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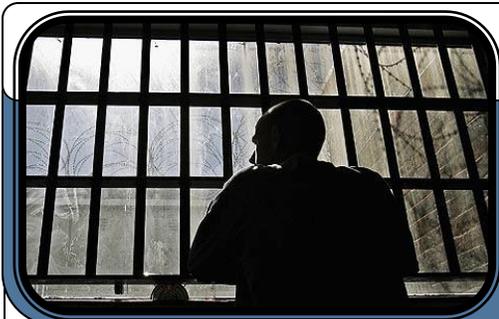
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A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE!**

**\$10 is the cost to send a copy of *BASICS* to a prisoner. Your donation of \$10, \$100 or \$1000 will be deeply appreciated.**

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***BASICS*, from the talks and writings of Bob Avakian, is a book of quotations and short essays that speaks powerfully to questions of revolution and human emancipation and concentrates more than 30 years of Avakian's work.**



Last fall when the publication of *BASICS* was announced, a prisoner wrote to PRLF about a passage from Avakian's memoir that he wanted to see in the new book:

**"When I first read that a few years ago, it made my heart race. What I'm in prison for isn't important or uplifting, and it definitely didn't contribute to anything positive. It's quite shameful to be honest. I only wish if I had to be here it was for a sacrifice I made for the people." – Prisoner from California**

The passage by Avakian that made his "heart race" IS included in *BASICS*, chapter 6, #18 and reads in part:

"When I look at all this, I think again of my friend who decided to dedicate his life to ending cancer—and of the even greater need to put an end to the system of capitalism-imperialism and all the suffering and oppression this system embodies and enforces throughout the world. You see that there isn't anything more important that your life could be about, and whatever you end up contributing during the course of your lifetime is the most important and the most uplifting thing that you could possibly do. And yes, there are moments of great disappointment, but also moments of great joy as part of this..."

**Magnify this example many times over. Consider how this could not only impact many thousands of prisoners, but how it could then radiate back outside the prison walls to youth trapped on the bottom of society and funneled off to prison in unprecedented numbers.**

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## PRLF MISSION STATEMENT

The Prisoners Revolutionary Literature Fund ([www.PRLF.org](http://www.PRLF.org)) is an educational literature fund that fills requests from U.S. prisoners for revolutionary literature.

The main requests received by PRLF from those behind bars are for complementary subscriptions in Spanish and English to the weekly newspaper *Revolution*\* and for revolutionary and other books, including ones highlighted in the newspaper. Through providing this literature, PRLF provides an educational opportunity for prisoners to engage with world events and key political, cultural, and philosophical questions of the day from a unique revolutionary perspective, including discussions of morality, religion, science, and the arts. Every week, prisoners can delve into the urgent and lively news and debate about unfolding political and social struggles, and can critically think about and dissect the current state of society as well as search for an alternative.

PRLF works to counter increasing censorship that seeks to deny prisoners access to *Revolution* newspaper and the other revolutionary literature requested.

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**"More African-American men are in prison or jail, on probation or parole than were enslaved in 1850, before the Civil War began."**

– Michelle Alexander

Author of *The New Jim Crow, Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*

Society casts them off as the "worst of the worst." *Revolution* ([www.revcom.us](http://www.revcom.us)) newspaper provides a lifeline, enabling prisoners to understand the world and how it can be radically changed for the better through revolution. Some prisoners are transforming themselves to be part of emancipating humanity.

You can see it in their letters to PRLF:

"When dealing with Brothers hardened by the streets you have to show that you really care about them at least make an attempt to understand them. You at *Revolution* do a beautiful job at this, as far as documenting the struggle and reporting on the international level. *Revolution* articles about the Black struggle and Africa are what initially got my attention, eventually I began to discover other Peoples struggle and I soon realize that they are interrelated and a direct result of a parasitic exploitative system. I'm still learning Spanish, right now I'm functional. It was amazing how my world opened up, and I started making new friends once the Latinos realized I was legitimately trying to understand them and communicate, and I wasn't on that American "Speak English" Chauvinistic Bullsh\*t....Please send me the *Revolution* paper about Mexico and why Mexicans are forced to cross the Border. Please send it in Espanol. This will help tremendously, and help them make the connection.

— Prisoner from Texas

The cost of renewing the current 800 subscriptions is \$28,000 per year and urgent requests for new subscriptions keep rolling in. Only with your help can PRLF meet these prisoners' deep desire for revolutionary literature.

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