India.

"If the tale about the monkey's paw is not more truthful than those he has been telling us," said Herbert, as the door closed behind their guest, just in time to catch the last train, "we shan't make much out of it."

"Did you give anything for it, father?" inquired Mrs. White, regarding her husband closely.

"A trifle," said he, colouring slightly, "He didn't want it, but I made him take it. And he pressed me again to throw it away."

"Likely," said Herbert, with pretended horror. "Why, we're going to be rich, and famous, and happy. Wish to be an emporer, father, to begin with; then you can't be henpecked."

He darted around the table, persued by the malignd Mrs White armed with an antimacassar.

Mr. White took the paw from his pocket and eyed it dubiously. "I don't know what to wish for, and that's a fact," he said slowly. "It seems to me I've got all I want."

"If you only cleared the house, you'd be quite happy, wouldn't you!" said Herbert, with his hand on his shoulder. "Well, wish for two hundred pounds, then; that'll just do it."

His father, smiling shamefacedly at his own credulity, held up the talisman, as his son, with a solemn face, somewhat marred by a wink at his mother, sat down and struck a few impressive chords.

"I wish for two hundred pounds," said the old man distinctly.

A fine crash from the piano greeted his words, interrupted by a shuddering cry from the old man. His wife and son ran toward him.

"It moved," he cried, with a glance of disgust at the object as it lay on the floor. "As I wished, it twisted in my hand like a snake."

"Well, I don't see the money," said his son, as he picked it up and placed it on the table, "and I bet I never shall."

"It must have been your fancy, father," said his wife, regarding him anxiously.

He shook his head. "Never mind, though; there's no harm done, but it gave me a shock all the same."

They sat down by the fire again while the two men finished thier pipes. Outside, the wind was higher than ever, an the old man started nervously at the sound of a door banging upstairs. A silence unusual and depressing settled on all three, which lasted until the old couple rose to retire for the rest of the night.

"I expect you'll find the cash tied up in a big bag in the middle of your bed," said Herbert, as he bade them goodnight, "and something horrible squatting on top of your wardrobe watching you as you pocket your ill-gotten gains."

He sat alone in the darkness, gazing at the dying fire, and seeing faces in it. The last was so horrible and so simian that he gazed at it in amazement. It got so vivid that, with a little uneasy laugh, he felt on the table for a glass containig a little water to throw over it. His hand grasped the monkey's paw, and with a little shiver he wiped his hand on his coat and went up to bed.

Part II

In the brightness of the wintry sun next morning as it streamed over the breakfast table he laughed at his fears. There was an air of prosaic wholesomeness about the room which it had lacked on the previous night, and the dirty, shriveled little paw was pitched on the side-board with a carelessness which betokened no great belief in its virtues.

"I suppose all old soldiers are the same," said Mrs White. "The idea of our listening to such nonsense! How could wishes be granted in these days? And if they could, how could two hundred pounds hurt you, father?"

"Might drop on his head from the sky," said the frivolous Herbert.

"Morris said the things happened so naturally," said his father, "that you might if you so wished attribute it to coincidence."

"Well, don't break into the money before I come back," said Herbert as he rose from the table. "I'm afraid it'll turn you into a mean, avaricious man, and we shall have to disown you."

His mother laughed, and following him to the door, watched him down the road; and returning to the breakfast table, was very happy at the expense of her husband's credulity. All of which did not prevent her from scurrying to the door at the postman's knock, nor prevent her from referring somewhat shortly to retired Sargeant-Majors of bibulous habits when she found that the post brought a tailor's bill.

"Herbert will have some more of his funny remarks, I expect, when he comes home," she said as they sat at dinner.

"I dare say," said Mr. White, pouring himself out some beer; "but for all that, the thing moved in my hand; that I'll swear to."

"You thought it did," said the old lady soothingly.

"I say it did," replied the other. "There was no thought about it; I had just - What's the matter?"

His wife made no reply. She was watching the mysterious movements of a man outside, who, peering in an undecided fashion at the house, appeared to be trying to make up his mind to enter. In mental connexion with the two hundred pounds, she noticed that the stranger was well dressed, and wore a silk hat of glossy newness. Three times he paused at the gate, and then walked on again. The fourth time he stood with his hand upon it, and then with sudden resolution flung it open and walked up the path. Mrs White at the same moment placed her hands behind her, and hurriedly unfastening the strings of her apron, put that useful article of apparel beneath the cushion of her chair.

She brought the stranger, who seemed ill at ease, into the room. He gazed at her furtively, and listened in a preoccupied fashion as the old lady apologized for the appearance of the room, and her husband's coat, a garment which he usually reserved for the garden. She then waited as patiently as her sex would permit for him to broach his business, but he was at first strangely silent.

"I - was asked to call," he said at last, and stooped and picked a piece of cotton from his trousers. "I come from 'Maw and Meggins.'"

The old lady started. "Is anything the matter?" she asked breathlessly. "Has anything happened to Herbert? What is it? What is it?"

Her husband interposed. "There there mother," he said hastily. "Sit down, and don't jump to conclusions. You've not brought bad news, I'm sure sir," and eyed the other wistfully.

"I'm sorry - " began the visitor.

"Is he hurt?" demanded the mother wildly.

The visitor bowed in assent. "Badly hurt," he said quietly, "but he is not in any pain."

"Oh thank God!" said the old woman, clasping her hands. "Thank God for that! Thank - "

She broke off as the sinister meaning of the assurance dawned on her and she saw the awful confirmation of her fears in the others averted face. She caught her breath, and turning to her slower-witted husband, laid her trembling hand on his. There was a long silence.

"He was caught in the machinery," said the visitor at length in a low voice.

"Caught in the machinery," repeated Mr. White, in a dazed fashion, "yes."

He sat staring out the window, and taking his wife's hand between his own, pressed it as he had been wont to do in their old courting days nearly forty years before.

"He was the only one left to us," he said, turning gently to the visitor. "It is hard."

The other coughed, and rising, walked slowly to the window. "The firm wishes me to convey their sincere sympathy with you in your great loss," he said, without looking round. "I beg that you will understand I am only their servant and merely obeying orders."

There was no reply; the old woman's face was white, her eyes staring, and her breath inaudible; on the husband's face was a look such as his friend the sergeant might have carried into his first action.

"I was to say that Maw and Meggins disclaim all responsibility," continued the other. "They admit no liability at all, but in consideration of your son's services, they wish to present you with a certain sum as compensation."

Mr. White dropped his wife's hand, and rising to his feet, gazed with a look of horror at his visitor. His dry lips shaped the words, "How much?"

"Two hundred pounds," was the answer.

Unconscious of his wife's shriek, the old man smiled faintly, put out his hands like a sightless man, and dropped, a senseless heap, to the floor.

Part III

In the huge new cemetery, some two miles distant, the old people buried their dead, and came back to the house steeped in shadows and silence. It was all over so quickly that at first they could hardly realize it, and remained in a state of expectation as though of something else to happen - something else which was to lighten this load, too heavy for old hearts to bear.

But the days passed, and expectations gave way to resignation - the hopeless resignation of the old, sometimes mis-called apathy. Sometimes they hardly exchanged a word, for now they had nothing to talk about, and their days were long to weariness.

It was about a week after that the old man, waking suddenly in the night, stretched out his hand and found himself alone. The room was in darkness, and the sound of subdued weeping came from the window. He raised himself in bed and listened.

"Come back," he said tenderly. "You will be cold."

"It is colder for my son," said the old woman, and wept afresh.

The sounds of her sobs died away on his ears. The bed was warm, and his eyes heavy with sleep. He dozed fitfully, and then slept until a sudden wild cry from his wife awoke him with a start.

"THE PAW!" she cried wildly. "THE MONKEY'S PAW!"

He started up in alarm. "Where? Where is it? What's the matter?"

She came stumbling across the room toward him. "I want it," she said quietly. "You've not destroyed it?"

"It's in the parlour, on the bracket," he replied, marveling. "Why?"

She cried and laughed together, and bending over, kissed his cheek.

"I only just thought of it," she said hysterically. "Why didn't I think of it before? Why didn't you think of it?"

"Think of what?" he questioned.

"The other two wishes," she replied rapidly. "We've only had one."

"Was not that enough?" he demanded fiercely.

"No," she cried triumphantly; "We'll have one more. Go down and get it quickly, and wish our boy alive again."

The man sat in bed and flung the bedcloths from his quaking limbs. "Good God, you are mad!" he cried aghast. "Get it," she panted; "get it quickly, and wish -- Oh my boy, my boy!"

Her husband struck a match and lit the candle. "Get back to bed," he said unsteadily. "You don't know what you are saying."

"We had the first wish granted," said the old woman, feverishly; "why not the second?"

"A coincidence," stammered the old man.

"Go get it and wish," cried his wife, quivering with excitement.

The old man turned and regarded her, and his voice shook. "He has been dead ten days, and besides he -- I would not tell you else, but -- I could only recognize him by his clothing. If he was too terrible for you to see then, how now?"

"Bring him back," cried the old woman, and dragged him towards the door. "Do you think I fear the child I have nursed?"

He went down in the darkness, and felt his way to the parlour, and then to the mantelpiece. The talisman was in its place, and a horrible fear that the unspoken wish might bring his mutilated son before him ere he could escape from the room seized up on him, and he caught his breath as he found that he had lost the direction of the door. His brow cold with sweat, he felt his way round the table, and groped along the wall until he found himself in the small passage with the unwholesome thing in his hand.

Even his wife's face seemed changed as he entered the room. It was white and expectant, and to his fears seemed to have an unnatural look upon it. He was afraid of her.

"WISH!" she cried in a strong voice.

"It is foolish and wicked," he faltered.

"WISH!" repeated his wife.

He raised his hand. "I wish my son alive again."

The talisman fell to the floor, and he regarded it fearfully. Then he sank trembling into a chair as the old woman, with burning eyes, walked to the window and raised the blind.

He sat until he was chilled with the cold, glancing occasionally at the figure of the old woman peering through the window. The candle-end, which had burned below the rim of the china candlestick, was throwing pulsating shadows on the ceiling and walls, until with a flicker larger than the rest, it expired. The old man, with an unspeakable sense of relief at the failure of the talisman, crept back to his bed, and a minute afterward the old woman came silently and apathetically beside him.

Neither spoke, but sat silently listening to the ticking of the clock. A stair creaked, and a squeaky mouse scurried noisily through the wall. The darkness was oppressive, and after lying for some time screwing up his courage, he took the box of matches, and striking one, went downstairs for a candle.

At the foot of the stairs the match went out, and he paused to strike another; and at the same moment a knock came so quiet and stealthy as to be scarcely audible, sounded on the front door.

The matches fell from his hand and spilled in the passage. He stood motionless, his breath suspended until the knock was repeated. Then he turned and fled swiftly back to his room, and closed the door behind him. A third knock sounded through the house.

"WHATS THAT?" cried the old woman, starting up.

"A rat," said the old man in shaking tones - "a rat. It passed me on the stairs."

His wife sat up in bed listening. A loud knock resounded through the house.

"It's Herbert!"

She ran to the door, but her husband was before her, and catching her by the arm, held her tightly.

"What are you going to do?" he whispered hoarsely.

"It's my boy; it's Herbert!" she cried, struggling mechanically. "I forgot it was two miles away. What are you holding me for? Let go. I must open the door."

"For God's sake don't let it in," cried the old man, trembling.

"You're afraid of your own son," she cried struggling. "Let me go. I'm coming, Herbert; I'm coming."

There was another knock, and another. The old woman with a sudden wrench broke free and ran from the room. Her husband followed to the landing, and called after her appealingly as she hurried downstairs. He heard the chain rattle back and the bolt drawn slowly and stiffly from the socket. Then the old woman's voice, strained and panting.

"The bolt," she cried loudly. "Come down. I can't reach it."

But her husband was on his hands and knees groping wildly on the floor in search of the paw. If only he could find it before the thing outside got in. A perfect fusillade of knocks reverberated through the house, and he heard the scraping of a chair as his wife as his wife put it down in the passage against the door. He heard the creaking of the bolt as it came slowly back, and at the same moment he found the monkey's paw, and frantically breathed his third and last wish.

The knocking ceased suddenly, although the echoes of it were still in the house. He heard the chair drawn back, and the door opened. A cold wind rushed up the staircase, and a long loud wail of disappointment and misery from his wife gave him the courage to run down to her side, and then to the gate beyond. The streetlamp flickering opposite shone on a quiet and deserted road.

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Dear [REDACTED]

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It's so nice to hear from you. I'm glad you are going to college and moving forward with your life. I finally got a college degree at about age 39. I'm glad I got it. I took some graduate courses, and was moving toward a masters degree when Terri filed for divorce. Then I was transferred to this side of the state, and never got back into it.

I don't think anyone has tried to fuck with Michael's education program. I spoke to him as recently as Sunday (8/12) and all seemed well. He is not even concerned about it. They can't touch his GI Bill benefits. He is highly-respected among his colleagues.

The FBI has created this aura about itself. They want us to forget that first and foremost they are government employees. If they could make it in the private sector, they would not be counting the days until they can collect their government pension.


Truth is optional, based on every FBI agent's interactions with my family and me. But

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Sadly, they are poor liars. And that makes it feel like they are constantly insulting my intelligence. Some of the things they said to me in that 7/31/2012 meeting were blatantly bogus. They didn't do their homework. They said some things I knew were not true, and cast doubt on everything else they said. We're not dealing with the brightest light bulbs in the house.

Another thing I've noticed about the way the FBI, CIA and other gov't agencies operate, is that they throw a whole lot of mud at the wall and hope some sticks. I am convinced that the bad guys they do catch are mostly caught by accident. And while they are investigating every practitioner of Islam in the country, a guy who is the real terrorist blows away some Sikhs (thanks for the article). In essence, they are doing busy work until something really happens. Then they investigate after the fact.

I do have glasses for reading now. BTW, I received them on 8/3, and have been reading

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a lot since. They only give us one book per week from the prison-unit's inventory. I got a new book Monday morning (the only "trade-in" day). Started it after lunch, and finished it after dinner. So now I can wait a week for a trade-in. The previous book I got did not interest me, so I didn't read it. Your articles are very welcome as a break in the routine.

The routine since Aug 3 has mainly been, for me, reading the Bible. What a deception! It amazes me that people who have studied the Bible can say "it's true" and "it's the word of God" with a straight face. The Bible has done more to destroy peace and tranquility in the modern world than anything else that's come down the Pike (or Sinai). It's all about a "Chosen" people called "the House of Israel."


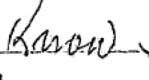

Israel was the name given by God to a guy named Jacob. Jacob comes from a Hebrew word that means "deception." Jacob deceived his family, his neighbors, his in-laws. And he continues to deceive the entire Judeo/Christian/Islamic world.

My understanding is that, as a ward of the State, my cataracts will be taken care of while I

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Am in prison. I will be pushing for that as soon as I am in my "parent" facility. But so far I've been here 8 weeks, at least twice as long as I expected. In a meeting on 8/3 I was told I would be moving in in a couple of weeks or so, but they would not tell me when or where. They said they're keeping it secret because families tend to lobby them if they don't like the decision, and someone could hijack my transportation if my departure date gets out. Hmmm.

I like seeing two Mormons duke it out. ~~First~~ First it was Romney & Huntsman, now Romney & Reid. Romney is a piece of work.

 Give my love to your family. Please let  know I'm doing well enough. I'm making good use of my time (I want to know the Bible well, better than believers). Give my love to .

In the program, I believe the good that will accrue to our family as a result of these attacks will outweigh the damage done. I know that's hard to believe, given what they did to Josh and the boys.

Love,
Steve

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Dear Alina, (and John & Michael can read this),
I've been getting a little worried about you.
I spoke to Michael Sunday, and it had been a
week since he spoke to you. You haven't added money
to your phone account, so I worry you are having
financial problems. Frankly, I would not
be surprised. You have been handling a lot
since I have been here, emotionally and finan-
cially. I feel for you. I am in a fairly com-
fortable place, even though I would rather not
be here. I am comfortable in that I am insul-
ated from all that you have to go through.

I have not been able to get through to
talk to Michael since Sunday. I heard his voice
saying he was not able to take my call yesterday
(there is about a 2-second place during the record-
ing where we can hear each other). His phone
must have been off today. I understand. He's
busy; you're busy. But please do send me a letter
or renew the phone account, so I can know
you're OK.

Don't send me any books or anything. I don't

2/17/2012 - 1 - Alina

Know how much longer I'll be here. One book is only about one day of reading, since I have nothing pressing here. I'm not having any luck getting books from the prison library, so the Bible is getting more use than it's ever had. I need some tape to repair it. I am getting to know it better. I've learned some things that will help me in my novel about Joseph Smith. In any case, it is keeping me entertained, although I am really ready for a change in reading.

I miss talking to you and Michael. I don't talk to inmates or COs here, so the only conversations I have are with you two. Hopefully they will move me soon, where I will have other inmates to converse with. In jail I was regularly talking to my tank-mates, and to others at rec.

Anyway, I think I'm running out of ink.

Love you,

Love,

Dad

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PLEASE PRINT

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LAST NAME	POWELL	FIRST NAME	STEVEN
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If you feel you have an actual medical emergency, alert the staff and do not use this form.

TYPE OF REQUEST (check only one box per form)

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MAY I PLEASE HAVE A WRITTEN COPY OF HSR FOR MY READING GLASSES? I WAS TOLD I NEED TO HAVE THAT WITH ME AT PARENT INSTITUTION TO AVOID HAVING THE GLASSES CONFISCATED. THANKS

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<input type="checkbox"/> Schedule within _____ days/weeks/months	<input type="checkbox"/> Next available sick call	<input type="checkbox"/> No visit required
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YOU DO NOT HAVE US HSR FOR GLASSES.
WE DO NOT DO HSR FOR GLASSES

D. MORRIS, RHIT

RESPONDER signature and stamp (all copies)	DATE and TIME
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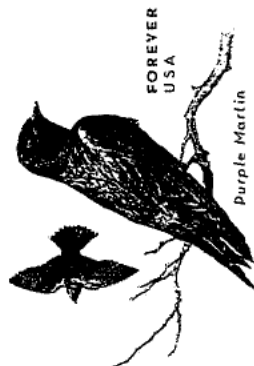
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Dear Aline,

It's about 4:00 PM and I just received a Kite that says, "Just a note regarding your status on ad seg [Administrative Segregation]. You'll be retained pending transfer. You'll be leaving soon." From [REDACTED]

As if I didn't know I will be "retained." It will be nine weeks tomorrow.

So today in the book exchange (Monday breakfast-tray pickup includes exchange of our one book) I received the book I have been wishing I had for two weeks: a Secular Study of the Bible, to balance the religious crap in this Study Bible I have. The book they gave me was "Guia de la Biblia: Antiguo Testamento" (Bible Guide to the Old Testament), by Isaac Asimov. Since it's in Spanish I get to practice my Spanish while reading about the Bible in the words and thoughts of an author who is as skeptical as I am.

I read and studied about 30 pages of this new book (actually it's a library

8/20/2012 - 1 - Aline

Aiscards, and was probably written about 1970) today. I learned some Spanish and some Bible.

Michael tells me you're doing OK. I've been a bit worried since I don't hear from you and can't get through to call you.

I'm doing fine, especially having glasses for reading. Now that I have this Ahmad book I want to stick around here to read it. I'm not excited to make a big change. I'm comfortable here, and where I am going is the "unknown." They haven't told me where I am going. If it's Airway Heights (Spokane), that will be a very long trip in shackles. If it's Cedar Creek, that's only 45 minutes, but I know a few inmates who worked in the CI warehouse who are at Cedar Creek. My preference is Twin Rivers Unit (TRU) in Monroe. There is also a camp in Monroe as well as the big Monroe Reformatory.

Anyway, I'll write to you with my new address "Soon?" Love, Dad

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Necesito intérprete para _____ (idioma).

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RAZON/PREGUNTA

Just a note regarding
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you will be retained
pending transfer.

SIGNATURE/FIRMA

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RESPUESTA

You will be leaving
soon.

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Dear Michael,

It's been fun talking to you on the phone about the Bible. Lots of laughs. It's hard to laugh when you're alone in a cell, so getting some spontaneous belly laughs from reading the ridiculous Bible stories, and from talking to you about them is good for my health.

You won't believe this. I have been wishing I had a secular book on biblical criticism. The NKJV Study Bible I have has loads of commentary, but some of it is like a bland Sunday-school lesson, very naive. So this morning I was in the novel I read last Monday (Monday morning tray pickup is also the weekly book exchange), and guess what they hand me as a replacement: Guia de la Biblia: Antiguo Testamento, by Isaac Asimov, the noted science and science-fiction author. It's not coping with skepticism, but it's scientific, linguistic, and very secular.

Maybe the CO who handed the book in to me thought he was joking, since it was in Spanish,

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but I have been breezing through it. I've read over 30 pages, probably not a lot ~~more~~^{less} than I would have read were it in English, since I stop and read things in the English Bible occasionally to compare, and to look at the notes in the Bible. I also do that to get things in context, since he (Asimov) usually quotes short passages.

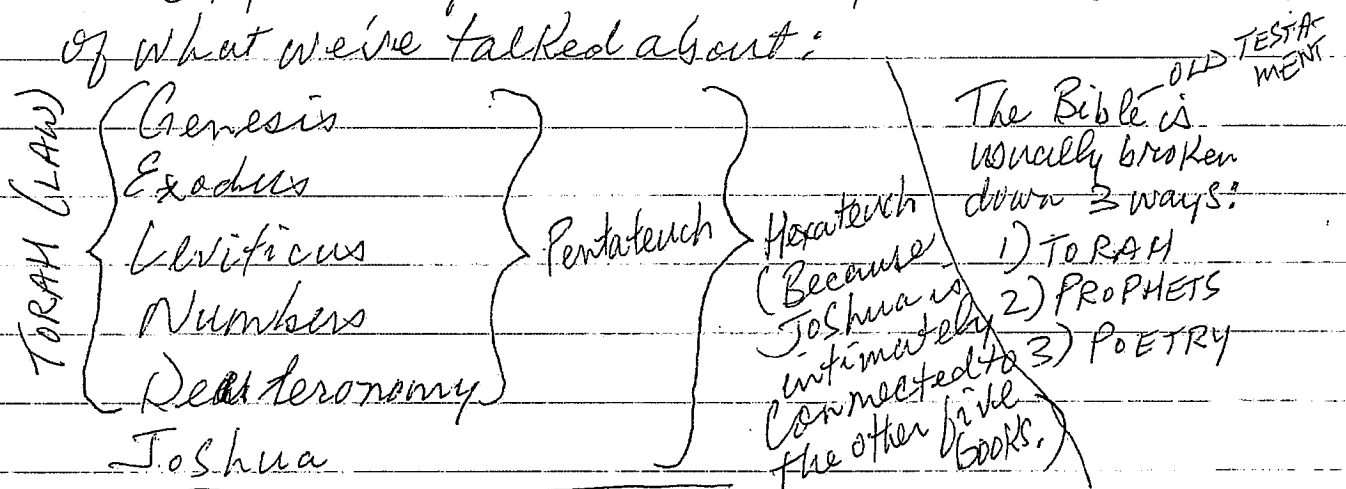
The Spanish version was evidently published in 1988, but it appears from some comments that the original English may have been pub. in 1968-70. A lot of new discoveries have been made since then. For example, I don't think Ebla was found until after that.

This book has 600 pages, so I should have interesting reading material for 2-3 weeks, and my Spanish should have been helped considerably by the time I am done. I have figured out a number of words by context, but there are very few words I don't understand, so my reading, so far, has flowed pretty smoothly.

8/20/2012 - 2 - Michael

My medication prescription (Vistaral, or Hydroxyzine) ran out, so last night I didn't get it, and the medical cart just went by (7:00 pm) without stopping again. I slept so well last night without it that maybe I will see if I can do without it. I wondered if I would be begging for it once I get home. maybe not.

OK, here's your Bible lesson, to review a bit of what we've talked about:

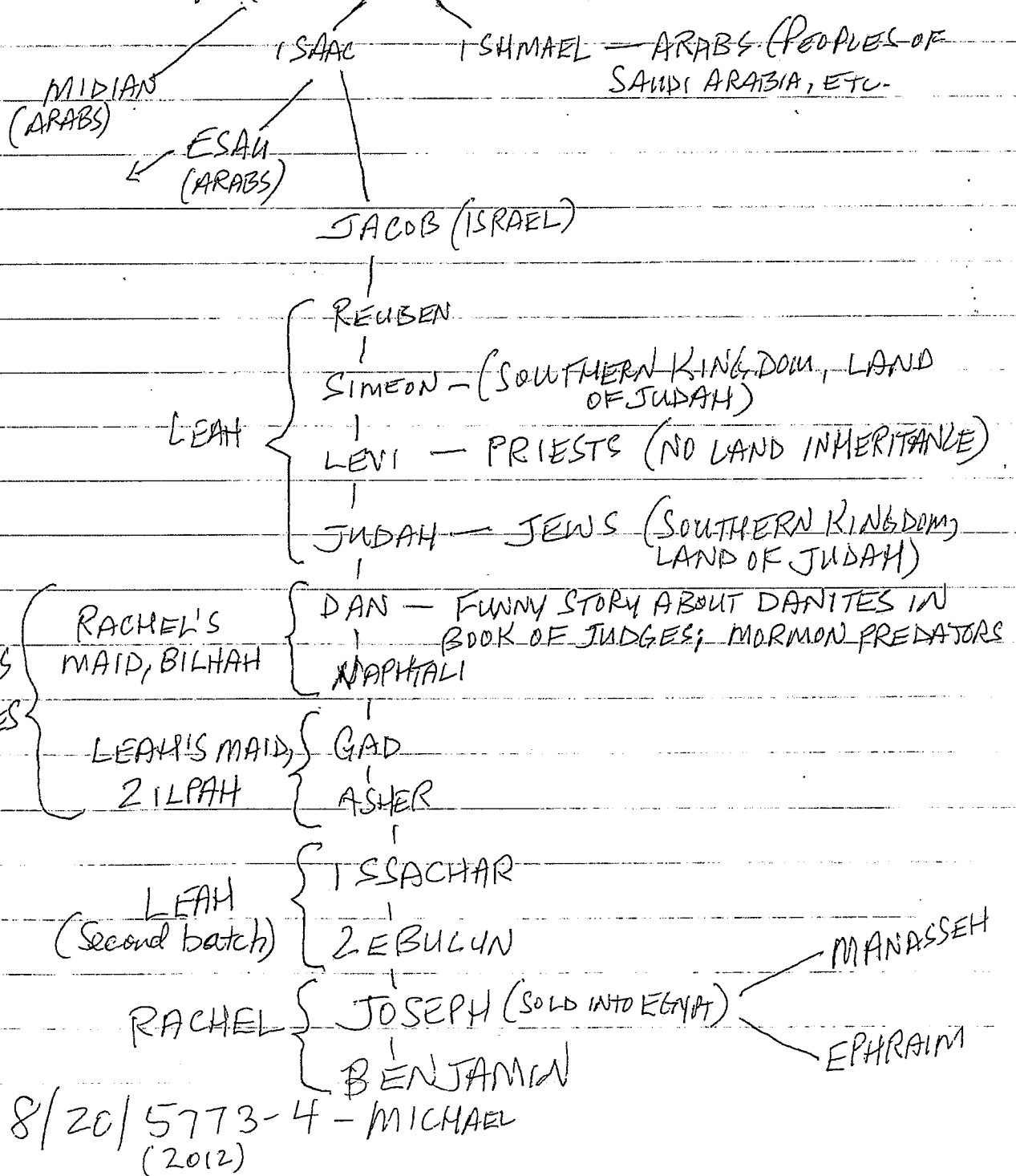


Genesis contains 1) creation story, 2) flood story, 3) tower of Babel story, 4) story of the "COVENANT" PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.

The world was created in 4004 BC, according to Archbishop James Ussher, or 3761 BC according to the Jewish calendar (this year is 5773, by the way.)

8/20/2012 - 3 - Michael

Abraham was the first Hebrew (about 2000 BC)
 "Hebrew" is based on the name "Eber," an ancestor
 of Abraham, whose sons were Isaac, Ishmael, Midian.



The Sign of Abraham's covenant with God is male circumcision. If you are not circumcised you are an outcast, heathen, even worthy of death.

YHWH (SOMETIMES YHVH, yahweh or yahveh, "Jehovah" is the God of the Israelites, Jews.

2000 BC Abraham arrived in Canaan (Israel or Palestine of modern times)

1700-1650 BC Joseph sold into Egypt, becomes Pharaoh's assistant, brings all of Jacob's (Israel's) sons and families to Egypt

1200 BC Moses leads Israelites back to Canaan (Joshua, Battle of Jericho, etc)

1200 - 1040 BC Period of Judges (stories in Book of Judges include Samson, Danites, the Levite who cut his concubine in

12 pieces to rally the tribes of Israel

ONE-KING DYNASTY 1038 BC - Saul, 1ST King of United Israel

DAVID'S 1013 BC - DAVID, 2ND King of United Israel

DYNASTY ENDED IN 973 BC - Solomon - 3RD King

586 BC 933 BC. At Solomon's death the Kingdom

Split: Northern Kingdom = Israel
Southern Kingdom = Judah

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Solomon mercilessly bankrupted the Kingdom with his public works projects and investments.

There was always a rivalry between the northern 10 tribes (sometimes referred to as Ephraim, but usually as Israel) and the tribes of Judah and Simeon in the South. (Levi was all over north and south, and Joseph was given two tribal allotments, one for each son).

After Solomon died the Kingdom split in two - north = Israel, South = Judah.

722 BC - Israel carried away into captivity by Assyria.

586 BC - Judah carried away by Babylon.

538 BC Jews allowed to return to Judah (By Persians, who overthrew Babylon).

Anyway, I probably bored you with all of this. I just got a note (9:00 PM) saying, "You'll be leaving soon." I need to finish the book first.

Then they can ship me out.

Cove, DAD

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