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UNIT 1 - PRECISION DRAWING

Welcome to the Precision Drawing class. In this course we have many different instructors who will be responding to your work. They all have one thing in common, a belief that you can learn to draw from life. It takes lots of practice and patience, but the rewards are many. When artists get together, we often talk about the process and the *art zone* that we get into when we are drawing. After the first five minutes or so, we are concentrating so fully on the looking and drawing, that our minds clear and we are at peace. You do not need a studio, just paper and pencil. When you begin to draw you slip into the *art zone*. You become conscious of only the object you are drawing and the space around you floats away. This could be a good thing to do in prison, because it transports you to a peaceful space. You don't actually go anywhere, but you feel like you have been away after you draw.

If the drawing takes 3 hours or 10 minutes, it does not matter. So learn to take whatever time you need. It does not make the drawing better to have done it quickly.

PART 1: Introduction

In this course we will work from:

1. Three dimensional objects available in your cell, like a shoe, shirt, toothbrush etc.
2. Photographs and paintings of animals.

By precision drawing we mean being able to put down on paper what you see before you. Whether it is a three dimensional object or a photo, you will learn to render a picture of an animal or an object and make it look three dimensional. The precision comes with practice. It is not a gift. Anyone can learn it.

On the next page is a drawing of a lemur from Madagascar. This is a small island off the coast of Africa and lemurs are only found on this island. They are mouse to cat sized monkey like animals. This is a drawing from a photograph and you will be sent more pictures in future units. This particular drawing is what we will be working towards. Every one of you can accomplish this with patience and practice.

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