



Chat 02/16/99:

NOTE:

The participants in this Xperience in Truth were as follows:

- *Larry Graham*
- *Tina Graham*
- **L4OA:** - *The Collective*

InJoy!

It starts....

L4OA : Larry, congratulations on the release of *GCS2000!*

Larry : thanx a million :)

L4OA : u must b very pleased with the response it has received

Larry : Very very very pleased

L4OA : it feels a lot like the live shows u have been playing...

L40A : did they inspire the album?

Larry : yes

L40A : Yes, Larry, there is something 4 every1 on GCS

L40A : how r u enjoying ur promo tour?

Larry : the response is incredible... many many many people

Larry : r showing up at the in-store appearances

L40A : meeting lots of new faces?

Larry : lots of new faces... lots of familiar faces

L40A : r there any plans 4 more live per4mances soon?

Larry : yes, Thursday... @ Electric Fetus in Mpls

L40A : there is a buzz all over the net about the in-store appearances

L40A : so xpect a crowd :)

Larry : that's what we want! a great crowd!

L40A : any other cities we can xpect u in soon? :)

Larry : that's being set up now... we should know by the end of the week

L40A : u have described *GCS2000* as 'heart music' -- xplain that a little 4 us

Larry : *GCS2000* comes from r hearts... and we're trying 2 connect with urs

L40A : well it's working :0)

L40A : did this album feel very different in the making 2 ur other works?

Larry : yes...

Larry : eye had complete freedom 2 do whatever eye want 2 do...

Larry : no one saying eye can't do this or eye can't do that...

Larry : no time limit...

Larry : no budget worries...

Larry : so when we finish with a song...

Larry : it's becuz we're actually finished...

Larry : not becuz we ran out of \$ or time

L40A : that sounds great, a shame it can not b that way 4 all

L40A : have ppl restricted u in the past? please xplain

Larry : in most situations...

Larry : there is either a time limit...

Larry : or a budget limit...

Larry : in this case...

Larry : there is no limit!

Larry : as long as the electricity bill is paid...

Larry : the tapes keep on rollin'!

L40A : lol

L40A : So this is an xample of the freedom u speak of

L40A : It seems with the coming of the year 2000 a lot of

L40A : "music originators" are coming back 2

L40A : the scene... in a way showing newschoolers how it should be done

L40A : how do u feel having them look at u as a role model?

Larry : eye feel that it's a great responsibility...

Larry : and eye'm gonna try my best 2 set a positive xample...

Larry : and eye also try 2 use the gift that God gave me in a positive way

L40A : 🌸 often speaks of u being an inspiration 2 him, who inspired u in ur early days?

Larry : my mother

Larry : ... she was a pianist and vocalist

Larry : we worked 2gether 4 a number of years...

Larry : b4 eye joined Sly and the Family Stone

L40A : shows 2 prove a parent is a child's greatest role model in life :)

Larry : true

L40A : did ur mother also inspire u in ur faith?

Larry : no, eye inspired her

Larry : eye learned The Truth first

Larry : as far as eye know :)

L40A : so children have much 2 teach also :0)

L40A : do u think that Sly and the Family Stone will per4m 2gether again?

Larry : eye hope so :)

L40A : it's often been said u wanted 2 b a guitarist, how did u end up

L40A : going and staying with the bass?

Larry : when my mother and eye started working 2gether...

Larry : eye was playing guitar and she was on piano...

Larry : and we had a drummer...

Larry : one club we worked in...

Larry : had an organ with bass pedals...

Larry : eye learned 2 play the bass pedals at the same time

Larry : as playing the guitar and singing...

Larry : we got used 2 having the bottom...

L40A : amazing!

Larry : but the organ broke down...

Larry : so eye rented a bass, 2 add some bottom

Larry : temporarily, eye thought!

Larry : the organ could not be repaired...

Larry : and eye got stuck on the bass

L40A : did Sly and the Family Stone ever do a gig with Jimi Hendrix?

Larry : yes

Larry : Woodstock, Isle of Wight, and others

L40A : what happened?

L40A : we can guess :)

Larry : Sly and the Family Stone rocked!

L40A : indeed

L40A : eye feel u and 🌸 wanted 2 make an important statement

L40A : in the song "Utopia" off ur new album - can u xplain?

Larry : Utopia... it's true... eye don't want 2 b worshipped...

Larry : only God should b worshipped...

Larry : eye don't consider myself a star...

Larry : as has been said b4...

Larry : everybody is a star

L40A : do u have a bodyguard?

Larry : yes, Tina guards my body very well

L40A : lol

L40A : heard that! :)

L40A : u speak very openly about ur beliefs, do u feel this affects

L40A : people's perceptions of u?

Larry : eye hope so

L40A : I love the way u re-used the BJB drum track in the song "Love 4 1 another" -

L40A : how did that come about?

Larry : 🌸

L40A : do u have a favorite track

L40A : on ur new cd?

Larry : they r all my favorite

L40A : rs 2

Larry : it's like u have a large family of children...

Larry : and u love them all, but in different ways

L40A : I adore how u, Tina and the crew interacted with

L40A : the crowd at ur listening party. it was so refreshing, so open :)

L40A : is ur wife with u now?

Larry : yes, always

L40A : sweet

L40A : an xample 2 many

L40A : yes

L40A : hi Tina :)

Tina : hey y'all :)

L40A : howdy ma'am!

L40A : any tips 4 those just starting out on how 2 keep so 2gether?

Larry : the Bible says that the threefold cord....

Larry : cannot easily b torn in 2...

Larry : and that means...

Larry : u, ur mate, and God

L40A : eye c

L40A : do u have a favourite Bible passage that u would like 2 share?

Larry : 1 John 4:8

Larry : which says...

Larry : in part...

Larry : God is Love

L40A : sums it up 2 me

L40A : so...

L40A : in the words of a song..

L40A : if u could ask God just one ?, what would it b?

Larry : how did eye become so blessed...

Larry : 2 b known by u?

L40A : :) likewise

L40A : Larry, how is being on the road and touring different now, than in days of old?

Larry : 4 one thing...

Larry : technology has enhanced what can b seen and heard...

Larry : and as far as the travel side of it...

Larry : the buses have a lot more things 2 play with inside!

Larry : than they used 2 have :)

L40A : do u see r lives being changed as we move in2 the year 2000?

Larry : yes...

Larry : eye think more and more people r starting 2 b enlightened...

Larry : knowing The Truth changes lives

L40A : how many basses do u own?

Larry : (counting)

Larry : maybe around 7

L40A : quality, huh, not quantity

L40A : r u vegetarian?

Larry : sometimes

Larry : :)

L40A : the end of "eyemagettin'" is very chaotic and "violent" - special meaning?

Larry : doesn't sound violent and chaotic 2 me...

Larry : 2 me it sounds like relief at last

Larry : leading 2 life in a peaceful new world

L40A : how have u settled in Minneapolis, must b cold after Jamaica

Larry : Jamaica was very warm in climate...

Larry : Minnesota is very warm...

Larry : as far as the ppl r concerned

Larry : eye'll get used 2 the cold...

L40A : oh yah

L40A : glad 2 hear that :0)

Larry : haha

Larry : we used 2 go camping a lot...

Larry : and my wife says that eye make the best fires...

Larry : now that skill is coming in handy!

L40A : lol

L40A : do u spend much time online?

Larry : sometimes

L40A : do u like what u see?

Larry : yes, becuz eye go 2 places that eye like

Larry : like love4oneanother :)

L40A : :)

Larry : and gcsweb.org

L40A : what do u think of the marriage of music and the internet 4 the future?

Larry : eye think it's great...

Larry : wish we had it back in the day...

Larry : maybe things would b different 2day

Larry : but what we're doing 2day...

Larry : eye will make it better 4 2morrow

L40A : do u find reluctance amongst many artists 2 work "outside" of contracts?

Larry : yes...

Larry : eye personally enjoy the freedom of not having one

Larry : whatever eye do is becuz eye want 2 do it...

Larry : and eye don't have 2 ask anybody's permission...

Larry : xcept Tina's :)

L40A : it's like friends then

L40A : do u feel self-employed?

Larry : eye don't feel like what eye do is work

L40A : how would u feel about a combined project between L40A and gcsweb?

Larry : eye think that's a great idea!...

Larry : we were just talking about that minutes ago!

L40A : :)...

L40A : if it happened what would u like 2 see?

Larry : truth...

Larry : positivity...

Larry : love...
Larry : and music :)

L40A : Larry, being a musician eye find many musicians
L40A : from the "old school" have a problem using
L40A : the new technology out 2day
L40A : do u mind it? or do u still like 2 keep it down 2 earth so 2 speak

Larry : eye think that the technology...
Larry : should b used 2 enhance what u do...
Larry : sometimes ppl let technology...
Larry : CONtrol them...
Larry : 2 much

L40A : Stevie Wonder should play the clavinet bass synth
L40A : and real drums, and spank these youngin's

Larry : haha

L40A : and call the album... the "real" Roots
L40A : :)

Larry : :)

Larry : eye can hear that in my mind and heart right now!

L40A : back 2 the grease...
L40A : Larry?
L40A : do u fish?


Larry : haven't been in eons
Larry : now eye've become a fisher of ppl

L40A : Larry, if u could pick ur own 'Supa-group' who would u pick? (past or present)

Larry : present :)

L40A : lol

Larry : NPGCS

L40A : do u remember the 1st time u saw ?

Larry : tennessee

L40A : ever?

Larry : first time...
Larry : was in the mid-70s @ a Warner Bros. picnic

L40A : really?
L40A : :)

Larry : yes

L40A : LOL

L40A : what did he look like?

Larry : he looked like Prince

L40A : hee

Larry : lol

L40A : and now?

Larry : 🙄

L40A : u were great on Tavis Smiley's show, btw

Larry : thank u

L40A : will u ever do an album just 4 the ladies... ballads?

Larry : eye'd like 2

L40A : most of us here...

L40A : dislike the usage of classic..

L40A : trax like ur song...

L40A : "Everyday People."

L40A : do u have approval over such usage?

Larry : no...

Larry : some of the versions...

Larry : that they use...

Larry : makes u go... "hmmm"

Larry : "how in the world did they come up with that?!..."

Larry : who is that?!... y is that?! what is that?

L40A : r u "taking back" that song by per4ming it live?

Larry : we play the song in r show...

Larry : cuz we love the song

L40A : :)

L40A : we do 2

Larry : :)

L40A : how did u come 2 find the Jehovah Witness faith?

Larry : eye was invited 2 one of their large conventions...

Larry : in Oakland, CA...

Larry : as eye was leaving...

Larry : a girl gave me a book...

Larry : called "Is this life all there is?"...

Larry : eye read the book...

Larry : it made sense...

Larry : and answered a lot of ?s eye had...

Larry : about life...

Larry : then eye wanted 2 know more...

Larry : so eye started studying the Bible with one of the JW...

Larry : and more and more and more of my ?s were answered...

Larry : from the Bible...

Larry : so in 1975, eye got baptized

L40A : Madonna said on television recently that all paths lead 2 God...

L40A : what do u think?

Larry : broad and spacious...

Larry : is the road...

Larry : leading off in2 destruction...

Larry : but narrow is the path...

Larry : and cramped is the road...

Larry : leading off in2 life

L40A : well put

L40A : apart from The Bible, have u read any other books that

L40A : u would like 2 recommend?

Larry : *The Knowledge that Leads 2 Everlasting Life*

L40A : what role does music play in finding ur way in life?

Larry : music is...

Larry : the universal language...

Larry : and with it...

Larry : eye can reach the heart...

Larry : of anyone...

Larry : on earth...

Larry : that's an important part of my life...

Larry : being able 2 communicate...

Larry : with my friends

L40A : OK :)

Larry : :)

L40A : thank u Larry 4 always standing 4 what u believe in, openly

L40A : it is very important

L40A : not 2 hide r lights

L40A : any plans 4 a single?

Larry : U Move Me... is the new single

L40A : U move me - good choice

Larry : thank u

L40A : very cool intro, great skating song! :)

L40A : will u play it in Mpls?

Larry : probably not... but maybe :)

L40A : there is a rumor about a "LARRY GRAHAM DAY"...in Minneapolis?

L40A : it ought 2 be!

Larry : lol

L40A : any chance of ur friends in Europe seeing u soon?

Larry : eye hope so :)

L40A : we hope we r'nt keeping u from anything?

L40A : skiing

Larry : we're getting ready 2 rehearse...

Larry : but that can wait a few minutes

Larry : :)

L40A : eye thought eye heard stomachs growling!

Larry : ha ha

L40A : what album do u have in ur player at home right now?

Larry : my player holds 6 cds...

Larry : *Newpower Soul...*

Larry : *Come 2 My House...*

Larry : *GCS2000...*

Larry : *Release Yourself...*

Larry : *GCS first album...*

Larry : and *Aint No Bout A Doubt It*

L40A : yes sir!

L40A : sounds like a commercial

L40A : sounds like the party is at ur house then !

L40A : sounds like inspiration...

L40A : funky

L40A : past 2 present 2 future

L40A : Larry, how was it working with ur daughter on *GCS2000*?

Larry : it was fun!

Larry : eye was really surprised...

Larry : when she did it...

Larry : but eye think with the encouragement from  ...

Larry : she came thru 4 us

L40A : Larry, can u get us an innerview with Stevie?

Larry : eye would like 2 get one 4 myself with Stevie!!!

Larry : ...

L40A : lol


Larry : eye have millions of things eye'd like 2 know about him!

L40A : Stevie loves Larry... so it is said

Larry : and Larry loves Stevie!

L40A : so do we :0)

Larry : eye'll never 4get....

Larry : when we were playing a gig in boston...
Larry : and we started playin one of Stevie's songs...
Larry : "Maybe Your Baby"...
Larry : and Stevie came up...
Larry : and sung it with us...
Larry : eye also had the pleasure of jammin with him...
Larry : not long ago...
Larry : with  on drums...
Larry : with Tony Rich...
Larry : and Kat Dyson on guitar...
Larry : it was an awesome xperience

L40A : sounds great
L40A : will we ever get 2 hear that? :)

Larry : no one recorded that eye know of...

L40A : 2 bad

Larry : but u know how that goes!
Larry : maybe u will get 2 hear it one day

L40A : r u going 2 the R and B Foundation awards?

Larry : yes, eye am going 2 play...

L40A : seems like if folks owned their work... there would b
L40A : no need 4 such a night
L40A : it would seem

Larry : yes, u r absolutely right

L40A : amen 2 that
L40A : so Larry, what's the thing with the sailor caps? do u have a boat?

Larry : eye have on my cap right now

L40A : :)

Larry : but eye don't own a boat yet :)

L40A : yet!
L40A : the cap's a start :)

Larry : but eye have friends that do!
Larry : so that's kinda like having one...
Larry : cuz all my friends like 2 share

L40A : lol
L40A : good :), we will look out 4 ur funky version of 'Sailing'
L40A : do u just dig the sailor cap look?

Tina : yea, he looks adorable!

L40A : cute!
L40A : awwwww

L40A : lol

Larry : eye prefer speed boats

L40A : watch out, deacon!

Larry : lol

L40A : what do u attribute 2 u and Tina's youthful looks?

Larry : she takes good care of me...

Larry : and eye try 2 take good care of her :)

Larry : ... and God takes care of both of us!

L40A : indeed

L40A : amen 2 that

L40A : glad 2 hear it :0)

L40A : May eye ask Tina a question?

Tina : sure

L40A : How is it being on the road with these guys? :)

Tina : it's wonderful...

Tina : we're a big family!

Tina : eye'm always there...

Tina : with his water...

Tina : his gum...

Tina : and a towel 2 wipe his sweat :)

L40A : lol

L40A : I saw u in DC on the side of the stage

L40A : and u looked like u were having a ball!!

Tina : always having a ball!

L40A : what a gal!

Tina : when he's playin', eye'm playin'!

L40A : Much props 2 u 4 that Tina!!

L40A : everyone is gushing

L40A : will we get the next GCS release sooner than later, since u r free now?

Larry : definitely

L40A : Larry, how did u like 🎸's live version of The Jam? funky enuff 4 u? :)

Larry : mo funky mo funky mo funky

Larry : !

L40A : lol

L40A : Gonna cover that 2gether on ur next CD? :)

Larry : :)

L40A : Or u can record it 4 the site :)

Larry : that's another idea!

L40A : yes

L40A : oneders never cease

Larry : :)

L40A : good cross-site idea

Larry : yes! :)

L40A : that's the start 2 a completion. merging 2gether

L40A : shall we let

L40A : Larry

L40A : have the last word?

L40A : we thank u 4 ur time

Larry : eye wanna thank everybody...

Larry : 4 taking the time 2 chat with me...

Larry : eye look 4ward 2 doing it again...

Larry : becuz eye can feel all the love...

Larry : coming thru!...

Larry : and u know how eye feel about love :)

Larry : so until the next time...

Larry : may God b with u...

Larry : and keep on seeking The Truth...

Larry : and u'll find it

L40A : thank u Larry, we hope 2 chat with u again soon God Bless

Larry : Matthew 6:33

