



### “Cosmic Stan Poetically Shines like a Diamond”

Cosmic Stan poetically shines, like a diamond, and a ruby, and a sapphire, this poem the world will admire, Cosmic Stan one of the best poets, ever so clever I show it, like Janet I control it, Like a Royce I rolls with it, and on the court I’m a referee, so the whistle I blow it, to make sure poetically y’all hear it, I haunt people with my poetry spirit, I prepare it, Share it, like Macy’s you can buy this, at a high price and wear it, whether I take you to Poetry Land, or spit a million bars, with the mic in my hand, poetry and lyrics are the best, by far by Cosmic Stan, this is called Stan shines like a diamond grand for all my poetic fans.

~Stanley “Cosmic Stan” Johnson



### Yoke and Joke

Once a man was fixing his car and he heard a voice saying: “The carburetor... then he looked everywhere and saw that there was only one horse... and the horse said to him: “The carburetor. ! And the man ran out and found another man and told him a horse just spoke to me! and the other man said to him: a black horse? and he answered yes! Don’t worry, that horse doesn’t know anything about mechanics.

~Joaquin F.



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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 an anonymous contributor, words of truth from James D., a comedic piece from Joaquin F., poetry from Stanley “Cosmic Stan” Johnson, a short story from an anonymous contributor, writing from Cano, poetry from Gregory Spears, writing from Zeo, poetry from Diane D., and artwork from James C., and Dominic.

Micah 7:18

*18 Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.*

**Be the first to solve all three riddles below to win a gift card.**

On which side of a chicken are there more feathers?  
A man dies of old age on his 25 birthday. How is this possible?  
The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?



### VOID OF COLOR LINGERS

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SPARKS FLY FROM MY FINGERS  
LIKE I HEARD SOUNDLESS SINGERS  
VAST BOUNDARY LESS JOY BRINGERS  
WRITING THIS IS TRUE MEDITATION  
REQUIRING FOCUSED CONCENTRATION  
MY WORDS ROLL WITHOUT HESITATION  
I EXPERIENCE TRUE REVELATION ELEVATION  
TO DESCRIBE SOMETHING SO RARE  
THIS IS A TASK NOTHING CAN COMPARE  
IT IS A PROJECT THAT JESUSANDDIANE SHARE  
LIKE HOW WE KNIT A NEW SWEATER TO WEAR  
MAYBE WHEN I KNIT  
I CAN MAKE THE VISION FIT  
ON THE FRONT OF ME WILL SIT  
THE BRIGHTEST LIGHT EVER LIT  
I AM EXCITED  
MY KNITTING WILL BE REIGNITED  
I WILL CAPTURE THE VISION SIGHTED  
WITH OIL OF GLADNESS AND KNITTING UNITED

~ Diane D.



Artwork by James C.



## DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

“The tongue can bring death or life; those who love the talk will reap the consequences”, proverbs 18:21. As we develop in life, and how our lives turn out a lot of times depends what comes out of our mouths. Believe it or not, when we speak positive things certain things happen in the atmosphere or universe. Actually it’s a spiritual law.”Galatians 6:7; “Don’t be misled, you cannot mock the justice of God: You will always harvest what you plant.” Good example; a plant, if you water it, and take care of it, you can watch it grow. But, if you deny it water and proper nutrients, it will slowly die. Same thing when we speak negative things and expect those things to happen, alot of times we reap what we sow. But, to make a long story short; let’s be careful of what words we are speaking out of our mouths.

~ Rodney Wise



Digital cartoon by Dominic

I’m not you, you could never be me, I’m not the guy, you could ever be, I think good, you think evil, you should be good, and you need to, I’m not you, and yes I care, and when you need me, I will be there, I’m not you, Never give up hope, you think you’re funny, I think you’re a dope

~Gregory Spears

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clear, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

~Anonymous



Create in me a clean heart O God and renew a steadfast spirit.

But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it’s not you who speak, but the spirit of your father who speaks in you.

~ James D.



So many claim they are blessed when they are in the good ground but once that ground rumbles and fall to pieces all the claims of goodness is gone replace with the why’s the who’s and the how’s. be still that’s all what was said and know that I am

who I am. ....

~Zeo



Yesterday I saved a mans life. I’m not looking for praise but I’m concerned about our society. Hundreds of people walked past a human being that was passed out in a pile of his own vomit and didn’t stop to help him. I rolled him over and waited for the Ambulance to come and made sure they found him. I’m an atheist and I wondered how many “Christians” walked past him and didn’t help it’s sad that people who claim to be Christian don’t practice Christ’s teachings. I’m far from perfect myself but I try to help my fellow man whenever I can. So I’m asking you all to try and act more like Jesus no matter what religion you are.

~ Anonymous

## When you make mistakes you learn

We all mistakes, errors of our personality, by our bodies, our minds, our ignorance, and yet certainly by mistakes we learn. One certain morning, always during the week, an elderly woman and young boy had taken the same bus a walk of 15 minutes, she took advance of the leave even earlier, so when she was near the bus stop she found a large construction turned back to take another path. When she turned back she met the boy and warned him of what happened he said to himself, what construction, I came last night and there was nothing, but he did appreciate the gesture and continued, the he arrived, what he did not expect happened, finding the construction, he understood his mistake, so he learned even though he made a mistake. As a result, he missed the bus, and would arrive even later at the destination. So when you make mistakes you learn. Amen

~Cano