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BLOG

In my Profile I mention my book 'Filling The Void' (FTV). About the book: It is not for the faint-hearted. However, it does provide AN honest insight into my very dysfunctional childhood AND youth; my lapse into drug-addiction AND my life of crime, including the three murders that I committed. Moreover, FTV documents the remorse that I have come to feel AND my very real efforts to educate AND rehabilitate myself through a process called Neuroplasticity.

A bit about my dear friend AND co-author of FTV Maggie Smart: She was born Margaret Scholey in 1949. She still recalls trolley-buses AND steam-trains AND also large areas of London's East End in absolute ruins AND covered in rubble. These were the bomb-sites which resulted from the Second World War. Another memory she had, was of literally hundreds of men with missing arms AND missing legs, hobbling around without any form of prosthetic limbs - Another legacy of World War II - AND indeed of WWI.

Maggie grew up in the North of London. In 1973, she met AND married her husband, Les (Leslie) Smart, a structural engineer. They settled in Wimbledon, very near to where the Wimbledon International Tennis Tournaments are played. Maggie has three adult sons. One of which is in the Royal Air Force. She has a couple grand children too. In fact, she recently wrote AND published a children's book 'Bonkey The Donkey' for her grand-daughter, Chloe. Her grand-son Logan is autistic. All the proceeds from her book have gone to the National Autistic Society.

Maggie became my preferred in 2012 AND without her assistance my book FTV MAY HAVE NEVER BEEN published. She's been a true friend AND a wonderful support system. Sadly, she was diagnosed

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With PARKINSON'S Disease, back in 2004. Unfortunately, Maggie is losing her battle against this dreadful disease. She can barely write now. I sympathize.

A bit about me: I WAS BORN IN 1960 IN ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA. I HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED SINCE 1981 AND HAVE SPENT APPROXIMATELY THREE DECADES OF THE LAST 37 YEARS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. I RECEIVED THE DEATH SENTENCE IN 1989 OVER A 1987 KNIFE FIGHT WITH A FELLOW PRISONER. SINCE 1989 I HAVE BEEN LITIGATING MY APPEAL AGAINST THIS DEATH SENTENCE CONVICTION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS. I ESTIMATE I ONLY HAVE A COUPLE MORE YEARS OF APPEAL LEFT. MY CASE IS A TRUE TRAVESTY OF JUSTICE BECAUSE I AM INNOCENT OF 1ST DEGREE MURDER. I DEVOTE FOUR CHAPTERS IN MY BOOK TO MY CASE. I HAVE NO FAMILY THAT ARE SUPPORTIVE OF MY PLIGHT. IN THE LAST DECADE I LOST SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT SYSTEMS DUE TO THE UNFORTUNATE DEATHS OF BELOVED FRIENDS. MY ONLY CONTACTS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD ARE THROUGH MY ATTORNEYS AND A COUPLE ELDERLY FRIENDS.

At present, I have a glimmer of hope. A guy named Matthew Acton (A.K.A. 'Matty') contacted me. Matty is a breakfast radio host in Brisbane, Australia. He wants me to be his first guest on a podcast series that he is making. Basically, he wants to shed illumination on people who are on death row and what it is like. Moreover, Matty said he would be happy to promote my book on his podcast series. The company he works for has millions of subscribers. So this free advertisement has the potential to significantly boost sales of my book. At the moment, I haven't earned any royalties. However, when I do, I plan to donate my proceeds to Murder Victim Families for Reconciliation [www.mvfr.org]

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My hope is to expand peoples understanding of the disproportionality and injustice of Capital Punishment; show change can be achieved; and meet and establish new friendships through my book.

The book and movie 'Dead Man Walking', as I understand it, was intended to provide religious leaders and lay people with an opportunity to examine the issue of Capital Punishment from a theological or faith-based perspective. I believe, similarly, FTV furnishes people from all walks of life, with an opportunity to examine the issue of Capital Punishment from philosophical and scientific perspectives. I recommend that you buy and read 'Filling The Void' which is available at Amazon.com. I further urge you to write me (the author) for friendship, at: William LEONARD, #16830, Ely State Prison, P.O. Box 1989, Ely, NV 89301.

Have a splendid day! Thank you.