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**\*The Preface.**

**So where do we begin? Literally, how do you place a start date stamp on your life? Before you even take your first breath someone is thinking about you. Someone is trying to figure out when to create you. Someone is wondering whether or not you're going to be a male or a female, successful or a lost cause etc., There are folks who are in your corner. There are also certain individuals who spend their time plotting your demise before you exist, from the moment you take your first breath and throughout your beautiful gift of a life. How will you utilize your right to life, liberty, creation and imagination? This is just a collage of my thoughts. Enjoy!**

**\*Collage of Thoughts**

We cannot fear the unknown, we can only embrace it as it comes. An invisible line they may draw to divide us but, together, we can conquer all of the world's puzzles. Pain is followed with pleasure as sure as the sunshine follows the rain. Those who manipulate reality shall see the world through filtered vision. Their soul's window will close, blocking off from which it is supposed to see. The light in which the believers and achievers are blessed with is a heavenly glow upon each eye exposed to it. The devil is like sinking sand and the Lord is the extended hand that cannot and will not let you fade into the grains of sin. Time invested is time wasted unless you understand that time is

unlimited, infinite and knows no ending. Living life to the greatest potential isn't exactly living great for there is always better, more passionate days and moments to endure. Life is what you believe it to be. The beauty of life is for me and when I'm dead, done and gone... life, as beautiful as it is, shall go on.

### \*The Journey

They never said it would be easy, this path we travel with the natural cycle. Learn as you grow I was told, but even as I acquire more knowledge the fact remains that I hardly know a thing. Nothing ever remains the same, from love to war, summer to winter, it all is ever-changing every moment of every single day. Our heroes break our hearts with letdowns and disappointments, but the Lord preaches forgiveness. Sometimes they redeem themselves with time, often we do not lay the sun upon their backs again until its too late, glorifying them in death for their accomplishments in life. Whether accidental or intentional we are brought into this world with a load to carry. The most obvious fact is we're destined to die, to whither away back to the sands in which we came from. The key to it is living. It is about living as much of a joyous, fun, faithful experience as possible as we travel this journey, letting go and losing so much along the way. From friends to love ones, from love to knowledge, from passions to abilities, we lose it all to build up our characters, to nourish our souls for the so called massive revival in the sky. So the world can say to you and I, "job well done". I yearn to leave my legacy, I aim to reach you, not much that I can teach you other than to express yourself. Speak your mind. Share your heart. Let my words be like music upon your ear. Enjoy your journey.

### \*Led Astray

How easy the human mind and heart can be redirected from the course it is intended to be upon. The Word, given to us as a study guide to life, somehow, seemingly loses its power to the words and actions of other beings. I ask myself, "why, "why do we fully understand what we need to do for ourselves and our children but allow a stranger to our necessities drag us from a world of priorities into a terrain of lustful desire and uncertainty?" How does one help another who wishes to not be aided? How painful is it to watch your friend or loved one fall apart, led astray by sin, greed and disgust? Love and longevity will always be greater than the quick fix, lying and cheating. Committing those sins only does damage to your soul, your character and your path. Run away if you wish but every angle, every direction you look in or travel, reality will be staring you in the face like a mirror's reflection. Avoid life and live in a imaginary world of your own where your heart and soul have been led astray. I just hope you come back on the good foot one day. With faith, I believe.

### \*Fruit

So what if we fall from the same tree? Some apples are meant to become free. You indulge in the same activities and all the while I'm learning, venturing off into a world of knowledge, uncertainty, surprises, excitement. I don't know how you intend to spread your fruit and seeds, but I plan on making history. Not for being typical and like you, but for being completely and uniquely me. You may have seen it before, but not in this way or form. Fashionable is an understatement for I cover myself with the cloth and cloak of God. Protected from evil, warm from cold, the antibody to illness, my heart thrives. From

my core, is the fluid which flows through me. I yearn to plant these seeds away from this here tree where everyone remains. Not all sayings are true you see, some apples do stray far from the tree. It just takes a little courage, a little effort, just believe that theres something more, something better for you and for me. My reality is living my dreams.

\*My Happy Medium.

Life with all its adventure and uncertainty; all its glamour and sorrow is one hell of a ride. There is no set common or middle ground. You have to configure that setting for yourself. Your perspective, often times will not be his or her view but it is important, for it is YOUR perspective. Be mindful of the positions and emotions of others, for at some point your feelings will be at the mercy of someone else. Hope for greatness, plan for the opposite and never let any failure become permanent. With the evolution of communication, the revolution of society, we have to remember that networks and associations should not dictate who and how we are as individuals. On the flipside, what we see on a screen should not be what we judge another by. Interestingly enough, we shouldn't be judging one another anyway, who gave us the right? Protect your trust the same way you would protect your heart. Don't let another take advantage of your most valued possessions. You will gather knowledge from the books, but the majority of your wisdom will come from your life experiences. It is impossible to live a perfect life, but you can lead a positive life. Set examples, make others laugh and smile, but most importantly, love. Love your family, love your children, love your significant other, love your neighbor, love your friends, love your enemies. Don't speak of love and not display it. Love with authenticity. Be willing to let those who love you, love you in their own

unique way. After all, no 2 people are the same. Just a few thoughts from my heart, written with love. Take what you need from it.

#### \*Fear What's Real

I never quite understood why the most anxious, nosiest of people tend to throw their hook and string into the swimming pool just to determine how warm or cold the water is.

Normally just jumping in, testing the waters for yourself is the most logical means of finding out. Similar to beating around the bush or attempting to bake a pie but instead of putting the pie in the oven, you leave it on the floor nearby hoping its close enough to catch some of the heat. You usually come back with unhealthy results, the pie isn't cooked the way it is supposed to be The hook doesn't tell you how warm or cold the water is. So if you dig for gold away from the hole it was proven to be in, 9 times out of 10 you're going to come up empty handed. So dig in the right place, go to the source, dive in the pool, bake in the oven. The easiest way to truth is a straight and direct line laced with honesty. When the figures come back a bit off and the assumptions are clearly wrong, the time put in was not worth the effort. Why fear whats real? A Sign of The Times? I pray it isn't but for now, let me threaten you with my weapons of mass destruction that I do NOT have. Peace be with you.

#### \*Kiss The Sky

A spiritual high, I ride with faith behind the wheel. A beautiful feeling, like describing a rainbow to a blind man. In the winter when the snow falls you hear the children's laughter, or the soothing rains on a scorching summer afternoon. Grandma's famous dish

or your mom's home cooking, walking along the path and catch someone looking. She smiles, I smile and then I realize that life ain't all that bad. What it is to love, what it is to be loved. God opened my eyes and then there was sunshine. So I kiss the sky followed by a prayer, a prayer for you and I. Lets make it last, deflate the past so that the future is full of promise. Every new minute is a reason to shine, whatever it takes. Lets strive for happiness, in His name I pray, Amen.

\*Be Better

Broken roads and broken dreams, how do you fly with broken wings, and it never is as it seems, but somehow we stay afloat.

When they all appear the same, whats the purpose in a name, if you only want to be like everyone else, no signs of life or self.

Man made time to control you, you live your life by the numbers don't you, well take a moment to realize that each day is exactly what you make it, time is infinite and here for the taking.

Getting by on those around you, I wonder if my Lord has found you or maybe I should say, have you saved your life today, somewhere someone depends on you, so why continue to be a fool.

### \*Just Listen

Without hesitation, I apologize in advance for not living up to your expectations. With that said, do not expect me to change anything, I live my life for me, not for you or any other thing or being. Doubt my choices, doubt my actions, doubt me, lie away, make up stories about me, your words and rumors excite my humor. Even I enjoy a laugh or smile every once and a while. Occasionally you may get under my skin, but its temporary, I'll rise again, because a battle never outlasts a war and I know I'm destined to win. Life is full of challenges, and I'll add you to my list of obstacles to overcome. Break me down? Ha, you wish. I'm educated by experience, by school and through time, given the gift of art, harmony and rhyme, words that leap off of the page, off a screen to reach you. Non-fiction accounts with the intent to speak to your open minds and hearts. A scream from within that just yearns to be heard, another member of the herd. I'll always be a part of the whole but the point I'm trying to make is, without you, I'm still whole. Under the cloak of God you can't touch me, you can't see me, stealth. Just listen.

**The dreams I chase can't outrun me and no challenge I approach is above me.**

### \*A Journey Through Love

So many wrong choices we make and the right ones become so microscopic when we look at our own 'big picture'. Its odd don't you think, how the wrong and the negative seem to takeover where the positive should dwell and reside. Looking back at life, yeah its true that this human love has let us down a time or two, but I'm sure there was a situation where it didn't fail. We walk away and let go, grow apart and progress, discover

and rediscover, but all along, the love of God remains in place. Whether we recognize it or not, its there. So with that as your guiding light, why not continue to take chances, to chase dreams, to fight for your beliefs, to strive for greatness, pursue that which you desire. Accept a love that you know will never leave your side or let you down. I've read that all things are possible through Christ, so with this life you need not roll the dice, because it isn't a gamble, its a guarantee, love you for you, love me for me. Let go and let God.

#### \*The Point

Hopelessly and helplessly, you fight a battle with the "I can't win" mentality. Tell me whats the point? You move along feeling as if it can't get any better, but of course it can't if you don't do anything about it. Again, tell me, whats the point? For all the errors, faults and flaws in your life you tend to point the finger in the direction of others, never accepting responsibility for your own actions and mistakes. Really, whats the point? So you've landed in this pit, this dark and narrow hole, why not search for a way out? Why sit there waiting for the next person to pull you out and bail you out of misery when you're capable of doing it yourself? Why suffer? Whats the point? By nature, by default it may come to be that others have to rely on you, how do you care for the well-being and livelihood of others if you can't manage to maintain your own level of existence? If its a situation where they lose if you lose, why not choose to win? Why destroy the future, when you can make a difference and uplift the next? I truly do not see the point. For the love of life, for the love of self, redirect yourself on the righteous path and discover the meaning, look to the most high and SEE the point.

## \*Get To Know

If people were more direct, there would be less tension. If people avoided assumption, there would be less ignorance. The sights and sounds of an undeveloped mind, an untamed heart, a soul that knows only what it has seen. A life that travels only where it has already been. Why not speak up and out instead of pretending? Why not ask in order to know instead of inventing your own conclusions? In most cases, you're absolutely wrong and deemed a fool in more than just a pair of eyes. Don't try to crash on another's parade in order to redirect your life's descent. Honestly, people like you make me sick. You may persuade a few confused entities to agree with and believe in you but the masses see through your thin layer of bullshit. Facts are like sun rays on a clear day, easy to see and feel. I promise you, its quite alright to know people for who they really are, to accept their positive qualities and their flaws, but get to know what falls on both categories before creating your own lists prematurely. You too shall be judged, of course by others, but the ultimate judge oversees all. The Most High, exposes us to the real and gives us the ability to do the right. So if we take that right we can avoid being left, being left behind in that indirect, indecisive, ignorant place we assume is comfortable. The truth is, a lot of us suffer from immaturity from time to time, but don't make it a habit. Don't let it consume you. Your sickness harms others. So, I say to you, give reality a chance. Evade your box and attempt to see things clearly. Do NOT kick down the next, instead pick him/her up. Do not continue to do and be the same. Life offers so much more. People are beautiful just the way they are. Get to know...

### \*Ugly Girl

Hello girl, I just want you to know your pretty face means nothing to me. As I look further into you, I clearly see, your full of negative energy. So what if you're appealing to the eye, and you're the talk of the town with the guys, I pay those looks no mind. Those curves, those thighs, your eyes, physically amazing, personality not so much. You say "I know I'm sexy", I say "who gives a fuck". Your soul is fat and ugly. Conceited describes you best. Your years behind where you probably should be, it's safe to say your life's a mess. Shout at the next man, maybe he'll be blind enough to give you the support the funds and attention you desire to comfortably live. But me, I know the facts, your day consists of acts, and once the world knows the truth, you'll be a more miserable you. As you cling on to youth, afraid to grow up, I pray that you allow the Lord to show up, to show you and reach you, to save you and teach you, for as beautiful as you think you are, you really could be. But today I see nothing but your ugly. Inside you're ugly.

**Why be bitter in a world so full of blessings? A smile defeats a frown the same way the sun overpowers the rain. Let us strive for peace and comfort while we continue our 'Pursuit of Happiness.'**

### \*Ugly Boy

C'mon fellas. Do you honestly think that a real woman can't see past your outerwear and accessories? Light skin, dark skin, pretty boy, it tends to mean nothing if you can't display the qualities of being a man. And not just by being born with a penis, but by presenting man-like qualities. Putting shiny paint on a rock doesn't make it gold. If you

cannot provide for yourself how do you plan to provide for another? If you rely on someone else for everything how then, can someone depend/rely on you? Its not rocket science, having a job, a car, a conscious and a plan goes a long way. but by plan I don't mean your schemes and motives for "get rich quick" or "imma hit that", that talk is played out like a high top fade with multiple parts in it. I know some of you are witty and skilled enough to play the ballgame and have these women believing in a false visage, but once the mask comes off and the cloud is removed, the truth and real is brought to light. So take the easy route if you want, but we all know that the hard road is most likely the right road. Work for your own. And once you have your own you can pursue things in the right manner, with God as your guide. I don't think you can go wrong with that type of love in your life. Stop playing with females' heads, maybe they'll return the favor to us. Your dick should be considered a blessing, not a weapon delivering sickle blows to the world. In the words of Steve Harvey, it is the man's job to Protect, Provide and Profess. If you haven't commenced that trip, there's no better time to start than right now. For all that wrongdoing you've been a part of, been promoting, been using, you sir, from the skin you are in to the soul you bear, are one ugly ass motherfu.....

\*Give, But Give Wisely

For an individual, life in theory is a series of possible facts, possible fictions and a lot of opinions. No 2 people are given identical eyes and minds therefore how are they to see the world the same? It is the differences that make this human world/life so precious. We absorb and contribute all in the same cycle. We rise and fall just as the tides, the sun and the moon. Every beginning is guaranteed an ending and fear of the unknown is nearly

impossible to overcome. Your idea could save a soul, save the world. At the same time another is plotting to destroy this place we consider home. What are you fighting for? Whose side are you on? For the good of the world, or for the good of yourself? For the destruction of others....don't get me wrong, loving thy self should be a priority and rather important but in the overall scheme of things, you won't be remembered for what you did for yourself, but more so what you did for others, be it kids, kin, friends, strangers, mankind. Extend a helping hand, reach out to those who truly deserve your time, attention, affection, love and care. We tend to invest our time and efforts into things and people that do not deserve nor need it. If we can continue to give a portion of our earnings to a wealthy soul, who has issues with drugs, violence, breaking the law and mental stability, we overlook the "deserving" who has all the talent in the world, minus the negative attachments, who just wishes to share his/her passion with the world. Think in terms of Robin Hood, who wanted nothing more than to help those who needed the assistance the most. We live in a world where most people are only out for self, the rich stay rich regardless of their condition or habits, while those who truly need or deserve more, are left on the ass side of the planet, in the dark.

#### \*Things I've Learned About Love and Relationships

Before even getting involved in a relationship it must be acknowledged that 1. a relationship takes hard work and dedication, 2. no one person is perfect and 3. the 2 people involved are separate individuals. The realization that you and your partner are not the same person is a key element in being able to accept one another's impressive qualities as well as his/her flaws. Recognizing that your partner has their own problems

allows you the opportunity to understand them better over time, if they were perfect then this process would not be necessary. Without hard work or dedication to anything, whether its a job, a hobby, a sport or a relationship, it is bound to fail and fail it shall.

Next, there may be required sacrifices in order to make things come together more smoothly. There may be alterations in routines you once had, there may be goals or plans that may now include 1 or more people and there may be a slight cut in the social life and environment you were once accustomed to, but fear not, for if this relationship is built around love, the slight changes will be well worth it. Alone time is now filled with quality time and even when your to-do list is overflowing, you have something amazingly wonderful to look forward to when it's done.

As beautiful as this relationship appears to be, there will be tests, roadblocks and challenges. Nothing is life is good all/every time. There are going to be disagreements, arguments, some that may lead to lonely, tearful nights, but this too is normal. Look at it like this, the times when things are down leave room for improvement and make ups. Now if the good times are drowned out by the negative then there may be a need for reassessment, but experience teaches that love is powerful, understanding and forgiving...make sure it is in place. A helpful tip (now this is opinion but) is to spend more time dwelling on the positive happenings going on in and around the relationship, learn to build upon those. If you dwell on the negative then it tends to leave lasting negativity, like eating a pickle and having a sour taste remain in your mouth once its been

consumed. The goal here is to eliminate that sour taste from the relationship and continually fill the mouth with the sweet taste of positivity.

Now once you've chosen to move forward with this relationship, make sure its for the long haul. Love is a serious entity and hearts are not toys to be played with. If you choose to get involved then do what is necessary to keep things fresh, positive and intact. If the balance gets off centered, then collectively find a way(s) to correct it. The key word is collectively, a relationship takes 2 to balance out properly. Never be afraid to talk to one another or talk to close friends or family about things. Experience is the greatest teacher and there is always someone who has more than you. Allow them to offer their opinions, but remember that the decisions within the relationship are YOURS to make.

Never lose sight of the consequences that lie ahead for general actions/decisions.

Although you are very much focused on your own happiness and well-being, you must look out for your partner's feelings as well as those who have become, by nature, involved within the relationship (ie- kids, family, friends etc.,) There are some actions that in most cases should result in a relationship's termination: If there is cheating going on, then obviously the guilty party was not prepared for the situation he/she decided to be in. If there is abuse, the abusee is definitely not deserving of such treatment, no one is, ever! If quality time is not invested in by either of the involved parties then there is no room for advancement or progression. Lastly, if one or both parties just isn't truly interested in the other then there is no point in continuing to waste one another's precious

time. The clock of life is slowly ticking for each and every one of us, with a mystery stop date unknown to all.

What it boils down to is this. The past is indeed history but still remains what brought you to today. You take and learn from it, you build upon it. Do not repeat the same mistakes you've already made. Pleasure comes with a little pain, we will all have to endure a time or two. If love is what you seek and you find it, fight for it, it is worth having and keeping. Work and play aside, your partner needs you just as much as you need them, day in and day out. Even when you're hurt by or upset with them, support them, ride for them, be by their side. Hopefully they will return the favor because that's what love does. Like a snake shedding old skin, love takes the relationship and sheds off the negative to renew and restore the beauty of positivity. There will be things that are said and done that he/she doesn't mean, again fear not for it is normal. Don't be afraid to apologize, don't be afraid to admit when you are/were in the wrong. You're more lovable and appreciated when you accept your own faults. Most importantly, remember that love is the presence of God and without him nothing will succeed. With God as your guide, enjoy the amazing ride known as love, enjoy the good and bad that comes along with it, take that foundation and build an unbreakable structure/bond and give it your all....in the end it's truly all we desire and need. Love.

**To whom it may concern: Thank you for being my motivation and inspiration.**

\*Beauty of The Beast

When you realize you can't speak for anyone else but yourself, you also discover how powerful your voice, beliefs and opinions can be. With the power to love, the power to reach, the power to teach, the power to uplift, the power to tear down and the power to hurt, its quite evident what our capabilities are. The beauty of this beast is accepting that you are going to use all of those powers, even when it is not your intent.

When you strive to become the perfect you, with the understanding that there is no such thing as perfection, then you become more open and accepting of the flaws life and the people within it possess. If you yourself cannot achieve this feat then surely you see it is not fair/right to expect it from another living creature. The beauty of this beast is, as you continually strive for perfection, you're really just improving on the good, correcting the bad and growing wiser along the way.

When you truly and undeniably love someone, you treat them with respect, admiration and desire. You fight but you also make up. You try to exploit the positive and avoid dwelling on the opposite end. The more negativity you inject into that relationship of love, the harder it becomes to proceed with the peace and comfort you sought after in the beginning. The beauty of this beast is that when love works its amazing, and when theres failure, love is understandingly willing to let go in order to find the peace needed to rejoin love, whether at the same point of contact or a new discovery. It is not always meant to be, but it is. Get it?

When you accept your life as one great big progressive movement, you realize the need to fight on and push forward. The key word is forward, if as we grow older we also take the time to grow wiser, stronger both inside and out, then we just may master the process of progress. The beauty of this beast is being able to avoid the term/action "stop", for it stops the progress. There are times when "stops" are needed though, usually to refuel, replenish and refresh ourselves.

Move ahead, stay ahead, speak loudly and proudly with your imperfectly perfect voice, beliefs and ways of life, and never lose sight of what or who you love, love is the presence of God which means even after the sun sets on a situation, love will remain. Discover what's right, accept what you deserve, press on!

**Don't be the lonely soul waiting on the shore for the ship that has already passed you by.**

\*Fair Weather

Fair weather, engulf me with your southern arms. Wash away the pains with your heavy rains. Deliver relief for this drought, eliminate my storm clouds of doubt. Fair weather, touch me with your brightest charm, springing forward for longer days, never wanting to fall back to that cold desolate place. Cover me at night with your natural blanket. Feed the earth, the fields and trees, so I can utilize their nectars and feed me. A healthy balance of rain and light, passionate living both day and night, let me enjoy the things that you do, fair weather, today is a product of you.

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