Diego Rivera, 1931 company my son decame familiar with decause of their 81 The Making of a Fresco Showing the Building of a City, also be read as an attitude of love in the face of hate. meant to imply that envy is a motivation factor could while wearing his DGK 'I 🕶 Haters!' hat. The statemen 80 Artist's son inadvertently making a Jesus hand signal 79 Bobby and the artist's son in Hollenbeck Park, 2012 78 Portrait of the artist's son by Shawn Mortensen, 2005. Bitches ain't shit but hos and tricks'. 1992 album The Chronic, in which Snoop Dogg sings 7 Internet meme originating from a song on Dr. Dre's

East Los Angeles in March, 2007.

Gutta, was shot four times by a rival gang member in as screensaver. 18 year old Jonathan Hurtado, aka J. 76 Photo of Bobby's best friend, now deceased, appearing was shot and killed in Los Angeles. Shawn Mortensen on March 8, 1997, the day before he Christopher George Latore Wallace, b. 1972) taken by

75 Portrait of Biggie Smalls, aka Notorious B.I.G. (née of the year. announced he'd be leaving the music business at the end 74 DJ Quik headlined the 'West Coast Fest' 3/21/13 and Carrying the Cross, 1446, Biagio d'Antonio 75 Saint Veronica ('true icon') seen in a detail from Christ

72 Photo of Bobby and the artist's son taken in her studio. being the projected hit. b-side or flipside of vinyl single releases, the A-side 70 The term 'b/w' means 'backed with' and refers to the

69 USC mascot Tommy Trojan in victory pose. School of Art at USC's commencement ceremony. 68 Professor Frances Stark serving as Marshall for Roski

high school. He took his own life 2009. rap legends appear here, was a friend of the artist since 67 Shawn Mortensen, several of whose iconic portraits of

66 Ad for Dirty Chetto Kids, or DGK, a clothing CUSTAVE COUTDEL 65 L'Origine du Monde (The Origin of the World), 1866

son's Montessori school in Echo Park in 2005.

this inexpensive form of cocaine.

shot and killed at age 15 directly in front of the artist's

The speech also can come across as an infomercial for

neant to garner support for the nation's war on drugs.

presenting a bag of crack cocaine as a prop in a speech

(former director of the C.I.A.) appeared on television

the milant emerging from the mother 5 vagina.

54 Snapshot of Bobby with lil Mikey, aka Ghost, who was

or a popular annual music festival. 2Pac-deceased Document showing technique used to resurrect 2Pac sobby his first job as an errand boy at age 15. El Lazarillo de Tormes is the name of a Spanish picapullet like a job. Founder and director Father 'C' gave 49 The motto of Homeboy Industries is 'Nothing stops a 64 El Lazarillo de Tormes, 1808-1812 by Francisco Goya. 65 Christ Giving His Blessing, Hans Memling 14/8 48 Bobby assisting in the artist's studio. [S+] 99S L+

62 DJ Quik, nee David Blake (b. 1970) (photo credit or who has no understanding of them. one who is hostile or indifferent to culture and the arts, posted on the free online dating site OK Cupid. 61 Image taken from a blog poking fun at a guy who Philistine warrior Goliath. Today, 'philistine' means or The bible tells of the shepherd David slaying the giant Shawn Mortensen 60 1992 Portrait of Dr. Dre (née Andre Young, b. 1965) by 45 Cupid Making His Arch, c. 1533-1535, Parmigianino

ne doctor periorms ner routine gynecological exam. Mayle, 'The facts of life without any nonsense and with nission for USC medical students to be present while book Where Did I Come From? written by Peter 44 Form signed by patient, Frances Stark, declining per-59 Illustration by Arthur Robins taken from the 1977 43 Three ostensible gangbangers being arrested by а Magdalena [57] is purely coincidental. 58 Portrait of Bobby by the artist, 2012. The likeness to

per, re-named himself after the legendary figure. Ross, a former correctional facilities officer-turned-rap- 57 Magdalena, by Gheorghe Tattarescu, 19th c. or his role in the evolution of cocaine into crack. Rick both the Nicuaraguan Contras and the CIA, best known 56 The Murder of Christ by Wilhelm Reich, 1953. 2 Ricky Ross was a drug kingpin with connections t 55 Portrait of Frances Stark by Shawn Mortensen, 1994.

51 Edith Clifford, 'Champion Sword Swallower'

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correge stadium. sparking controversy about having their name on a corporations gave money to the University of Florida 41 GEO GROUP, one of the largest for-profit prison World', lived 1886-1942

40 Edith Clifford, 'Champion Sword Swallower of the adding the singular article la changes the meaning to neaning 'holy shit' or 'motherfucker'. In some regions,

53 On September 5, 1989 president George H. W. Bush neans motner, togetner tney torm an expletive madre? 'Puta' means 'fuck' or 'bitch', and 'madre'

petter harden up and stop acting like a lit soft cake since infancy is Beanie): 'beans, you a n*** now so you 38 Message from Bobby to the artist (whose nickname

Bobby and his childhood friend Mr. Martin. Back while modeling for her drawing class at USC with 37 Frances Stark reads Flannery O'Conner's Parker's overlooking The LA County Jail, aka Iwin Towers. spray-painting on cardboard in my studio parking lot

holes to be used in a collage. 12 Illustration of a scene in Cervantes' novel Don Quixote 22 Etching by Anton Lehmden, Colosseum, 1959-61, from 35 Bobby assisting in the artist's studio, cutting out bullet

autobiography of Dick Gregory. founding member of N.W.N pictured reading the 54 Shawn Mortensen's 1994 portrait of Ice Cube (a

36 Photo of Bobby, my son, and his two best friends

in Los Angeles, talking with a homie. 55 Father Gregory Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries 52 Matisse and his Model, by Brassaï, 1930

Angeles-based artist, DJ Quik, released by Mad Science 31 The Book of David is the 8th studio album by Los Photo by Nadya Wasylko featuring Skerrit Bwoy with the artist Frances Stark.

30 Poster for 2011 performance Put a Song in your Thing 'head' or the mainstream. E.g. the Kardashians (head) scribes a distribution model in contradistinction to the 31, 2009 (Photo: Mark Blower). The 'Long Tail' dewhich is written her son's name with a note to *TALK 29 Mark Leckey in the Long Tail, a performance at the

Caravaggio (Kunsthistorisches Museum Vienna) 28 David with the Head of Goliath, 1597-98, Amerighi

an acronym for 'The Hate U Give Little Infants Fucks Mortensen in 1993. Tupac's tattoo, 'THUG LIFE', is 27 Iconic portrait of Tupac Shakur taken by Shawn

Conquistadors. Photo by DeWayne Stark. Mozart's Magic flute. for Serrano Middle School whose team was The

14 From The Book of Genesis Illustrated by R. Crumb, 2009. and Redemption. Massachusets: Beacon Press, 2012. What Gangs Taught Me About Violence, Drugs, Love, reproduced for the cover of Jorga Leap's Jumped In: ession in Prof. Stark's intermediate drawing class at USC. 13 Sketch of Bobby made by a student during a live modeling 25 Mi Madre de los Angeles by Fabian Debora, 2009

24 A Crip fights a Blood on a Los Angeles street. the victim of exploitation, Andres is still no angel. panish picaresque illerary tradition, while blatantly viemoriai Coliseum. 'Traveler' at USC's home stadium, the Los Angeles

is Jommy Irolan scene here atop his horse named

The Grunwald Collection, The Hammer Museum

Young Academy for Arts, Technology and Business of

TO PARENTS*. Inside the bag is contraband (purloined

17 Evidence presented to the artist by a camp counse

did you do that!?' and he answers 'Lady, I'm a snake.'

side of the road. She brings it home, nurses it back to

a pet. Once recovered he bites her and she cries out 'Why

health, grows quite fond of the snake and treats him like

million gift to create 'The Jimmy lovine and Andre

rom nis motner).

ouce the knight is out of sight. Like all poor boys in the gob his beating, and he complies, only to start up again by his master. Quixote exhorts the master to be fair and 23 The mascot of the University of Southern California picaro (young rogue), strapped to a tree being beaten mous with toolish idealism) encounters young Andres, (1605), in which the titular protagonist (now synony-

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artist, poster designed with Stuart Bailey. rom General Hospital and USC Medical Center. about what can't possibly be done. Organized by the of his grandmother's house in East Los Angeles, across saltion avitatistifiliate of batabilitin, alion ad bibons O Photograph of the artist's son taken by Bobby in front to be, and do; an opportunity to freely imagine what torum to seriously consider what we want our schools the near extermination of the native population.

while extracting great riches. They were responsible for 💢 20 A symposium offering artists, students and educators : dized the Americas with hopes of winning souls for God York studio, 1960. Photo: Alexander Liberman. 9 Conquistadors ('conquerors') were soldiers who colo-June/July. 2013: p. 51. Caption: Martin in her New 19 From: Schiff, Karen L. 'Slow Reveal.' Art in America.

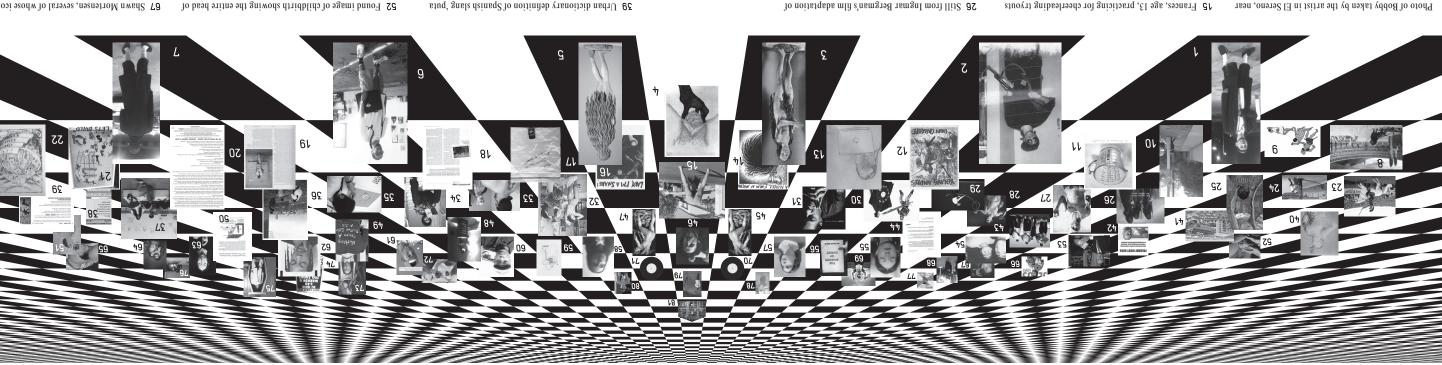
killed in the Roman Coliseum. 8 Illustration showing Christians being tortured and ners in the company that sells Beats by Dre headphones Innovation.' lovine and Young (aka Dr. Dre) are part-

nedical marijuana clinic. 18 Page from USC's magazine announcing the \$70 Bobby, in the studio, ready for a job interview at a

> moment in childbirth when the head first appears. An augmented found drawing depicting 'crowning,' the 5 Saint Mary Magdalene by Gregor Erhart, c. 1515-20.

nome operating within the juvenile justice system. home trips' allowed during an 18 month stay in a boy's sid to ono on /4-AA ar Alta gaired, cl age, yddod' to 16 Parable: An old lady discovers a snake mangled on the 2 Photo taken by Lil Mikey, aka Ghost (now deceased)

his home in Los Angeles.



The iconic partraits of Tupac, Ice Cube, Dr. Dre, and Biggie, as well as partraits of me and my son, were all taken by the artist Shawn Mortensen, a friend since high school, who tragically took his own life with a gun in 2009. I'm continually moved by his fearlessness and his romantic idealism embodied in the work. A collection of his photographs, Shawm Mortensen: Out of Mind, was published by Abrams Image in 2007 with a fareward by Glenn O'Brien and an afterward by Richard Prince. My capy bears this inscription: 'For Frances & Arla! Oh My Beanie! We've been friends for 23 years of full om LIFE! Let's look farward to 50 wanderful years!

A mate on the music: DJ Quik is a legendary west coast artist out of Compton, California whose music career took off in 1991. The two sangs sampled here are: <u>Catch-22</u>, from his 2005 album Trauma, and Fire and Brimstone, from his 2011 album The Book of David. Twice omstage in the last year I've seen him announce that he's retiring at the end of the year. Enarmous fan that I am, I hope he changes his mind about that, yet at the same time I eagerly await the results of whatever transformation he may have underway. It doesn't seem possible to stop being an artist.

All quotes attributed to Father G are taken from Father Gregary Boyle's book, Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion, published by Free Press, a division of Simon & Schuster. Boyle, a Jesuit, is the founder of Hameboy Industries—an organization that serves high-risk, farmerly gang-involved men and wamen with a continuum of free services and programs, and operates seven social enterprises that serve as jab-training sites. He is affectionately and iranically—referred to as Father G ('G' being slang for 'Gangster').

Jonathan Hurtada, 18, described by police as Latino and by medical examiners as black, was shot in a park at 127 South Pecan St. in Boyle Heights, and died at 7:29 p.m. March 2, 2007. Hurtada's attacker, amother Latina youth who walked or bicycled up to him, said, 'Hey, hamie, what's up?' then shot him four times. Jonathan, aka J Gutta was the best friend of Babby, aka G Business.

Bobby Jesus's Alma Mater b/w Reading The Book of David and/or Paying Attention is Free, Frances Stark, 2013.

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ompassion is not a relationship between the healer and the wounded. It's a covenant between equals... [it] is always, at its most authentic, about a shift from the cramped world of self-preoccupation into a more expansive place of fellowship, of true kinship. Father G

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ncapable of enjoying the moment, the male needs something to look forward to, and money provides him with an eternal, never-ending goal: Just think what you could do with 80 trillion dollars—Invest it! And in three years time you'd have 300 trillion dollars!!!

Valerie Solanas, The SCUM Manifesto

ecause I actually pay rap—not just as a grab bag ligious person, until I was of transgressive tropes with a man in my twenties—and diminishing shock appeal, I then in prison—could have no choice but to make tell me anything. I had sense of that reality in light very little respect for of my own. And when a good most people who repreportion of my reality borders sented religion. South Central (USC), then it Malcolm only follows that I would let this stuff touch me—beyond Malcolm X the current music industry mentality, which seems to turn the empowerment process into a crass capitalist

Mother F

hrist, therefore, does not in the beginning consider himself as something special. He just is as he is. Why is not every- ing back into them schools body else that way? Wilhelm Reich, The Murder

of Christ

1. When your parents advise you to "get an education" in order to raise your income, they tell you only half the truth. What they really mean is to get just enough education to provide manpower for your society, but not so much that you prove an embarrassment to your society. Get a high school diploma, at least. Without that, you will be occupationally dead unless your name happens to be George Bernard Shaw or Thomas Alva Edison, and you can successfully dropout in grade school. Get a college degree, if possible. With a B.A., you are on the launching pad. But now you have to start to put on the brakes. If you go for a master's degree, make sure it is an M.B.A., and its famous law of diminishing returns

Do you know, for instance, that long-haul truck drivers earn more per year than full professors? Yes, the average 1977 salary for those truckers was \$24,000. While the full professors managed to earn just \$23,030. A Ph.D. is the highest degree you can get. Except for a few specialized fields such as physics or chemistry where the degree can quickly be turned to industrial or commercial purposes, if you pursue such a degree in any other field you will face a dim future. There are more Ph.D.s unemployed or underemployed in this country than any other part of the world.

If you become a doctor of philosophy in English or history or anthropology or political science or languages or—worst of all—in philosophy, you run the risk of becoming overeducated for our national demands. Not for our needs, mind you, but for our demands. Thousands of Ph.D.s are selling shoes, driving cars, waiting on tables, and endlessly filling out applications month after month. They may also take a job in some high school or backwater college that pays much less than the janitor earns. You can equate the level of income with the level of education only so far. Far enough, that is, to make you useful to the gross national product, but not so far that nobody can turn much of a profit on you.

According to the writer, what the society expects of education is to turn out people who: A) will not be a disgrace to society

B) will become loyal citizens C) can take care of themselves

D) can meet the nation's demands as a source of manpower

The nation is only interested in people: A) with diplomas B) who specialize in physics and chemistry

C) who are valuable to the gross national product D) both A and C

The writer sees education as: A) a means of providing job security and financial security and a means of meeting a country's demands for technical workers

B) a way to broaden one's horizons C) more important than finding a job

D) an opportunity that everyone should have

Which of the following is not true? A) Bernard Shaw didn't finish high school, nor did Edison.

B) One must think carefully before pursuing a masters degree.

C) The higher your education level, the more money you will earn.

D) If you are too well-educated, you'll be overeducated for society's demands.

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tireless advocate for come out full-fledged gang-— ven at that young children and youth in bangers.' I know the rest. At — age, I just couldn't believe in the Chris-I the system had told close attention to the tian concept of Jesus as me 'they come into the [LA someone divine. And no re-County Department of Probation] camps maybe slightly Jorja Leap involved with gangs and

> X, The Autobiography

was such a philanthro-

pist I probably gave l away \$250,000 to the city of Compton... I got the key to the city of Compton when I was 29 years old. They didn't give me that for my music. That music was violent. They gave me that because of how I was goand raising money for them

schools.

DJ Quik

iterally speaking, an greater comfort with in-'aesthete' is defined verting categories than I do. simply as 'one who What is success and what is perceives'. Perception and its failure? What is good and resulting understanding, or what is bad? Setback or meaning-making, is the most progress? Great stock these basic, immediate and FREE days [...] is placed in eviactivity everybody has the dence-based outcomes. Peocapacity to derive joy from. ple, funders in particular, I'm talking about aesthetic want to know if what you do experience, not consumption or getting a fix from the type successful? Naturally, I find of entertainment that tends myself heartened by Mother to want to do the perceiving Teresa's take: 'We are not for you ahead of time. Mother F

opted to climb in- faithful, keeps you from tru-**** side and try to grasp a useful understanding of the misogyny that I had Father G been joyously and shamelessly consuming. My son was consuming it alongside me and consequently I NOW was continually struggling to answer precisely why I allowed so many appropriateness boundaries to be crossed. The recurring rationale was that my son HEARD was fundamentally an aesthete by nature (like myself) and, well, I never went around saying it but there was no denying that I believed on some level that an aesthete (and/or potential artist) is some kind of supra-moral being... in the beyond good and evil sense, exempt, somehow, from so- he would talk to me ciety's definition of failure. This was my faith. Mother F

Text: excerpt from an English Reading Comprehension Test, http://202.117.13.233/Englishonline/zhxl/YDXL/cet4reading/4read1.

some point many will wind

up in graduate school—the

California Prison system.

wenty years of this work has taught me that God has

and shyster lawyers right on up into the top levels of police and politics. She knew from personal experience how crime existed only to the degree that the law cooperated with it. She showed me how, in the country's entire so-

> were actually inseparable partners. Malcolm Autobiography Malcolm X

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an got caught s o m e h o w long ago and he continues to tie the knot of this bondage, all the while he moans about his plight and dreams of the coming of the Messiah.

Wilhelm Reich, The Murder of Christ

