Mankind. This word holds special meaning to all of us. We, who are the inhabitants of this big blue marble, have an obligation to not forget who we are, and where we come from. We must remember: no matter how technologically advanced our civilization has become, no matter how simple life must be, and no matter if we have others fight our battles, we are all born with powerful capabilities.

Our simple life has made us weak. Our minds have forged multiple weaknesses which will inevitably doom our humanity to extinction. The term "humanity" is in regards to both the mental and physical aspect of our species. In simple terms, our capacity to do good and our species as a general sense of the word.

There are many things to which I have bear witness as a fellow human on this planet. Much of it I do not understand, and feel I may never understand even until my death. I really don't think anyone *truly* understands many of the things that they see. For if they did, they would understand every aspect of the human mind and how it functions. This is impossible; if we truly understood how the mind works, then we would understand better how to manipulate our emotions, our thoughts, and our actions. Our education is limited, but through practice we can better ourselves.

Is it too naïve to think that one man can make a difference in the world? I used to think so. So much so, in fact, that I had a hard time writing this—fearful of the unknown, wondering how people will react to this. It was then I realized that it did not matter what everyone thought. It is my personal belief that I was born for a reason. These thoughts in my head are not coincidence; my ability to observe my surroundings and judge fairly the information I am given by others, among many other characteristics, are here for a reason, as am I.

What we do in life determines how society will view us. What we do in life derives from our experiences. What we do in life will live on in time even after our death. We must hold ourselves accountable for everything we do in life, for it may indirectly or directly affect another.

What I bring to you now are the ten motivational tips that I have lived and breathed for many days, even if I did not acknowledge them myself:

- 1. Judge fairly the actions and opinions of others.
- 2. Base nothing you see, hear, smell, touch, and taste as an absolute fact. No merit is to be given without due consideration of your mind.
- 3. Treat everyone fairly and justly for their capacity to give harm. In other words, give all your respect. Adhere to the principles of social and honorary respect where it is due.
- 4. By extension to item #1, give all your ear, but never your heart. Judge critically and determine a good basis for the wisdom you seek.
- 5. Plan in advance your travels, your obligations, and your life in general.

- 6. By extension to item #5, be patient and kind to all you come across. Impatience can yield unexpected, even unpleasant, results.
- 7. By extension to item #3, consider no man your superior, for he eats, breathes, sleeps, interprets, and reproduces in much the same manner as you. No matter his or her station in life, give all the due consideration of your mind and the respect he or she disserves. Due consideration to social and honorary respect is necessary.
- Treat all that you have with the respect it disserves. Anything, no matter how small, may be cherished by those who do not have such luxuries. Never take advantage.
- 9. By extension to #8, give subtle honor and respect to your lover. For without them you will be an empty shell. Never *hit* or *yell* at your lover. Be patient and understanding. To some, love is a luxury they cannot have for many reasons that they deem unfit to explain to others. For this very reason you should consider yourself extremely fortunate and lack the reason to take advantage over what you have.
- 10. Work like your life depends on it. No matter how small the benefit, remember that things could be much worse for you, as it is for others. For you, you are living the dream. You are alive, unharmed, paying your bills, living an honest life, even bringing care to those you love. It is for this, and much more, that you

must work your hardest no matter the circumstances.

Living life, I have realized that there is much to be gleaned from a world of love, comfort, hate, and destruction. I have bear witness to medieval punishments due to religion, death and destruction because of perceived differences both in a domestic and foreign setting.

From gangs, hate crimes, religion, passion, desperation, and much more, I have seen much, as have the rest of us. Who will use their words to try and sway the minds of those who have yet to understand the world in they have been brought into? I have physical limitations, but I believe that, through words, I can make a difference and make people see the world through a different light.

All things are based on perception and interpretation. What we are told can often lead us into erroneous paths that can only lead to darkness and turmoil—no matter what degree of severity be defined.

Here is a little biography:

- I am a man who believes in the idea of which makes people do good, even if I do not put stock in the things people believe in.
- I live my life in utter despair, realizing that unity is far from achieved in our society. That, in my belief, our humanity will come to an ultimate and untimely extinction if unity cannot be attained.

What we do in life will live on forever.