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I'm writing a full length intellectual  
autobiography in the near future

"our ghostly Century"  
explain what you mean

West-Camp at Princeton  
spent time in Paris

deeply influenced by  
Hobbes, Ruskin  
Kierkegaard - and  
others pre-occupied with the  
meaning of life and absurdity  
of the human condition

"I am not really a dreamer" p 219  
I have strong anti-integral elements

Honorary champion of Democratic  
Socialists of America

you are - Loreda says p 229

My long term project - "  
a meditation of Chelkover  
and Caltrant

556. Cornel West  
The Cornel West Reader  
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text put together at unique pt. in my life. Thurs Jan 13, 10:30

Anton Chekhov - 8000 characters in his stories  
plum / jazz

Absolutism vs. Athens and Jerusalem - part two

Prophecy Believers - remains my favorite book - in my 20's

Clifton L. West (1928-1994)

"Black Strivings in a Twilight Civilization" p 87 - the one  
work of all I would want to survive - Why?  
W.E.B. Dubois - works indispensable

American pragmatism - What is it?

↓ Influence of Prof. Israel Scheffler at Harvard  
Richard Poiry at Princeton

the best - the social  
movement of Martin Luther King

Marxist } What were their legacies  
Emerson } IKE and Truman - racist and hollow

Jefferson } grand spiritual  
Lincoln } godfathers of pragmatism P174  
Emerson }

Lincoln's profound wrestling with a deep sense of evil

Shuto's Baptist in Sacramento 47 yrs. old.  
CL West - Grandfather - Tulsa Student Body Pres.  
Clifton L. West II - brother in high school

parents born in Louisiana Born in Oklahoma - 1953  
1970 - Harvard

→ Princeton  
Union Theological Seminary -  
liberationist philosophy

Back to Harvard - De Bois Fellow

fall 1984  
U. of Paris 1987

I am a non-Marxist  
socialist

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Jesse Jackson - congress leadership is problematic  
His televisual style - no grass roots organizing

For 20 years - lecturing 150 times a year

Liberation theology - God sides with struggles of  
oppressed people  
taught in San Jose, Costa Rica

1985 - Lectures at Capital

(426) M.L.K. was the most significant and  
successful organic intellectual in American history

Michael Harrington - Jesse Jackson / Fannie Lou Hamer  
M.L.K. / Malcolm X

(344) Newsweek piece 1994 - You say you gave up journalism  
Wiley?

1998  
Book on War against Parents - met with Pres. 15 July  
Aspen 1993 - brought together by Bill Bradley  
Bill Bennett, Dan Morgan

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American religious life is shot through with <sup>existential</sup> scepticism

Jackie Robinson - he knows that "money is America's God"  
 Julianne Malveaux - I detect a Chekhovian strand in her  
 cultural and social criticism

Int w bell hooks - "We are seeing the decline of the  
 American Empire in the 1990's."

You want to teach a course on Chekhov and Critique  
 P 556 "The worst scenario is the total triumph of  
 market forces which leads to gangsterization  
 of everyday life"

Your doctoral thesis - "The Ethical Dimension of Marxist Thought"

We've got preserve "non-market" values  
 "my struggle with the Black Panther Party - I was  
 never a member but worked closely with them.  
 "It takes at least 25 years to lay an adequate foundation  
 to do the kind of work one is called to do."

1998 interview with David Smith - Dean of Faculty at William  
 561 "your eclecticism reflects a kind of shallowness  
 you are simply a skillful speaker who has borrowed  
 bits of knowledge - haven't mastered any disciplines

Martin Gaye - D.C. native - shot by his father  
 sang in church choir - musical depth of the black  
 churches let loose. - Inq - Edwards

West wrote for French paper for 4 years

May - 1979 P 483 Condition of modern black  
 suicide rate etc.

Bushson

Josiah Royce

David Hume

Work on Africa - American  
literature and modern  
Greek literature.

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\* 1987 - Chap 17

Intention - Anders Stephenson

Pragmatism - John Dewey p276

Black means of cultural  
expression

Music

Preaching

Dark p292

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Marvin Gaye - 475

Bebo - 475

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White Supremacy - P82

Black self-hatred - How  
is this?

What is your prediction  
of what will happen  
to black/white  
relations in  
next 100 years.