

❧ "The Anointed One" ❧

King Saul pursued David everywhere he looked for him while David hid in caves. With more than 400 men, he defeated Oveila with prayers to his god. While he was fleeing from Saul, did he need his god to be with him? who is like Selah? who showed favor to his anointed one!

A Man Defined Laying it on the Line...

No I'm not speaking 4 every man just myself gotta go for broke main goal from the soul self developed lesson plan too me this Blackman creates his own destiny the way that I think that it should be although at times I feel cursed by this complexed ever changing over populated society that make it hard for me to prosper its not me its them maybe its due too this republican capitalist dominated system there was once this saying that ill never forget we have to play with the hand to which we are dealt wit and that's no bull telling y'all sisters and bros and sometimes its about who you actually really know... Although it's a new day and I feel that I didn't lose and or win cleared my soul from all racist full with sin win win lose lose no true adult devotes all their time to crying the blues now lets talk women I love them a lot there's dudes that are haters that talk about all the girlfriends that I got...

~Franklyn C. Robinson

MAY WE ALL HAVE A PROSPEROUSLY WONDERFUL NEW YEAR SPECIAL THANK TO MIRIAH CAREY, THAT ANGELIC VOICE LEFT NO CHOICE, MAGNIFICO LOVED THE SHOW1 The old vs new nat the king Cole, THEN THE OLD SOUL THAT IS INTRINSIC AND OUTWARDLY MAGNIFICENTLY ANGELIC BEAUTY QUEEN THE ARBITRARY AND Capricious-ologies, combined with the condescending prisms cause a glitch, hitch in the sing Along! Yet we love every songlike Sade and the queen of the night Whitney in my past, present futures prosperities! All of you are spiritually apart of me eternally ! EVERY ONE IS BORN A STAR, THERE AFTER THE BRAINS SHOULD BE IN A CHEMISTRY CLASS JAR LOL GYRATE REINVIGORATE NEVER DUPLICATED REPLICATED NORE IMITATED, HENCE TRY SOME COMMON SENSE, THEN DO THE WASH WITHOUT THE RINSE THAN DOUBLE THE INTELLIGENCE

~Richard Holland

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Cosmic Stan's Poetry off the Top of my Head

God blesses Cosmic Stan with bread, Blesses Stan with life to get ahead, Like Africa is the black, green , and red, God blesses me, To create poetry off the top of my head, Like alive is the opposite of dead, Fresh is the opposite of stale, Fresh is the opposite of stale, Unmovable is the opposite of fail, No other fish is bigger than a whale, Like purchase is the same as sale, And hammers were meant to hit nails, If my poetry was transparent, you couldn't see through me, Like looks don't open without keys, For you I'm gonna poetically, Outline this, Easy for you to find this, If poetry was a cassette, You can rewind this, Without being mentally blinded, My poetry is bigger than a mountain, So don't try to climb this, My poetry can cure the sick for real, Cause Cosmic Stan's Poetry is ill, ill, ill***

~Stanley "Cosmic Stan" Johnson



St. Francis Breadline Franciscan Bread for the Poor COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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If you have any content to share for our newsletter please see one of the breadline staff. **We are in need of content such as a poem, lyrics, writing, thoughts, questions, image of your artwork or anything uplifting or informative.** Anyone who contributes content for our newsletter will receive a \$10 gift card.

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FRANCISCAN 360 IS OPEN!

WHAT: Case Management, Computer Access, Mailing Address, Health Clinic
WHERE: 144 W. 32nd Street
WHEN: Monday 10-1:30, Wednesday 10-1:30 (new day), Thursday 10-1:30
WHO: All are welcome!

Good Morning! This week we have writing from Rodney Wise, writing from Richard Holland, two poems from Stanley "Cosmic Stan" Johnson, poetry from Diane D., poetry from Langston Hughes, poetry from VL Slamm, poetry from Joaquin F., artwork from Dominic, writing from CMNG and writing from Franklyn C. Robinson.

Solve all three riddles below to win a gift card.

In 1990, a person was 15 years old. In 1995, that same person was 10 years old. How can this be?

What does this mean? I RIGHT I

You're standing on the surface of the earth. You walk one mile south, one mile west, and one mile north. You end up exactly where you started. Where are you?

Philippians 3:13-14

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



I look at the world

I look at the world
From awakening eyes in a black face
And this is what I see
This fenced-off narrow space
Assigned to me

I look then at the silly walls
Through dark eyes in a dark face
And this is what I know:
That all these walls oppression builds
Will have to go

I look at my own body
With eyes no longer blind-
And I see that my won hands can make
The world that's in my mind
Then let us hurry, comrades,
The road to find

~Langston Hughes



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Poetry is What Cosmic Stan Loves to Do

Two things, Stanley love to do, Is sing, and write a lot of poetry, for all of you, make people smile, when they're feeling blue, I'll be your friend, so we can stick together like glue, every time I sing a song for you, Ain't it nice, what good convo can do, make you beliefs become brand new, As I sing a song for you, And I'll write some poetry too, Poems of Love, Blessed by the Heavens up above , Even if I wrote a song, for a dove, I'm out, to everybody I wish ya'll love

~Stanley "Cosmic Stan" Johnson



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HOW COULD WE FAIL

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GOD THINKS OF EACH DETAIL
LIKE NEON COLORS, NEVER PALE
BRIGHT YELLOW ON BIRD'S BACK TAIL

THE ARTIST SUPREME
SUCH BEAUTY IS A DREAM
FROM A GARDEN OF YELLOW AND CREAM
YELLOW BIRD IS A GUIDING LIGHT STREAM

ONLY ALMIGHTY GOD CARES
TO COUNT OUR HEAD'S NUMBER OF HAIRS
EACH HEAD UNIQUE WITH SPECIAL FLAIRS
HE WANTS US ALL TO ASCEND HEAVEN'S STAIRS

ASCEND AND UP WE GO
OF EVERYTHING GOD SURELY KNOWS
LIKE SATAN'S DEMISE SURELY SHOWS
ALMIGHTY GOD, DARKNESS AWAY HE BLOWS

WITH OUR SIX STEP GUIDE
FOR OUR HEIGHTENED ASCENSION RIDE
WE DO GREAT THINGS, NEVER BEEN TRIED
ALL DARKNESS, WE MUST ABSOLUTELY DIVIDE

~Diane D.



No Title

Epiphany of crystal
advent of mind
Witter of Cold
Rain of Vitriol
Wassail with tumult
Holly that dampened
It can neither burn nor wroth
Temper your view
A thing worth hurting

~VL Slamm

American News

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On this cold January day in this very trying time of the world. with many migrants entering the United States. through travels and distance. from different states Texas, Arizona, NYC, they all in need of working papers are their going to be turned away. with no visa green card of allotment of stay in the USA. Through the turmoil in the 6 months of all things changing to always have thought for in thereafter in God we trust. to have faithful ness in trust for in our creator. To have worship in Francis of Assisi. in the weekly Sunday Mass., THE beautiful ITALIAN CHURCH WITH ALL MOSAICS CREATED IN THE FRONT OF ALTER. For in there of this new year of new ideas new ways of teaching the gospels to the Franciscan community. the Korean children learning of gods laws learning the king James bible. As a child Christian faith is what was the laws in my Italian familia. as per the same with my children. May all find their way of some denominations. of faith within the new year.....,

~ Cmnglock

⊠ The Real Thing ⊠

Religion & politics seem to be the main two subjects that people will debate on forever. What religion is real and what is not. Many religions today show there are many ways to God. But, you have to earn it be some kind of merit. Some of them are not definite that you will earn a spot in heaven unless you're performing some kind of ritual. But, in the bible Jesus said "I Am the way". John 6:14. Christianity is not about religion but, having a true relationship with God. Not about rituals, or using certain words with phrases, but a God who is our Father and our friend. Jesus is the REAL thing. Seek him while he can be found.

~ Rodney Wise



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