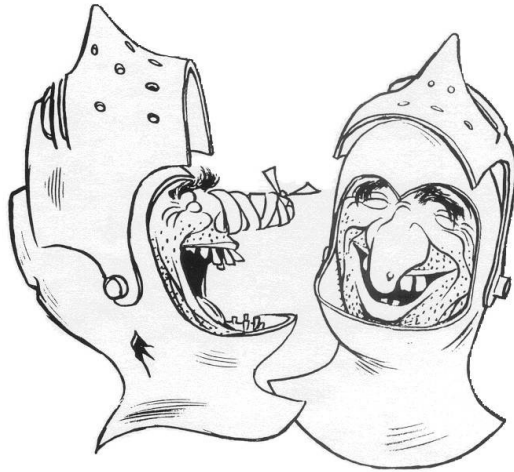


The



Lighter

Side

Many Bible scholars have stated  
that Christ never smiled, but as I  
look around me, I definitely can  
see my Savior smile every day.

When I see an older brother  
comforting a younger brother,  
who has been hurt, I can see  
my Savior smile. When a tired  
man returns home from work  
and helps his wife, so that she  
can rest, I can see Him smile.

“THE LIGHTER SIDE” is a  
compilation of quotes, jokes  
and fun short stories which I  
have collected over the years;  
and now, for your enjoyment.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

# Quotes

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1. "The test of a good religion is if you can joke about it." Chesterton
2. "No one would have been invited to dinner, as often as Jesus was, unless he was interesting and had a sense of humor." Charles M. Schultz
3. The Sioux Indians have a very wise saying, "The first thing people say after death is, 'Why was I so serious?'" John Tarkov
4. "'Deadly' is a good adjective to use with 'serious;' I've never heard the phrase 'deadly humorous.'" Lois Grant Palches
5. "Beware of him who hates the laughter of a child." Lavater
6. "A child's laugh makes a holy day more sacred still." R. Ingersoll
7. "If you don't have a good time once in a while, and get a good laugh out of the serious side of life, you don't half live." Will Rogers
8. In Trent, Italy, after warming up several thousand rain-soaked young people with some jokes, Pope John Paul II told them, "Don't tell your colleagues, and above all the press, that the pope made jokes instead of making a serious meditation on the council. Being holy means living in profound communion with the God of joy, having a heart free from sin, and from the sadness of the world."
9. "A sense of humor may be the most important thing to wear when you go out in public." Dianna Booher
10. "Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can - all of them make me laugh." W. H. Auden
11. "President Calvin Coolidge was pretty tight-lipped and never smiled much. Somebody bet me that I couldn't make the President laugh. Well, when we were introduced I said to him, 'I'm sorry, I didn't get the name;' and by golly, Collidge laughed." Will Rogers
12. "Humor is today's antidote to hate, fear, and prime causes that trigger hostility and violence." Charles Chaplin
13. "Laughter can be heard farther than weeping." Yiddish proverb
14. "To rejoice is to come back to joy again." Rev. Denny J. Brake
15. "A good laugh and a long sleep, are the best cures." Irish proverb
16. "Way too often, we lose sight of the simple pleasures of life. Remember, when someone annoys you, it takes 42 muscles in your face to frown; but, it only takes 4 muscles to extend your arm and smack the crazy @#!%# upside the head." Anon.
17. "Medicine consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease." Voltaire
18. After discovering that a cheerful person resists disease much better than a chronic grumbler, he came to the conclusion that "the surly bird gets the germ." Lorin D. Whittaker, M.D.
19. "Show me a patient who is able to laugh and play, who enjoys living, and I'll show you someone who is going to live longer. Laughter makes the unbearable bearable, and a patient with a well developed sense of humor has a better chance of recovery than a stolid individual who seldom laughs." Bernie Siegel, M.D.
20. "Laugh as much as possible, always laugh. It's the sweetest thing one can do for oneself and one's fellow human beings." Maya Angelou
21. "A good laugh makes any interview, or any conversation, so much better." Barbara Walters
22. "A Sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done." Dwight D. Eisenhower
23. "I think the next best thing to solving a problem is finding some humor in it." Frank A. Clark

# Quotes

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24. "I think we all sin by needlessly disobeying the apostolic injunction to 'rejoice,' as much as by anything else." C. S. Lewis
25. "A person without a sense of humor is like a wagon without springs, jolted by every pebble in the road." Henry Ward Beecher
26. "...Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh." Luke 6:21
27. The word "laugh" appears for the first time in the Bible when God informs the 100 year old Abraham that his 90 year old wife Sarah will give birth to a son. Both Abraham and Sarah laughed heartily. God commanded Abraham to name his son "Isaac," which in Hebrew means "God's laugh." After she gave birth to Isaac, Sarah exclaimed, "God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me." Genesis 17:17; 21:6
28. "Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the face." Hugo
29. "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." Proverbs 17:22
30. "I love people who make me laugh. I honestly think it's the thing I like most, to laugh. It cures a multitude of ills. It's probably the most important thing in a person" Audrey Hepburn
31. "If you're not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don't want to go there." Martin Luther
32. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh." Psalms 2:4
33. "Have a little laugh at life and look around you for happiness instead of sadness. Laughter has always brought me out of unhappy situations. Even in your darkest moment, you usually can find something to laugh about if you try hard enough. If I can make people laugh, then I have served my purpose for God." Red Skelton
34. "Some visitors to Calcutta asked me to tell them something that would be useful for them to lead their lives in a more profitable way. I answered, 'Smile at each other. Smile at your wives, at your husbands, at your children, at all. Let mutual love for others grow each day in all of you.'" Mother Teresa
35. "Religion will disappear." Karl Marx
36. "Karl Marx has disappeared." God
37. "I see, I hear, I speak no evil; I carry no malice within my breast; but quite without wishing a man to the devil, one may be permitted to hope for the best." Piet Hein
38. "Laughter is the joyous universal evergreen of life. Were it not for my little jokes, I could not bear the burdens of this office ... With the fearful strain that is on me night and day, if I did not laugh I should die. I believe it is the inalienable right of a man to be happy or miserable; and I, for one, choose the former." Abraham Lincoln
39. "Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present." Anon.
40. "When we receive a present, we rejoice with anticipation. The present is a gift from God. Unwrap each day and each moment, with joy and great anticipation." Joseph Johnson
41. "Never clutch the past so tightly that it leaves your arms unable to embrace the present." Anon.
42. This quote, is my favorite: "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." St. Francis of Assisi

# Epitaphs

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43. "Margaret Louise Johnson lived with her husband for over fifty-five years. She died in the confident hope of a better life."
44. "Dear William, rest in peace until I come. Love, Elizabeth."
45. "Here lies Lester Moore. Four slugs from a 44. No Less, No More."
46. "Here lies John Lowe, an atheist all dressed up with no place to go."
47. "Here lies my wife in earthy mold, who when she lived did naught but scold and scold some more. So good friends, please go softly in your walking, lest she should wake and rise up talking."
48. "She will be missed." Ann M. T. Grave
49. "I Still Walk The Earth." Ima Ghost
50. "Be Very Afraid." Bea A. Fraid
51. "She Never Saw It Coming." Clair Voyant
52. "I Was Pushed." H. Dumpty
53. "Joke's Over. Let Me Out Now!" Myra Manes
54. Inscription on a dentist's tombstone: "When upon this grave you gaze with gravity, cheer up - I'm filling my last cavity!"
55. "Here lies Martin Elgin - Have mercy on my soul, Lord God - As I would do, were I Lord God - And you were Martin Elgin."
56. "I made a lot of good deals in my life, but I really went in the hole on this one." William H. Leach
57. "Please pardon me for not rising" John Yeast
58. "I will not be right back after this message" Merv Griffin
59. "All things considered, I'd rather be in Philadelphia." W. C. Fields
60. "And Away We Go" Jackie Gleason
61. "There Goes The Neighborhood" Rodney Dangerfield
62. "If in need of cash, dig and you will find a penny" John Penny
63. "Don't cry because it's over, Smile because it happened" Dr. Seuss
64. "Damn, It's Dark Down Here." Fran Thatcher
65. "This body, like an old book with its contents torn out and stripped of its lettering and gilding, lies here – food for worms. But the work shall not be lost, for it will appear once again in a new and more elegant edition, corrected and improved by the Author." Benjamin Franklin
66. "Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday." John Wayne
67. A Doctor, who had devoted his life to helping those who were underprivileged, lived over a liquor store in the poor section of a large city. In front of the liquor store was a sign reading, "Dr. Williams Is Upstairs." When he died, he had no relatives, and he left no money for his burial. He had never asked for payment from anyone. His patients scraped enough money together to bury the good doctor, but they had no money for a tombstone. It appeared that his grave was going to be unmarked, until someone came up with a wonderful suggestion. They took the sign from in front of the liquor store and nailed it to a post over his grave. It truly made a lovely epitaph: "Dr. Williams Is Upstairs."

## Is There Baseball In Heaven?

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68. Lou Gehrig and Bob played baseball for the New York Yankees. One day Bob and Lou were walking down the streets of New York City. Bob, a pitcher for the New York Yankees, asked, "Hey Lou, do you think that there is baseball in heaven?" Lou said that he never knew. Bob then stated that if there was not baseball in heaven, he never knew if he even wanted to go there; to which Lou agreed. So they made a deal, that whoever died first would return and let the other one know if there was baseball in heaven; this way, he would know how to live the rest of his life. As you know, Lou died from Lou Gehrig's Disease, but he never returned to let Bob know if there was baseball in heaven. One afternoon, when Bob was an old man walking down the streets of New York City, he heard his name; he turned around but, no one was there, so he kept walking. He heard his name again, and when he turned around, once again no one was there. He then asked, "Is that you Lou?" When Lou said "Yes", Bob asked, "You said you were going to come back. Where in the world have you been?" Lou responded, "Well, I'm here aren't I?" To which Bob said, "Yes, but look at me, I'm an old man." Lou said, "Anyway, I've got some good news and some bad news for you." Bob asked what the good new was, and Lou told him that there was baseball in heaven. Bob then stated, "Wonderful! Since there's baseball in heaven, then it's not possible for there to be any bad news." Lou said, "You wanna bet? You're scheduled to pitch tomorrow!"

## I've Got A Headache

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69. Little Susie, an adorable six-year-old, complained, "Mother, I've got a stomachache." "That's because your stomach is empty," the mother replied, "you would feel better if you had something in it." That afternoon Susie's grandmother came over, and in the conversation remarked that she had been suffering all day with a severe headache. Susie perked up and said, "Grandma, that is only because it's empty, you'd feel better if you had something in it."

## She Is In Heaven

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70. It is not always easy to say the right thing on the spur of the moment. Surely we can sympathize with the man who, after many years, met an old friend. He asked, "How is your wife?" "She is in heaven," replied the old friend. "Oh, I'm sorry," stammered the man. Then he realized this was not the thing to say. "I mean," he stammered, "I'm glad." That seemed even worse so he blurted out, "Well, what I really mean is, I'm surprised."

## Sure Is Hot Down Here

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71. An Illinois man left the snow-driven streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip, and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick e-mail. Unable to find the scrap of paper on which he had written her e-mail address, he did his best to type it in from memory. Unfortunately, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife, whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen: "My Dear Wife, I just got checked in. Everything is prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Forever more, your loving husband. P.S. Sure is hot down here."

## Spooks In The Privy

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72.

by Dick McKeel - The Piddlin Poet

The service station trade was slow.  
The owner sat around,  
With sharpened knife and cedar stick,  
Piled shavings on the ground.  
The country bards were present, too;  
With glittering blade and bough.  
Had I retained the things I heard,  
I'd be much wiser now.  
No town facilities had they.  
The log across the rill  
Led to a shack, marked "His and Hers"  
That sat against the hill.  
"Where is the ladies restroom, sir?"  
The owner leaning back,  
Said not a word, but whittled on,  
And nodded toward the shack.  
With quickened step she entered there  
But only stayed a minute,  
Until she screamed, just like a snake  
Or spider might be in it.  
With startled look and beet-red face  
She bounded through the door,  
And headed for the car just like  
Three gals had done before.  
She missed the foot log - jumped the stream -  
The owner gave a shout  
As her silk stockings, drooping down  
Caught on a sassafras sprout.  
She tripped and fell - got up, and then  
In obvious disgust,  
Ran to the car, stepped on the gas,  
And faded in the dust.  
Of course we all desired to know  
What made the gals all do,  
The things they did, and then we found  
The whittling owner knew.  
A speaking system he'd devised,  
To make the thing complete,  
He tied a speaker on the wall  
Beneath the toilet seat.  
He'd wait until the gals got set,  
And then the devilish tyke  
Would stop his whittling long enough,  
To speak into the mike.  
And as she sat, a voice below  
Struck terror to the dear,  
"Will you please use the other hole,  
We're painting under here."

## The Father Of . . .

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73. A minister and a lawyer were riding on a train together. "Sir," the minister asked the lawyer, "do you ever make mistakes while in court?" "Very rarely," the lawyer said proudly, "but on occasion, I must admit that I do." "Then what do you do when you make a mistake?" the minister asked. "If they are large mistakes, I mend them," the lawyer said; "if they are small mistakes, I let them go. Tell me, Reverend, don't you ever make mistakes while preaching?" "Of course," said the minister, "and I dispose of them in the same way that you do. Not long ago, I meant to tell the congregation that the devil was the father of liars, but I made a mistake and said the father of lawyers. The mistake was so small that I let it go."

## You Were Once A . . .

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74. Years ago, Catholics did not eat meat on Fridays (they ate fish). A Protestant moved into an all Catholic neighborhood. Every Friday, this Protestant would barbecue the most wonderful steaks which would drive all the Catholics in his neighborhood crazy. Finally the Catholic parishioners called a meeting with their Priest, explained the situation, and asked for permission to run this Protestant out of town. The Catholic Priest explained that running this Protestant out of town would not be very Christ-like. He suggested that they talk to this Protestant about taking Catechism Classes, since he lived in an all Catholic neighborhood. The Protestant man agreed to taking the classes, and upon completion of the classes, he agreed to be baptized Catholic. Everyone in town showed up for his baptism. The Catholic Priest took some Holy Water, and as he sprinkled the man, he said, "You were once a Protestant, now you're a Catholic. You were once a Protestant, now you're a Catholic. Go your way and sin no more." The whole town was relieved, for now they would not have to smell the barbecue every Friday. When the next Friday rolled around, the smell of barbecued steaks filtered throughout the whole town. The Catholic Priest and all his parishioners ran towards this man's home. They got there just in time to see this man sprinkling barbecue sauce on the steak saying, "You were once a cow, now you're a fish. You were once a cow, now you're a fish."

## To Our New Friendship

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75. A Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Priest were in a terrible accident. As they pulled themselves from the wreckage, the Rabbi said, "My goodness, our cars are totally demolished, but we have been able to walk away from the wreckage unscathed. Maybe it's a sign from God that we should go through life together doing good." The Catholic Priest said, "Maybe so." The Rabbi walked over to his wrecked car, and pulled from the wreckage a bottle of 'Mogan David Wine.' The Jewish Rabbi said, "My goodness, this bottle of wine has also survived the accident unscathed." He then took off the cork, handed it to the Priest, and said, "Drink to our new friendship." The Catholic Priest drank over fifty percent of the wine, and then handed it back to the Rabbi saying, "Now you drink to our new friendship." The Rabbi placed the cork back on the bottle, and handing the bottle to the Catholic Priest said, "No, you keep it in remembrance of our friendship." The Catholic Priest said, "You mean, you're not going to drink to our new friendship?" The Jewish Rabbi replied, "No, I'll wait for the police to get here."

## The Interview

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76. A minister, his co-pastor, and the janitor of their church were killed in an auto accident. The minister was admitted into a room and the interviewer asked him to tell him everything he knew about Jesus Christ from the Old Testament. After telling the interviewer about how the Old Testament prophesied of Christ, how the sacrificial offerings were symbolic of Christ, etc., the interviewer asked if there was anything else - to which the minister stated that he thought he had covered everything quite thoroughly. The interviewer thanked him and escorted him to another door. The co-pastor was then admitted and the interviewer asked him to tell him everything he knew about Jesus Christ from the New Testament. After telling the interviewer about the birth of Christ, His mission, the miracles, the apostles, the crucifixion and the resurrection, the interviewer asked if there was anything else - to which the co-pastor stated that he thought he had covered everything quite thoroughly. The interviewer thanked him and escorted him to another door. The janitor was then admitted and upon seeing the interviewer, fell to his knees and cried: "My Lord, My God!"



## Men Of The Cloth

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77. This Catholic Priest, this Baptist Minister, and this Jewish Rabbi were all in attendance at their 50<sup>th</sup> High School Reunion. The Catholic Priest could not believe that his two boyhood friends were also men of the cloth. The Catholic Priest asked his two friends if they would go with him, the following day, to help him pick out a new car in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion; both agreed. They were all so very impressed with this one particular car, that the salesman had no problem in selling one to each of them. The Catholic Priest told his two friends that he was going to dedicate his new car to the Lord, so he took out some Holy Water and baptized it. The Baptist Minister (undoubtedly blonde) never wanted to be outdone, so he drove his car into the lake and baptized his by immersion; it had to be towed out. The Jewish Rabbi simply took a hack saw and cut two inches off the tail pipe.

## The Joke Book

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78. The inmates of a prison had a joke book which they had all memorized. The way they recited them was by the number of the joke. Some fellow inmate would call out a number from one to one hundred and all would laugh. After studying the book, a new inmate in the prison said that he would like to tell a joke. They said, "Okay, shoot!" He said, "Number 20," but no one laughed. He said, "This is funny! What's wrong? Why aren't you laughing?" A fellow inmate nearby said, "Some can tell them, and some can't."

## It Was The Least I Could Do

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79. A Catholic Priest was attending a golf tournament. If this golfer made his last putt, he would win the tournament. The golfer took his putter from his caddie, lined up, and was ready to make his putt, when this funeral procession went by. The golfer immediately handed his putter back to his caddie, took off his hat, and held it over his heart until the funeral procession had completely disappeared out of sight. He then put his hat back on his head, took his putter, and made the putt, winning the tournament. This Catholic Priest worked his way through the crowd till he got to the golfer. He turned to the golfer and said, "I have been a Catholic Priest for years, and have never seen such respect for the dead. Where did you ever learn such respect for the dead?" The golfer said, "Oh Father, it was the least I could do, she was my wife."

## God Will Strike You Down Dead

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80. This Catholic Priest asked Mother if she would answer the doors and the phones at the church while he went out and played a round of golf. Mother asked him if she could go with him, stating that she use to be fairly good at golf in college. After getting one of the younger nuns to answer the doors and the phones, they went out to play a round of golf. Halfway through the golf course, the Catholic Father was doing better than he had done in years, and was very impressed with himself. Missing his next putt, he exclaimed, "Damn it! I missed!" Mother turned to Father and said, "Father! You can't say words like that! God will strike you down dead!" The dear Father controlled himself through the rest of the course, and if he made the last putt, he would tie his best score ever. He lined up, putted, and missed. This Catholic Father then exclaimed, "Damn it! I missed again!" Clouds rolled over in the heavens and out of the heavens came a bolt of lightning, which struck the nun dead as a door nail. Out of the heavens roared a voice, "Damn it! I missed again!"

## Poor Clinton's Almaniac

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81. Clinton decided to counsel with some of his predecessors, so he went to the Washington Memorial and asked Washington, "What can I do for the people?" Washington said, "Be honest!" Clinton then went to the Jefferson Memorial and asked Jefferson, "What can I do for the people?" Jefferson said, "Be moral!" Clinton then went to the Lincoln Memorial and asked Lincoln, "What can I do for the people?" Lincoln said, "Go to Ford's Theater tonight!"

82. Prior to becoming President of the United States, President Clinton worked for "Dewey, Cheatham & Howe, Attorneys at Law."

83. Bill Clinton was trying to repair his image by visiting different grade schools. At this one school, the teacher was going over word definitions when President Clinton arrived. The teacher asked him if he would like to conduct the class, to which he said he would. President Clinton asked the class to give him an example of what the word tragedy meant. A little boy raised his hand and stated, "It would be a tragedy if my best friend and his father were in an accident, and my best friend was killed." President Clinton said, "That would be very sad, but that would not be a tragedy; rather, that would be an accident." After further prompting for the correct answer, finally a young girl raised her hand and said, "If a school bus filled with children goes over a cliff and they are all killed, then that would be a tragedy." President Clinton then said, "That would truly be very sad, but that would not be classified as a tragedy; rather, that would be a great loss." By this time all of the children seemed very confused and never wanted to respond, but President Clinton persisted in trying to get the correct answer. Finally one little boy raised his hand and stated, "If you and Mrs. Clinton were aboard 'Air Force One,' and it was blown up, that would be a tragedy." President Clinton was very pleased and said, "You are right! Now how did you ever come up with the correct answer?" The youngster said, "If 'Air Force One' was blown up with you in it, then it surely wouldn't have been an accident; it would have been intentional. If both you and Hillary were killed, it would not have been a great loss, since no one would be sad because of it. The only thing left, which it could possibly be, is a tragedy."

84. Hillary Clinton had a dream that she died and went to heaven. As she stood in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates, she saw a huge wall of clocks behind him. Some of the clocks seemed to be working, while others seemed not to work at all. She asked, "What are all of those clocks for?" St. Peter told her that every person who had ever lived on earth had their own personal clock, and that whenever they told a lie, the clock would advance by one second. Hillary saw this one clock which looked as though it had never moved at all; she asked who it belonged to. St. Peter told her that it belonged to Jesus, and since he had never told a lie, it had never moved; not even by one second. Hillary then saw another clock which only had a couple of seconds on it and she inquired who it belonged to. St. Peter told her that it belonged to Abraham Lincoln, who had told only a couple of fibs in his life. Out of curiosity, Hillary asked where her husband's clock was. St. Peter told her that Jesus had Bill's clock in His personal office, where he was using it as a ceiling fan.

## Sex Equality

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85. "I think women are foolish  
to pretend they are equal to men,  
they are far superior  
and always have been.  
Whatever you give a woman,  
she will make greater.  
If you give her sperm,  
she will give you a baby.  
If you give her a house,  
she will give you a home.  
If you give her groceries,  
she will give you a meal.  
If you give her a smile,  
she will give you her heart.  
She multiplies and enlarges  
what is given to her.  
So, if you give her any crap,  
be ready to receive a ton of shit!"

Sir William Golding

## Only In America

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86. We can joke about others, but for a good laugh, look within.

Only in America ...  
can 'A Pizza' arrive at your house faster than 'An Ambulance.'  
Only in America ...  
will you find handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.  
Only in America ...  
do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the very  
back of the drugstore to get their prescriptions filled, while  
healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front of the drugstore.  
Only in America ...  
do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke.  
Only in America ...  
do banks leave the doors open and chain pens to the counters.  
Only in America ...  
do we leave cars worth thousands and thousands of dollars in  
the driveway, and then put all of our useless junk in the garage.  
Only in America ...  
do we use answering machines to screen our telephone calls  
and then have call waiting so that we won't miss a telephone  
call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.  
Only in America ...  
do we buy hot dogs in packages of 10, and buns in packages of 8.  
Only in America ...  
do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well;  
'Poli' means 'many,' and 'tics' means 'bloodsucking creatures.'  
Only in America ...  
is it called a democracy when the popular vote, for the President  
of the United States, does not count; the electoral vote decides.  
Only in America ...  
will you ever find drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.  
Only in America ...  
it take more brains to file your taxes than to make the income.

## Sing While You Drive

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87. At 60 miles per hour sing,  
"Highways Are Happy Ways."  
At 80 miles per hour sing,  
"I'm A Stranger Here, Heaven Is My Home."  
At 100 miles per hour sing,  
"When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder, I'll Be There."  
At 120 miles per hour sing,  
"Nearer My God To Thee."  
At 140 miles per hour sing,  
"Lord, I'm Coming Home."

## Misunderstanding

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88. A Sunday School Teacher told her little three year olds, how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. Little Johnny, raising his hand, said, "The other day as my mother was driving down the street, she looked back and turned into a telephone pole."

## Be Ye Therefore Perfect

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89. One day in church, the teacher was teaching the lesson from Matthew 5:48 - "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." He asked who had fulfilled this great commandment. When no one responded, he stated, "Surely the Lord will give no commandment unto the children of men, except He shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish that which He has commanded." Once again he asked who had fulfilled this great commandment to be perfect even as our Heavenly Father. Still no one responded. Finally after more persuasion, one of the brethren stood up. The teacher said, "You mean to tell me that you have fulfilled this great commandment!" He stated, "Oh no, not me - I'm standing proxy for my wife's first husband."

## Confessed Sins

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90. This Mormon Bishop, his two counselors, and his executive secretary went on a hunting trip together. One evening, the first counselor said, "Brethren, every year when I go hunting I always have a thermos of hot coffee; it's only once a year." As he proceeded to drink his hot coffee, the Bishop said, "Well, I never knew how I was going to get in my annual cigar, but you have made it easy." As he lit up his cigar, the second counselor said, "Before I joined the church, I always loved to chew tobacco. I now indulge in this bad habit only once a year, and I wondered how I was ever going to do it this year. Thanks for making it possible." He then placed a wad of tobacco in his mouth and proceeded to chew. After several minutes of indulging in their vices, the Bishop turned to his executive secretary, and asked him what his weakness was. The executive secretary said, "Brethren, my vice is worse than all of yours combined, and I dare not say." The Bishop reassured him that it was okay to reveal whatever weakness he possessed. The executive secretary then said, "Brethren, I can hardly wait to get back home, since my weakness is that I love to gossip."

## Walking On Water

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91. President Gordon B. Hinckley, the Pope, Billy Graham and Jimmy Swaggart all decided to put their differences aside and go fishing together. Billy Graham and Jimmy Swaggart pick the place. Billy Graham rowed the boat out to the middle of the lake. A few minutes later, President Gordon B. Hinckley said: "Oh I can't believe that I forgot my scriptures, I'll be right back." The prophet stepped out of the boat, walked across the water, got his scriptures and walked back to the boat. A few minutes later Billy Graham said: "Oh I can't believe that I forgot the bate, I'll be right back." He jumped out of the boat and with long strides ran across the water, got the bate and with long strides ran back across the water." A few minutes later Jimmy Swaggart said: "I don't believe it but I forgot our lunch, I'll be right back." Like Billy Graham, he jumped out of the boat and with long strides ran across the water, got their lunch and with long strides ran back across the water." The Pope sat there with his mouth wide open for he had never witnessed such faith and He was The Pope. Not wanting to be outdone, the Pope said: "I forgot something! I don't know what, but I forgot something! I'll be right back!" He jumped out of the boat and went glub, glub, glub to the bottom of the lake; his robes remained floating on the top of the water. Billy Graham turned to Jimmy Swaggart and said: "Shall we show him where the rocks are?" President Gordon B. Hinckley then asked: "What rocks?"

## Repent, Repent And Sin No More

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92. The gold plating on the Salt Lake Temple's Angel Moroni was wearing very thin, so this painter was hired to paint it with solid gold paint. When the painter got down to the Angel Moroni's waist, he thought, "This guy is much larger than I imagined. If I don't thin this solid gold paint down, I'll run out of paint." So he reached for some paint thinner and thinned it down tremendously. When he got down to the Angel Moroni's feet, he thought, "I've never seen such large feet. If I don't thin this down some more, I will surely run out of paint." As he reached for the can of paint thinner, clouds rolled over in the heavens, and out of the heavens roared a voice: "Repaint, repaint and thin no more!"

## Two Thieves

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93. When the Pope laid on his death bed, Mother Superior and one of the Cardinals were present. The Pope asked Mother Superior to call his doctor, and to please have him come over. A few minutes later he asked the Cardinal, who was present, to call his attorney, and to have him come over also. When the doctor arrived, the Pope asked him to be on the right side of his bed, and to hold his right hand. When the attorney arrived, the Pope asked him to be on the left side of his bed, and to hold his left hand. A few minutes later, Mother Superior asked, "Would it not be more fitting for me to be on your right side, and for the Cardinal, who is present, to be on your left side, as you pass into the eternities?" The Pope said, "Dear Mother Superior, please don't get your feelings hurt; but if Christ should have to die between two thieves, then is it not fitting for me to do likewise?"

## Never Lose Your Sense of Humor

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94. When LeGrand Richards, was over 90 years of age, he had to have his one lower leg amputated because of diabetes. Since LeGrand Richards had always been so very active, his children were concerned how he would be. After his surgery, all of his children were gathered around his bed. His oldest turned to him and asked if he was going to be all right. A scowl crossed his face as he said, "I've thought about it, and if the Lord is going to take me a piece at a time, at least he started from the feet up, and not the head down." As he burst into laughter, his children knew he would be just fine.

## They've Been Irrigating Again

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95. A certain man died, and when he got up to the Pearly Gates, he was greeted by St. Peter. As St. Peter was showing him through Heaven, this man noticed, that off to the side, it appeared to drop off forever. He asked St. Peter what was over there. St. Peter said, "Oh, that's Hell - it's so horrible; please, don't even go near there." But curiosity got the better of this man, so he worked his way closer and closer to the edge. Peering down, he exclaimed, "St. Peter, it's gorgeous down there! I've never seen anything so green and beautiful!" St. Peter came over and looked down; he then exclaimed, "Damn those Mormons, they've been irrigating again!"

## The Prodigal Son

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96. Do you remember the story of the Prodigal Son? Who was the most upset in this story? Without question, it was the fatted calf.

## How To Respond To A Beggar

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97. A beggar asked, "Mister, would you give me a quarter for a sandwich?" "I don't know," he replied, "let me see the sandwich first."

98. A beggar walked up to a well dressed woman, who was shopping on Rodeo Drive, and stated, "I haven't eaten in four days." The lady turned to him and said, "Oh, I wish I had your willpower."

99. A beggar stopped a prosperous man one day to ask for a coin. After giving him a coin, the prosperous man told the beggar that God loved him. "Well", said the beggar, "if God loved me, why doesn't he do something for me?" "Have you ever asked him to?" came the reply. "Er, ah, well, no." "Then, do you think that I would have stopped and given you a coin, if you had not asked me for it?"

## The Religious Horse

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100. This rich city slicker was driving his new sports car through the Arizona desert and blew the engine. This was before cell phones, so he never knew how he was ever going to get to town for help. Off in the distance, he saw this old cowboy riding a horse, so he ran towards him. The rich city slicker offered to buy the horse, but the cowboy said, "Sonny, you don't want this horse; she's a religious horse." The rich city slicker said, "I don't care if your horse is religious or atheist, I'll pay you \$10,000 for her; I just have to get to town." The cowboy said, "You just bought yourself a horse." After paying for the horse, the rich city slicker jumped on the back of the horse, just like in the movies, and tried to get the horse to go; but she wouldn't. He turned to the old cowboy and said, "What is wrong with this horse, why won't she go?" The cowboy replied, "Like I said, she's a religious horse. If you want her to stop, you say, 'Amen.' If you want her to go, you say, 'Praise the Lord!'" Before the cowboy could even get the words out of his mouth, the horse was on a dead run with the rich city slicker holding on for dear life. They were getting closer and closer to the edge of the Grand Canyon, and the city slicker kept pulling on the reins and hollering "Woa! Woa!" just like in the movies. Just before the horse went over the edge of the Grand Canyon, the city slicker remembered she was a religious horse, so he yelled at the top of his lungs, "Amen!" The horse stopped dead in her tracks; just inches from going over. The rich city slicker was very relieved, and while wiping his brow, he breathed, "Praise the Lord!"

## Little Mary's Prayer

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101. Before going to bed, little Mary's prayer was as follows, "Dear Heavenly Father, please take care of Daddy, take care of Mommy, take care of my baby brother, my Grandma and my Grandpa; and please Heavenly Father, take care of yourself, or else we're all sunk!"

## Too Hot For A Sermon

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102. One day in Mississippi, a Baptist minister stood before his congregation, and with sweat pouring down his face said, "It's too hot for a sermon today, so let's play a word association game. Anyone, say any word that comes to mind, and then someone else say the first hymn which that word brings to mind; we will then sing the first verse of that hymn. We will just do it, over and over again, until our time is up." Someone hollered out, "Grace!" Another person hollered out, "Amazing Grace", so they sang the first verse. After singing, another person hollered out, "Cross!" Then another person hollered out, "The Old Rugged Cross", so they sang the first verse. Next, a smart aleck kid from the back left corner hollered out, "Sex!" A dear little old lady stood up and said, "Oh - 'Precious Memories.'"

## And God Created . . .

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**103.** God created a donkey, and sayeth unto him, "Thou shalt be a donkey. Thou shalt labor tirelessly from sunrise to sunset, carrying heavy loads on your back. Thou shalt eat fodder, not have any intelligence, and shalt live unto age 50; thou shalt be a donkey." The donkey responded, "My Lord, I shall be a donkey, but to live 50 years is too much for me. Will Thou not grant me twenty years instead?" God granted it to him. Then God created a dog and sayeth unto him, "Thou shalt be a dog. Thou shalt guard the homes of men and be man's best friend. Thou shalt eat scraps from your master's table, and shalt live unto age 25; thou shalt be a dog." The dog answered, "My Lord, I shall be a dog, but to live 25 years is too much for me. Will Thou not grant me ten years instead?" God granted it to him. Then God created a monkey and sayeth unto him, "Thou shalt be a monkey. Thou shalt jump from tree to tree, monkeying around. Thou shalt be entertaining and shalt live unto age 20; thou shalt be a monkey." The monkey then responded, "My Lord, I shall be a monkey, but to live 20 years is too much for me. Will Thou not grant me ten years instead?" God granted it to him. Finally, God created a man and sayeth unto him, "Thou shalt be a man, the only rational being on the face of the earth. Thou shalt use thy intelligence to domineer over the animals. Thou shalt dominate the world, and shalt live unto age 20; thou shalt be a man." The man responded thus, "My Lord, I shall be a man, but to live for only twenty years is not enough. Will Thou not grant me the 30 years that the donkey declined, the 15 years the dog didn't want, and the 10 years that the monkey rejected?" God made it so. From then on, man lives for 20 years as a man. He marries, and for the next 30 years works like a donkey; carrying heavy loads on his back. Then, when the children are gone, he lives for the next 15 years as a dog; taking care of his house and eating whatever is put in front of him. Upon reaching old age, he retires, and for the next 10 years lives like a monkey; jumping from one house to another, from one son to another, and makes a monkey out of himself trying to entertain all of his grandchildren.

## How Christ Would Be Accepted Today

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**104.** Three old buddies were sitting in this bar having a drink, when a man dressed in an all white robe came in. This man walked over to a table and sat down. One of the old men turned to his two buddies and said, "That man who just walked in; if I never knew better, I would swear that it was Jesus Christ himself. Just in case it is Him, let's offer him a drink." So he told the bartender to give the man, who was dressed in all white, a drink; that it was on them. The bartender took the drink over to the man in all white, and told him that it was from the three old men sitting at the bar. The man in all white went over to the three men and said, "I hope that I don't offend you by not accepting your offer, but I don't drink." The one old man said, "That's all right; we just couldn't believe how much you look like Jesus Christ himself." The man in all white stated, "I am Jesus Christ, and my Father has sent me back down to earth for a little bit of unfinished business. When I was here before, I was not treated as nice as you have treated me, and I would like to do something nice for each of you." He placed His hands on the first mans hunched back, and his back became straight like it was when he was a young man. The man said, "Oh, this is wonderful. I can stand so tall and it doesn't hurt any more. I'm sure I can even run again. Thank you!" Christ then took a hold of the second mans hands, which were crippled with arthritis, and immediately his hands were healed. With tears in his eyes he said, "These hands have hurt for so long. Thank you for making them well." Jesus then took a step towards the third man, but the third man took a couple of steps backwards and said, "Oh, please don't touch me, I'm on 100% Disability." We laugh at this man who wanted to hold onto his disability so he wouldn't lose his pension; but how many of us hold onto our sins, and won't let Him touch us, so that our lives can be healed.

## Men And Women

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105. Why are married women heavier than single women? Single women come home, see what's in the fridge, and go to bed. Married women come home, see what's in bed, and go to the fridge.

106. What would you call a woman who knows where her husband is, every minute, of every day, and every night? A widow.

107. Ever notice how many of women's problems can be traced directly to the male gender? MENstruation MENopause MENtal breakdown GUYnecology HIMmorrhoids PAPsmear

108. If it wasn't for the institution of marriage, men would go throughout their whole life thinking that they had no faults at all.

109. One day, God was in the garden talking with Adam. God told Adam he was going to give him a wife. Adam asked, "What's a wife?" God said, "A wife is beautiful to look upon. She gets up every morning and prepares your breakfast. She'll prepare your lunch, and have your dinner ready for you when you come home from work. She'll bear your children, and teach them everything they need to know. When you come home from work, she'll give you the most wonderful back massages; she'll do everything for you at your beckon call." Adam said, "That's great!" God then stated, "But she's going to cost you; she's going to cost you an arm and a leg." Adam asked, "Can I have time to think about this?" God said, "Yes." The next day God was back in the garden with Adam, and asked him if he'd had time to think about it. Adam replied, "Yes, but she's going to cost me an arm and a leg?" To which God said, "Yes." Adam asked, "What can I get for a rib?"

110. Did you hear about the man who was talking to God? He turned to God and asked, "Why did you make women so soft?" God replied, "So that you would like her." He asked, "Why did you make her so beautiful?" God said, "So that you would like her." He then asked, "Then why in the world did you make her so stupid?" God said, "So that she would like you."

111. While helping his wife wash the dishes, this husband protested, "This is definitely not a man's job." "Oh yes it is," his wife retorted, quoting from 2 Kings 21:13, "I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down."

112. When a woman marries a man, she expects and hopes that he will change, but he never does. When a man marries a woman, he expects and hopes that she will never change, but she always does.

## If I Died

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113. The wife asks: "Honey, if I died, would you remarry?" He responds: "After a considerable period of grieving, I guess I would; we all need companionship." His wife then asks: "If I died and you remarried, would she live in this house?" To which he said: "We've spent a lot of money getting this house just the way we want it. I'm not going to get rid of my house, so I guess she would." This sweet wife then asks: "If I died and you remarried, would she sleep in our bed?" Her husband states: "Well, the bed is brand new; it cost us over \$2,000; it's going to last a long time, so I guess she would." His wife asks: "If I died and you remarried, would she use my golf clubs?" Without hesitation her husband responds: "No, she's left-handed." And that's when the fight started.

## Understanding Finance

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114. Farmer John caught little Jimmy as he was stealing one of his watermelons. Farmer John simply said: "Jimmy, if you steal that watermelon, you will have to pay for it in the eternities to come." Little Jimmy replied: "If I have that long, can I please take two?"



## Things About Men Which Women Envy

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115. Telephone conversations are never more than thirty seconds. A five day vacation will definitely not require more than one suitcase. You can open up all of your own jars without assistance from anyone. It does not rob you blind to cut your hair and do your dry cleaning. You can go to the bathroom, all by yourself, without a support group. You don't have to learn to spell, and get use to using, a new last name. All that your underwear costs you is fifteen dollars for a three-pack. If someone forgets to invite you to something, you can still be friends. Everything on your face stays its original color - it doesn't change. Three pairs of shoes are more than enough - you don't need dozens. You don't have to clean your apartment if the meter reader is coming. If a man and a woman does the exact same work, he receives more pay. Gray hair and wrinkles, makes a man look distinguished; adds character. A wedding dress costs over \$2000. A tuxedo rental costs only \$100. You don't have to stop and think, which way to turn a nut on a bolt. You are unable to see the wrinkles in your shirts, slacks, or suit coats. The same hair style for a man may last for years, maybe even decades. You do not have to shave below the neck (e.g., legs, armpits, etc.). All you will ever need is one wallet (one color) - works for all seasons. You never need a manicure - you can do your nails with a pocket knife. You have the freedom of choice, whether or not, to grow a mustache.

## Dear Redneck Son

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116. Dear Son, I am writing this letter slow because I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left home. Your dad read in the newspaper that most accidents happen within twenty miles from your home, so we moved. I won't be able to send you the address because the last family that lived here took the house numbers when they moved so that they wouldn't have to change their address. This place is really nice. It even has a washing machine. I'm not sure it works so well though; last week I put a load in, pulled the chain, and haven't seen them since. The weather isn't bad here. It only rained twice last week; the first time for three days, and the second time for four days. About that coat you wanted me to send you; your Uncle Stanley said it would be too heavy to send in the mail with the buttons on, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets. John locked his keys in the car yesterday. We were really worried because it took him two hours to get me and your father out. Your sister had a baby this morning, but I haven't found out what it is yet, so I don't know if you're an aunt or an uncle. The baby looks just like your brother Sam. Uncle Ted fell in a whiskey vat last week. Some men tried to pull him out, but he fought them off playfully and drowned. We had him cremated, and he burned for three days. Three of your friends went off a bridge in a pick-up truck. Ralph was driving; he rolled down the window and swam to safety. Your other two friends were in back; they drowned because they couldn't get the tailgate down. There isn't much more news at this time. Nothing much has happened. Love, Mom. P.S. I was going to send you some money, but the envelope was already sealed.

## A True Story from Fresno, California

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117. This distinguished looking woman went to park her Rolls Royce, but a little Volkswagen Bug whipped right in front of her. A smart aleck kid jumped out of the Bug and said to the lady: "That's what you can do when you drive a Bug." The lady backed up her car and floor boarded her Rolls Royce, smashing his Bug into the side of the wall, while hardly leaving a scratch on her car. She turned to the kid and said: "That's what you can do when you drive a Rolls Royce!" She gave him her auto insurance, driver's license number and drove off.

# Blondes

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118. A Blonde was bragging about her knowledge of state capitals. She proudly stated, "Go ahead, ask me; I know all of them." A friend asks, "Okay, what's the capital of New Mexico?" The Blonde smiled and said, "New Mexico has two capitals; N and M."

119. This Blonde was in this bar, and asked the bartender for four drinks; so he brought them over to her table. A few minutes later, three more Blondes showed up, and sat down to their respective drinks. All four Blondes sat there chanting, "Fifty-two days, yeah! Fifty-two days, yeah!" A little while later, the fifth Blonde came in carrying a large picture puzzle of Cookie Monster which was all put together, and mounted in a beautiful frame. The fifth Blonde sat down to her drink and joined in the chanting, "Fifty-two days, yeah! Fifty-two days, yeah!" The bartender could not understand what all the chanting was about, and made the mistake of asking them. The first Blonde said, "You think we're stupid just because we're Blonde, but we've proven to the world that we're not stupid." The bartender then asked, "What do you mean?" To this she responded, "You see that picture puzzle of Cookie Monster? It took us only fifty-two days to put it together, and on the box it says 2 to 3 years."

120. This Blonde had always wanted to learn to ride a horse, but her parents would never allow her to since they thought she might get hurt. On her eighteenth birthday, she thought, "I am now an adult. My parents can't tell me not to ride. I'll use my savings to learn how to ride." So she took her savings and paid for the rental of the horse. She put her left foot into the left stirrup and swung up onto the back of the horse; she then put her right foot into the right stirrup. She was doing really well, until her left foot slipped out of the stirrup. In trying to put her left foot back into the stirrup, her right foot also slipped out of the stirrup. She threw both arms around the horse's neck to hold on, but she slid underneath the horse. Every time the horse would go up and then down, she would bang her head on the ground. She probably would have been killed, except the Manager of K-Mart came over and unplugged the horse.

121. A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the Blonde behind the wheel was knitting! Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the highway patrolman cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn, and yelled, "Pull over!" "No," the Blonde yelled back, "it's a scarf!"

122. This Blonde was attending the university, and realized that she would not be able to finish her education, if she did not get a summer job. She thought, "My dad was a contractor. I use to work right along side of him. I can frame homes, paint homes, and re-roof homes. I know, I'll hire myself out as a handyman." She went to the richest part of town and rang the doorbell of the nicest home. When the gentleman answered the door, she gave to him her credentials. He then asked her, "How much will you charge to paint the porch?" She stood back, looked, and told him, "Fifty dollars." The gentleman said, "Wait right here. I'll be back, with the paint and the brush, before you change your mind." After giving her the paint and brush, he went back into the house and told his wife that a cute little Blonde with great credentials and experience was going to paint their porch for only fifty dollars. His wife asked, "But does she realize that the porch wraps around both sides and into the back?" Her husband said, "She stood back and looked. She seems very competent. I'm sure she knows what she's doing." About thirty minutes later the door bell rang, and when the gentleman answered the door, there stood the Blonde with the paint and the brush. She told him that she was finished, that she still had a half gallon of paint left, and that she had even applied three coats of paint. When the gentleman stepped out and looked at the porch, it looked the same as before. He turned to the Blonde and said, "I don't understand." The Blonde said, "I just want you to know, you don't have a Porch, you have a Ferrari."

## Blondes

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123. A pretty, young blonde goes into the doctor's office and says that her body hurts wherever she touches it. "That's not possible," says the doctor, "Show me." She takes her finger and pushes on her elbow and screams. She pushes her knee and screams in pain, then pushes on her ankle and screams even louder. After examining her finger, the doctor simply states, "You have a broken finger."

124. A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day. The Russian said: "We were the first in space!" The American said: "We were the first on the moon!" The Blonde said: "So what, we're going to be the first on the sun!" The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. The Russian said: "You're crazy! You can't land on the sun, you'll burn up!" The Blonde replied: "We're not stupid, you know; we're going at night!"

125. Mother: "How rude for you to tell your Blonde sister that she is stupid. Tell her you're sorry." Boy: "Sis, I'm sorry you're stupid."

126. I wish I had a lower I.Q. so I could enjoy that Blonde's company.

127. What you call a really smart Blonde? A Golden Retriever.

128. After examining his Blonde daughter's report card, her father said, "One thing is definitely in your favor. With a report card like this, your teachers know that at least you are not cheating."

129. A young blonde girl went to her Catholic Priest and confessed that she feared she had incurred the sin of vanity. "What makes you think that?" asked the Catholic Father. "Because every morning when I look into the mirror, I think how beautiful I am." "Never fear, my girl," was the reassuring reply. "That's not a sin, it's only a mistake."

130. Three blondes died and found themselves standing before St. Peter. He told them that before they could enter the Heavenly Kingdom, they had to tell him what Easter represented. The first blonde said, "Easter is a holiday where they have a big feast and we give thanks and eat turkey." St. Peter said, "Noooo," and banished her to Hell. The second blonde said, "Easter is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and exchange gifts." St. Peter said, "Noooo," and banished her to Hell. The third blond said she knew what Easter was, and St. Peter said, "So, tell me." She said, "Easter is a Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish festival of The Passover. During the feast of the Passover, Jesus was with His apostles when He was betrayed by Judas. The Romans arrested Him, hung Him on the cross where He died. Jesus was then buried in a tomb behind a very large boulder." St. Peter was impressed and said, "Verrrrrry good." Then the blonde continued, "Now, every year the Jews roll away the boulder and Jesus comes out. If he sees his shadow, we have six more weeks of basketball." St. Peter then fainted.

131. A married couple were sound asleep when the phone rang at two in the morning. The wife (undoubtedly blonde), picked up the phone, listened a moment and then said, "How in the world should I know, that's over two hundred miles from here!" and hung up. The husband asked, "Who was that?" The wife said, "I don't know, some young woman wanting to know if the coast is clear."

132. A blind guy on a bar stool shouts to the bartender, "Wanna hear a blonde joke?" In a hushed voice, the guy next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, you should know something. Our bartender is blonde, the bouncer is blonde. I'm a six foot tall, 200 pound black belt. The guy sitting next to me is six foot two, weighs 225 pounds, and he's a rugby player. The fella to your right is six foot five, pushing 300 pounds, and he's a wrestler. Each one of us is blonde. Think about it, Mister. Do you still wanna tell that joke?" The blind guy says, "Nah, not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."

## Since I Left For College

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133. My Dearest, Most Beloved, Precious Mother and Father,

Since I left for college, I have certainly been remiss in not writing, and am sorry for my thoughtlessness for not having written sooner. Before you read this letter, would you please sit down, take a deep breath, relax, and know that everything is finally all right!

That is, I am getting along pretty well now. The skull fracture and the concussion which I received when I jumped out of the window of my burning dormitory, are pretty well healed. I am now feeling much better and can see almost normally. I now only get those migraine headaches about three times a day; they are so excruciating.

Fortunately the fire at the dormitory and my jump from the window were witnessed by the attendant at the gas station across the street; he was the one who called the paramedics, the hospital, and also the police. He also visited me in the hospital. Since I had no place to live because of my burned out dormitory, he was kind and generous enough to invite me to share his apartment with him.

He is a very fine young man, and we have fallen so madly in love. We are engaged and plan to marry soon. We haven't set the exact date yet, but I believe it will be before my pregnancy begins to show.

The reason for the delay in our marriage is that my soon to be husband has a "minor" infection that prevents us from passing the necessary blood tests needed to obtain the marriage license. I guess that I also, carelessly, one evening caught the infection from him.

I know that you will welcome him into our family with open arms. He is not a well educated man, but he is certainly very ambitious, and is also very kind. Even though he is of a different race, culture, and religion than ours, I know that your usual understanding, love, caring, and tolerance will not allow you to be bothered by that.

Now that I have brought you up to date, there is more I would like to tell you. There was no dormitory fire, I did not receive a concussion, there was no hospital involved, I am not either pregnant nor engaged, and sadly to say, there is not even a boyfriend in my life.

However, I am getting a "D" in History, an "F" in Science, and an "F" in Mathematics. When you see my grades, I wanted to make sure that you are able to put everything in the proper perspective!

Your Very Loving, Most Humorous, Little Darling Baby Daughter,

## Government

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134. SOCIALISM: If you have two cows, give your neighbor one.

COMMUNISM: If you have two cows, you must give them to the government, and then the government will give you some milk.

FASCISM: If you have two cows, you will be allowed to keep both of the cows, but you must then give all of the milk to the government; the government will then sell you some of the milk.

NEW DEALISM: If you have two cows, you will shoot one cow, milk the other cow, and then pour all of the milk down the drain.

NAZISM: If you have two cows, the government will shoot and kill you; then the government will take possession of your cows.

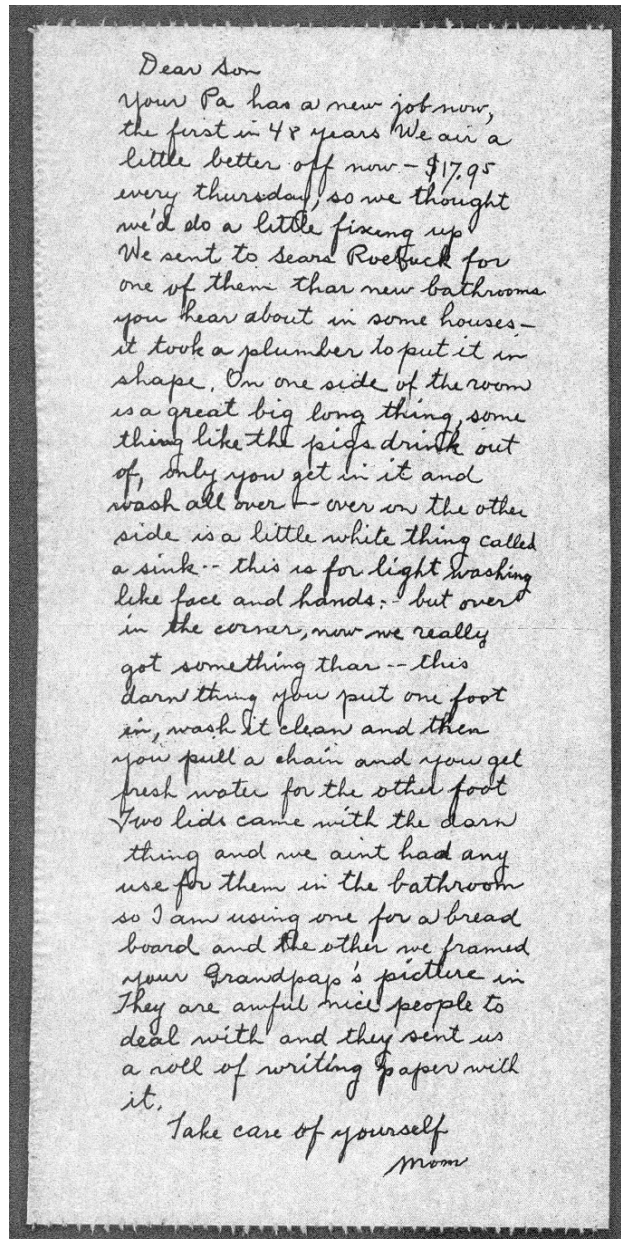
CAPITALISM: If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull.

## Making It Into The Hole

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135. While playing golf, this very old man beat very soundly this young Catholic Bishop. The old man, seeing that his young Bishop was very despondent, said: "Don't feel bad Bishop, you'll be having my funeral one of these days." The Bishop said: "Yes, I'll be standing there and once again you will be the only one of us to make it into the hole."

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## Jesus Is Watching You

137. This burglar is robbing a house in the middle of the night and is searching through a room with his flashlight. While looking around, he hears a voice say, "Jesus is watching you." He spins around searching for the origin of the voice. As he shines his flashlight, he sees a parrot on a perch in the corner of the room. Approaching the parrot he asks, "Did you just say something?" The parrot responds, "Yes, I did. Jesus is watching you." The burglar is astounded that the parrot is able to converse, and he asks the unique bird its name. The parrot tells the man, "My name is Dennis." The burglar appeared puzzled, and said to the parrot, "Gee, Dennis is a very unusual name for a parrot." The parrot then replied, "Well, Jesus is a very unusual name for a Rottweiler!"

## Down In The Trenches

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138. These marines had been in the trenches without a change of clothes, and with very little food, for over three weeks. Their commanding officer was very concerned about the low morale of his men, so he turned to them and said, "All of you will have a change of clothes today." A shout of joy was heard throughout the trenches. Their officer then said, "Okay John, you change with Mike. David, you change with Joe..." They all burst into laughter, the morale of the men was restored, and the war was eventually won.

## If

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139.                   If you can start the day  
                          without caffeine,  
                          If you can get going  
                          without pep pills,  
          If you can resist complaining and boring people  
                          with your troubles,  
                  If you can eat the same food every day  
                          and be grateful for it,  
          If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy  
                          to give you any time,  
          If you can overlook it when something goes wrong,  
          though no fault of yours, and those you love take it out on you,  
                  If you can take criticism and blame  
                          without resentment,  
          If you can ignore a friend's limited education  
                          and never correct him,  
          If you can resist treating a rich friend  
                          better than a poor friend,  
          If you can face the world  
                          without lies and deceit,  
          If you can conquer tension  
                          without medical help,  
                  If you can relax  
                          without liquor,  
                  If you can sleep  
                          without the aid of drugs,  
          If you can honestly say, that deep in your heart  
          you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion or politics,  
                  Then, my friends,  
                  you are almost as good as your dog.

## I Thought You Said

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140. This Catholic Father was at the Nunnery and couldn't help overhearing Mother interviewing three young nuns for their final vows. She asked the first young nun if she was going to take her final vows, to which the young nun responded "No." Mother then said: "My daughter, what will you do with the rest of your life?" The young nun told Mother that she was going to marry her high school sweetheart. Mother said: "God bless you my daughter, you will raise a wonderful family in the Catholic Church." The nun left and the second nun came in. Mother asked the young nun if she was going to take her final vows, to which the young nun said "Yes." Mother then said: "You will be a great addition to the Nunnery, we welcome you." The second young nun left and the third nun came in. When Mother asked her if she was going to take her final vows she stated "No." Mother then said: "What will you do with the rest of your life?" The young nun said: "Mother, I've decided to become a Prostitute." Father said that Mother immediately passed out and that he rushed in with some smelling salts and with the young nuns help, revived Mother. Father said that Mother looked up at the young nun and said: "My daughter, what did you say." The young nun said: "Mother, I said that I've decided not to become a nun, I've decided to become a Prostitute." Mother then said: "Oh thank God, I thought you said a Protestant."

## Mozart

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141. The other night as I slept, I had a dream. In my dream I saw Mozart sitting at a piano erasing sheet music after sheet music, with a large eraser. I went up to him and asked, "Mozart! What are you doing?" Mozart looked up at me and said, "Decomposing."

## A Yuppie

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142. This Yuppie had bought himself a \$150,000 Ferrari, and was very impressed with himself. While testing it out on the open road, at over 175 miles per hour, he lost complete control. His Ferrari rolled over and over again, until it was a total wreck. An onlooker came over to help. As the Yuppie pulled himself from the wreckage, he seemed to be completely covered in blood. The Yuppie stood there crying, "My Ferrari, my Ferrari, it's gone!" The onlooker said, "Good grief man, your left arm is completely cut off!" The Yuppie looked down and cried, "My Rolex, my Rolex, where's my Rolex!"

## Santa's Reindeer

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143. How many reindeer did Santa Claus have? (He had eight.) What about Rudolph? (That makes nine.) Did you know that there was a tenth reindeer? Did you know that the tenth reindeer was a girl? Her name was Olive. You don't remember anything about Olive? Think of the song, "Olive the other reindeer, use ..."

## Christopher Robin and Tigger

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144. Christopher Robin was looking all over for Tigger. He finally found Tigger in the bathroom with his head stuck way down inside the toilet. Christopher Robin pulled Tigger out and asked, "Tigger, what in the world were you doing with your head stuck down inside the toilet?" Tigger replied, "I was looking for Pooh."

## The Elevator

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145. An Amish boy and his father were visiting a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, "What is that, Father?" The father, never having seen an elevator, responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like it in my life; I don't know what it is." While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat old lady in a wheel chair rolled up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed, and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers, above the walls, light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number, and then the numbers began to light up in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again, and a gorgeous, voluptuous 24-year-old blonde woman stepped out. The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son, "Quick, go get your Mother."

## The Parrot

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146. This elderly lady bought a talking parrot to keep her company. About a week after she bought the Parrot, the Parrot spewed out a whole bunch of swear words. The little old lady grabbed the Parrot by the neck and exclaimed, "If you ever say words like that again, I'll put you in the deep freeze to cool you off!" For about a month the Parrot controlled himself, but one day he spewed out a whole bunch of swear words again. The little old lady grabbed the Parrot and put him in the deep freeze. About two minutes later she took him out. The Parrot chattering said, "Wh-Wh-What d-d-did t-t-the T-T-Turkey d-d-do?"

## Good Luck, Mr. Gorsky

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147. On July 20, 1969, as commander of the Apollo 11 Lunar Module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon. His first words after stepping on the moon, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind," were televised to Earth and heard by millions. Just before he reentered the lander, he made the enigmatic remark, "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky." Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs. Over the years many people questioned Armstrong as to what the "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky" statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled. On July 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay, Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26 year old question to Armstrong. This time he finally responded. Mr. Gorsky had died and so Neil Armstrong felt he could answer the question. In 1938 when he was a kid in a small Midwest town, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit a fly ball, which landed in his neighbor's yard by the bedroom windows. His neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky. "Sex! You want sex?! You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!"

## A Little Old Fashioned Lady

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148. There was a nice lady who was a little old fashioned. She was planning a week's vacation at a particular campground, but she wanted to make sure of the accommodations first. Uppermost in her mind were toilet facilities, but she couldn't bring herself to write 'toilet' in a letter. After considerable deliberation, she settled on 'water closet,' but when she wrote that down, it still sounded too forward. So she rewrote the letter to the campground and referred to the water closet as the 'W.C.'. "Does the campground have its own 'W.C.'?" is what she actually wrote. The campground owner was baffled by the euphemism, so he showed the letter around to several campers, but they couldn't decipher it either. Finally the campground owner figured she must be referring to the location of the Wesleyan Church, so he sat down and wrote, "Dear Madam: I regret very much the delay in answering your letter, but I now take the pleasure in informing you that a 'W.C.' is located nine miles north of the campground, and is capable of seating over 250 people at one time. I admit it is quite a distance away if you are in the habit of going regularly; but no doubt you will be pleased to know that a great number of people take their lunches along, and make a day of it. They usually arrive early and stay late. The last time my wife and I went was over six years ago. It was so crowded that we had to stand up the whole time we were there. It may interest you to know that right now there is a supper planned to raise money to buy more seats; they're going to hold it in the basement of the 'W.C.'. I would like to say it pains me very much not to be able to go more regularly but it is surely no lack of desire on my part. As we grow older, it seems to be more of an effort, particularly in cold weather. If you decide to come down to our campground, perhaps I could go with you the first time, sit with you, and introduce you to all of the other folks. Remember, this is a friendly community."

## Congratulations

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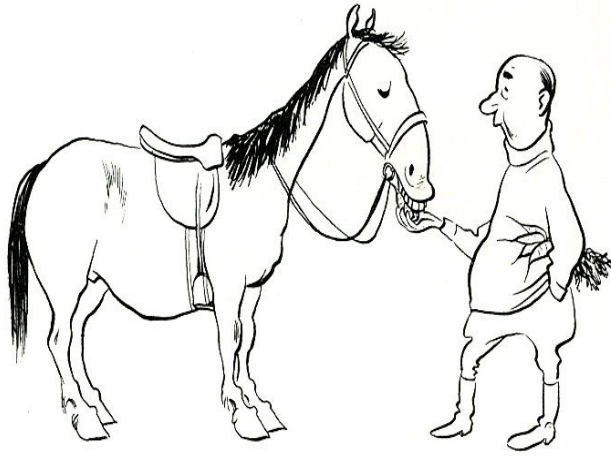
149. A business which had opened a new location received a lovely floral arrangement which said: "In Bereavement." The owner of the company was confused, so he called the florist for an explanation since he never knew the people who sent it. The owner of the floral shop said: "Oh no, we got yours mixed up with a funeral arrangement." They were unable to intercept the one which went to the funeral. The card said: "Congratulations on your new location."



## That's Once

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150. A mountain man decided it was time to get married, so he drove his wagon down the mountain and into town. By noon he had found himself a wife and after locating a minister, they were married. With his new bride in his wagon, he started back up the mountain. Half way up the mountain, his horse being tired stopped. The mountain man got down from the wagon, turned to his horse and said, "That's once!" They then proceeded back up the mountain. Two thirds up the mountain, the horse stopped to rest again. Once again the mountain man got down from the wagon, turned to his horse and said, "That's twice!" He then got back on the wagon and continued homeward bound. Just before they got to the top of the mountain, the horse stopped again. The mountain man got down, took his shotgun and blew his horse to smithereens. His new bride became hysterical - screaming and crying. Her husband then turned to her and said, "That's once!"



## Listening To The Ground

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151. A tourist is traveling through New Mexico and sees an Indian with his ear on the pavement. The tourist thought: "I've heard that they can tell what is coming down the road just by listening to the ground, but I really never believed it." This tourist got out of his car and as he walked towards the Indian, he heard the Indian say: "White woman with blonde hair, driving Ford Explorer; teenage boy in passenger seat, German Shepherd in back seat." The tourist said: "You can tell all that, just by listening to the ground?" The Indian replies: "No. They came by ten minutes ago, ran over me."

## Little Indian Boy

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152. On this little Indian boy's eighth birthday, the chief came by and talked with him. The boy was surprised how nice the chief was. After talking for about twenty minutes, the chief congratulated him on becoming a man. The chief told him that he had places to go and people to see and asked him if he had any questions for him before he left. The little Indian boy asked: "I have always admired your great wisdom and understanding, but how is it possible for one man to think of a different name for every child who is born into the tribe?" The chief said: "Well, it is really quite simple. When a child is born, I open the flap of the teepee, look out and whatever I see I name the child. For example: Flying Fox, Setting Sun, or Running Bear. Why do you ask Pooping Dog?"

## First Parachute Jump

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153. Just before a drafted farm boy made his first parachute jump, his sergeant reminded him, "Count to ten and pull the first rip cord. If it doesn't open, pull the second rip cord for the auxiliary chute. After you land, our truck will pick you up." The paratrooper took a deep breath and jumped. He counted to ten and pulled the first cord but nothing happened. He pulled the second cord and again nothing happened. As he careened crazily earthward, he said to himself: "And I'll bet that truck won't be there either!"

## The Kiss

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154. The story is told of a young American soldier in civilian clothes, a German officer in uniform, a little old lady and an attractive young woman riding on a train. Shortly after the train entered a dark tunnel, the passengers heard a kiss, then a loud slap. The girl thought: "Isn't that odd, the German officer tried to kiss the old lady and not me." The old lady thought: "That's a good girl with fine morals." The German officer thought: "That young American is a smart fellow; he steals a kiss and I get slapped." The young American soldier thought: "Perfect. I kiss the back of my hand, clout a German officer and get away with it."

## Bald

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155. If a man is bald in front, he's a thinker. If he's bald in the back, he's a lover. If he's bald in front and in back, he only thinks he's a lover.

## The Barber Shop

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156. A cute girl was giving a manicure to a man in the barber shop. The man said: "How about a date later?" She said, "I'm married." He then said: "So call up your husband and tell him you're going to visit a girl friend." She said: "You tell him yourself ... he's shaving you."



## Making Faces

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157. Finding one of her students making faces in class, Ms. Smith stopped to gently reprove the child. Smiling sweetly, the Sunday School teacher said: "Bobby, when I was a child I was told that if I made ugly faces it would freeze and I would stay like that." Bobby looked up and replied: "Well, Ms. Smith, you can't say that you weren't warned."

## Success

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158. At age 3, success is not peeing your pants.  
At age 12, success is having friends.  
At age 20, success is having sex.  
At age 35, success is making money.  
At age 60, success is having sex.  
At age 70, success is having friends.  
At age 80, success is not peeing your pants.

## He's Smart – We're Stupid

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159. Two men were framing a house on a very hot day. One said to the other: "Why do we do all the work and don't get paid very much money, while the boss just stands around doing nothing and he gets all the money?" "I don't know," replied the other, "I'll ask him." So he put down his hammer, went over to his boss and asked: "Why do we do all the work and don't get paid very much money, while you just stand around doing nothing and you get all the money?" The boss replied: "That's because I'm smart and you're stupid." The worker then asked: "What do you mean that you're smart and we're stupid?" The boss said: "Well, I'll show you. I'll place my hand on this concrete wall and I want you to hit it with your fist as hard as you can." The worker took a mighty swing and tried to hit the boss' hand. The boss dropped his hand down and the worker's hand hit the concrete wall. Holding his hand, the worker said: "I understand." When he got back, his co-worker asked him if he had found out why, to which he said: "It's because he's smart and we're stupid." The co-worker asked: "What do you mean it's because he's smart and we're stupid." The worker held his hand up in front of his face and said: "You see my hand..."

## Same Thing

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160. This Chinese man filled out an application for a job. After reviewing the application, the employer asked the Chinese man to come into his office. The employer asked: "You have here that your name is Sven Erickson. Sven Erickson is a Swedish name, but you are full blooded Chinese. How is this possible?" The Chinese man said: "It happened many years ago when I came to America. I was on Ellis Island in a long line standing behind a tall blonde man. When he got to the front of the line they asked him his name, and he told them that his name was Sven Erickson. They then asked me what my name was and I told them Sam Ting; ever since, my name has been Sven Erickson."

## Not Much Of A Driver

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161. A truck driver pulled up at a roadside café in the middle of the night for a dinner stop. Halfway through his dinner, three crazy-looking motorcyclists roared up ... bearded, leather-jacketed, and filthy. For no reason at all they selected the truck driver as a target. One poured pepper over his head, another stole his apple pie, and the third deliberately upset his cup of coffee. The truck driver never said one word; just stood up, paid his check and exited. "That trucker sure ain't much of a fighter," sneered one of the invaders. The girl behind the counter, peering out into the night added: "Well, he doesn't appear to be much of a driver either. He just ran his truck right over three motorcycles!"

## Mood Ring

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162. My husband, being unhappy with my mood swings, bought me a mood ring so he would be able to monitor my moods. We've discovered that when I'm in a good mood, it turns a beautiful blue-green. When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a big red mark on his forehead. Maybe next time he'll get me a diamond.

## Gardening God's Way

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163.

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

Peace of mind.  
Peace of heart.  
Peace of soul.

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

Squash gossip.  
Squash grumbling.  
Squash indifference.  
Squash selfishness.

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

Lettuce be faithful.  
Lettuce be kind.  
Lettuce be obedient.  
Lettuce really love one another.

NO GARDEN WITHOUT TURNIPS:

Turnip for service.  
Turnip to help one another.  
Turnip for meetings.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.  
There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN, WE MUST HAVE THYME:

Thyme for God.  
Thyme for study.  
Thyme for prayer.



## Actual Australian Court Docket

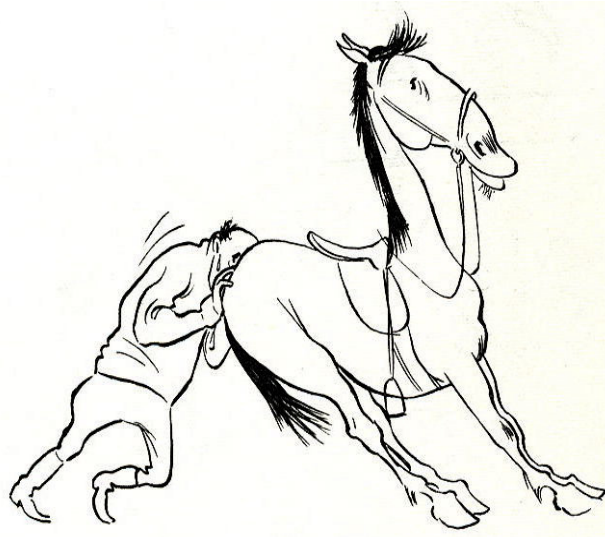
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164. A lady about 8 months pregnant got on a bus. She noticed the man opposite her was smiling at her. She immediately moved to another seat. This time the smile turned into a grin, so she moved again. The man seemed more amused. When on the fourth move, the man burst out laughing, she complained to the driver and he had the man arrested. The case came up in court. The judge asked the man (about 20 years old) what he had to say for himself. The man replied, "Well your honor, it was like this. When the lady got on the bus, I couldn't help but notice her condition. She sat under a sweets sign that said, 'The Double Mint Twins are Coming,' and I grinned. Then she moved and sat under a sign that said, 'Logan's Liniment will reduce the swelling,' and I had to smile. Then she placed herself under a deodorant sign that said, 'William's Big Stick Did the Trick,' and I could hardly contain myself. But, your Honor, when she moved the fourth time and sat under a sign that said, 'Goodyear Rubber could have prevented this Accident,' ... I just lost it! The case was dismissed!!

## Senility

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165. No one believes seniors ... everyone thinks they are senile. An elderly couple were celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The couple had married as childhood sweethearts and had moved back to their old neighborhood after they retired. Holding hands they walked back to their old school. It was not locked, so they entered, and found the old desk they'd shared, where Andy had carved "I love you, Sally." On their way back home, a bag of money fell out of an armored car, practically landing at their feet. Sally quickly picked it up, but not sure what to do with it, they took it home. There, she counted the money – fifty thousand dollars. Andy said, "We've got to give it back." Sally said, "Finders keepers." She put the money back in the bag and hid it in their attic. The next day, two FBI men were canvassing the neighborhood looking for the money, and knocked on the door. "Pardon me, but did either of you find a bag that fell out of an armored car yesterday?" Sally said, "No." Andy said, "She's lying. She hid it up in the attic." Sally said, "Don't believe him, he's getting senile." The agents turn to Andy and began to question him. One says: "Tell us the story from the beginning." Andy said, "Well, when Sally and I were walking home from school yesterday..." The first FBI guy turns to his partner and says, "We're outta here."



## Chocolate Ice Cream

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166. An old lady walks into an ice cream parlor and says to the counter clerk: "I would like a chocolate ice cream cone, please." The clerk simply states: "I'm sorry madam, but we are completely out of chocolate." The woman says: "Chocolate is America's favorite ice cream. No place is ever out of chocolate. You are just being too lazy to go to the back storage room to get another container, so quit being so lazy and get me some." The clerk said: "No we are out of chocolate." The old woman then asked: "Who's in charge of ordering your ice cream around here?" To which he stated that he was. She then said, "You mean to tell me that you are so stupid that you would forget to order chocolate ice cream? I don't believe that, so quit being so lazy and go to the back storage room and get me a chocolate ice cream cone." The clerk then asked her: "Do you know how to spell?" She said: "Of course I do, I'm not stupid." He then said, "Okay, I want you to spell the VAN in vanilla." She stated: "What in the heck for?" He said: "Just humor me, you'll understand." She said: "V-A-N!" He then stated: "Now spell the STRAW in strawberry?" She exclaimed: "S-T-R-A-W!" He then stated: "Okay, now spell the FREAK in chocolate?" The woman replied: "There is no FREAK in chocolate!" To which he responded: "That's what I've been trying to tell you."

## Ranee's Remedies

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167. WHEN IN WONDER, WHEN IN DOUBT, RUN IN CIRCLES SCREAM AND SHOUT OR ASK RANEE.

- Sealed envelope. Put in the freezer for a few hours, then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed.
- Use an empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It's neat and you can write on the roll which appliance it belongs to.
- In freezing temperatures, when your door steps are iced over, get warm water and put Dawn Dishwashing Liquid in it. Pour it all over the steps. They won't refreeze.
- Crayon marks on walls? A damp rag dipped in baking soda takes it off with a little effort (elbow grease that is).
- Permanent marker on appliances or counter tops? Using rubbing alcohol on a paper towel, will remove this disaster.
- Blood stains on clothes? Just pour a little hydrogen peroxide on a cloth and proceed to wipe off every drop of blood.
- Use vertical strokes when washing windows outside and horizontal for inside windows. This way you can tell which side has the streaks. Straight vinegar will get outside windows really clean. Don't wash windows on a sunny day; they will dry too quickly and will probably streak.
- Spray a bit of perfume on the light bulb in any room to create a lovely scent in each room when the light is turned on.
- Place fabric softener sheets in the dresser drawers and your clothes will smell freshly washed for weeks to come.
- Your candles will last a lot longer if you place them in the freezer for at least three hours prior to using them.
- To clean artificial flowers, simply pour some salt into a paper bag and then add the flowers. Now shake the paper bag vigorously and the salt will absorb all the dust and dirt which will leave your artificial flowers looking like new!
- Spray your Tupperware with nonstick cooking spray before pouring in tomato based sauces and there won't be any stains.
- Wrap your newly purchased celery in aluminum foil before putting it into the refrigerator, and it will stay fresh for weeks.
- When boiling corn on the cob, simply add a pinch of sugar to help bring out the corn's natural sweetness. After the corn is boiled, cut off the stem of the cob, and the corn husks will simply slide off with very little effort.
- A cure for your headaches: Take a fresh lime, cut it in half and rub it on your forehead. The throbbing will go away.
- To get rid of the itch from mosquito bites, apply soap on the affected area and you will experience instant relief.
- Ant problem? Ants will never cross a chalk line. Get your chalk out and draw a circle on the floor around one of them.
- Use air-freshener to clean your mirrors. It does a good job and even better still, it leaves a lovely smell to the shine.
- Clean a vase. To remove a stain from the bottom of a glass vase, fill with water and drop in 2 Alka Seltzer tablets.
- Polish jewelry. Simply drop 2 Alka Seltzer tablets into a glass of water and immerse the jewelry for two minutes.
- Clean a thermos bottle. Fill the bottle with water, drop in four Alka Seltzer tablets and let soak for at least an hour.
- Unclog a drain. Clear the sink drain by dropping three Alka Seltzer tablets down the drain followed by a cup of Heinz White Vinegar – wait a few minutes, then run the hot water.

## Headaches

168. This man got the worst headaches. Finally one day he went to his doctor and told him that he could not take the headaches any longer. After a complete examination, the doctor told him that he knew what would cure his headaches, but that he probably wouldn't want to do it. The man said: "I don't care what you have to do - just do it, since I can't take these headaches any longer." The doctor told the man that he would have to castrate him - cut out his balls. To this the man exclaimed "No!" and walked out of the doctor's office. About a week later, this man got the worst headache he had ever had. He called a taxicab since he was too sick to drive and managed to walk into the doctor's office. He told the doctor: "Just do it before I change my mind - I can't take these headaches any longer." So the doctor performed the surgery right there. Nearly two weeks later, as he was driving his car, he thought: "I've got to do something to make me feel better about myself as a man." He saw this men clothing store which was having a super sale and he thought: "I know, I'll buy myself a new sport jacket - that will make me feel better." An oriental salesman greeted him and asked him if he could be of help. To which the man asked: "Do you have any sport jackets for sale?" The salesman said: "Oh yes, and they are all 50% off today; you take a size 40 long, please follow me." The gentleman said: "That's exactly my size, how did you know." He said: "Oh, I've been doing this a long time - I ought to know." After setting aside a couple of sport jackets, the gentleman asked if they had any slacks for sale. The salesman said: "Oh yes, and they are also 50% off today; you take a size 38 waste with a 32 inseam." The gentleman said: "I am so impressed; that is exactly my size." After setting aside four pairs of slacks to buy the gentleman asked: "And do you have any shirts for sale?" This salesman stated that all of their Arrow dress shirts were 50% that day and told him that he wore a size 16½ neck with a 35" sleeve. The gentleman just shook his head in disbelief at how competent the salesman was. After setting aside half a dozen shirts, the gentleman then asked if they had any shoes on sales. "Yes," replied the salesman "but since you wear a 10AAA, you will only be able to wear Florsheims, but don't worry they are also 50% off today." After selecting two pairs of shoes, he asked the salesman to finish off his new wardrobe with a dozen shorts (underwear); the salesman said that he couldn't try on the shorts but that he knew he wore a size 38. The gentleman said: "You've been right on everything, but you're wrong this time - I wear a size 32." The salesman stated once again that he wore a size 38 and not a size 32, but the gentleman insisted that he knew better and told the salesman to get him 6 shorts in a size 32. The oriental salesman said: "Oh sir, if you wear a size 32 shorts for any length of time, you'll get the worst headaches you've ever had."



## I'll Bet You ...

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169. At this bar, this man had been drinking for nearly an hour when he turned to the bartender and said: "I'll bet you \$200 that I can chew on my left eye." The bartender thought: "This guy is drunk; what an easy bet." So he bet him. The drunk took out his fake left eye, stuck it in his mouth and chewed around on it. The bartender was really mad; he had lost \$200 in less than a minute. About an hour later, after drinking continually, the old drunk turned to the bartender and said: "I'll bet you \$300 that I can chew around on my right eye." The bartender thought: "This guy is really drunk. I've seen him walking around all night; he's not blind." So the bartender bet him. The old drunk took out his false teeth and chewed around on his right eye. The bartender was so mad he could hardly see straight; he had lost \$500 in less than an hour. After drinking for about two more hours, the drunk turned to the bartender and said: "I'll bet you ..." The bartender interrupted him saying: "No way! Just get out of here, I never want to see you again." The old drunk said: "No please hear me out. I'll bet you \$600 that if you take that shot glass and slide it down the bar, that I can pee in it without getting a drop on you or your bar." The bartender thought: "That's not even humanly possible, so he bet him. The drunk stood up on the bar and took down his pants. The bartender slid the shot glass and the drunk peed; his pee went all over the bar and all over the bartender. The bartender was jumping up and down for joy and shouting: "Yes, I win! I win!" Off in the far corner of the bar the bartender heard someone holler out: "Damn it!" The bartender turned and asked him what was wrong. He said: "That damn old drunk just bet me and my friend here a thousand dollars each that he could pee all over you and all over your bar and that you would be happy about it."

## Olympic Diver

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170. There was a man and a woman at this bar, bemoaning their terrible divorces. Finally the man turned to the woman and said: "Let's forget about our past lives and never talk about them again. Let's go get married tonight and live happily ever after." So they got married that night and went on their honeymoon to Hawaii. While lying on the beach, he looked up at this beautiful cliff overhanging the ocean and said: "What a beautiful cliff, I think I'll go dive off of it." His new bride responded: "You'll kill yourself." To this he said: "I think I can handle it." After diving off the cliff, he swam back to his new bride and she exclaimed: "What a beautiful dive, that was the most beautiful dive I've ever seen. Where did you ever learn to dive like that?" He said: "We agreed not to talk about our past lives." She said: "I can handle it; you can tell me." He told her that he use to be an Olympic Diver. After lying on the beach a while longer she said: "Look at that beautiful island way out there; I'll race you to it." Her husband said: "I want you to know that I'm not just a great diver but I'm also very good at swimming." She said: "That's okay, I'll race you." They both dove in the ocean swimming as fast as they could. She left him so far behind it was pathetic. She was sunbathing on the beach when he finally arrived. He turned to her and exclaimed: "Where in the world did you ever learn to swim like that?" She said: "Did we not agree, not to talk about our past lives?" He said: "Yes, but I can handle it, it's okay." She then said: "Well, I use to be a prostitute in Venice and I use to work both sides of the river."

## Superman

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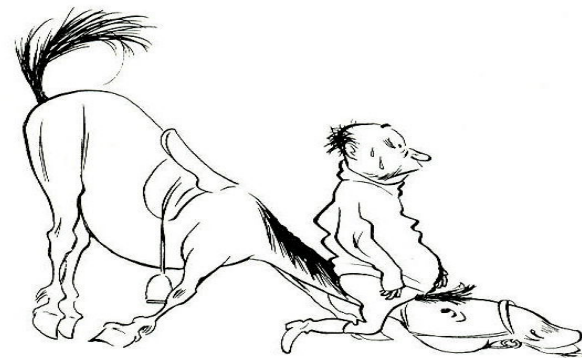
171. Do you remember what was deadly to Superman? That's right – Kryptonite. So now that Superman (Christopher Reeves) has died, do you know what they have inscribed on his headstone? "He's in his Crypt Tonight, tomorrow night, the next night..." Now you know why Superman thought it was deadly – it definitely was!





## Bragging

172. Four men went golfing one day. Three of them headed to the first tee and the fourth went into the clubhouse to take care of the bill. The three men started talking, bragging about their sons. The first man told the others, "My son is a contractor and he is so successful that he gave a friend a new home for free." The second man said, "My son was a car salesman and now he owns a multi-line dealership. He's so successful that he gave a friend a new Mercedes, fully loaded." The third man, not wanting to be outdone, bragged, "My son is a stockbroker and he is doing so well that he gave his friend, an entire stock portfolio." The fourth man joined them on the tee after a few minutes of taking care of business. The first man mentioned, "We were just talking about our sons. How is yours doing?" The fourth man replied, "Well, my son is gay and dances in a gay bar. I'm rather disappointed in him, but he must be doing good. His last three boyfriends give him a house, a brand new Mercedes, and a stock portfolio."



## Worry

173. One day I told my mother: "You really shouldn't worry like that; it doesn't do you any good." My mother said: "It does for me! Ninety nine percent of the things I worry about never happen!"

## When We Were Young

174. The wife states: "When we were younger, you use to nibble on my ear." The husband starts to leave the room and his wife asks: "Where are you going?" To which he replies: "To get my teeth."

## If You Think You're Having A Bad Day

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175. A little guy is sitting at the bar just staring at his drink for half an hour when this big trouble-making truck driver steps next to him, grabs his drink and gulps it down in one swig. The poor little guy starts crying. "Come on man. I was just giving you a hard time," the truck driver says. "I can't stand to see a man cry." "This is the worst day of my life," says the little guy between sobs. "I can't do anything right. I overslept and was late to an important meeting, so my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car was stolen and I don't have any insurance. I grabbed a cab home but after the cab left, I discovered my wallet was still in the cab. At home I found my wife in bed with the gardener. So I came to this bar trying to work up the courage to put an end to my life, and then you had to show up and drink the damn poison."



## Man Of The House

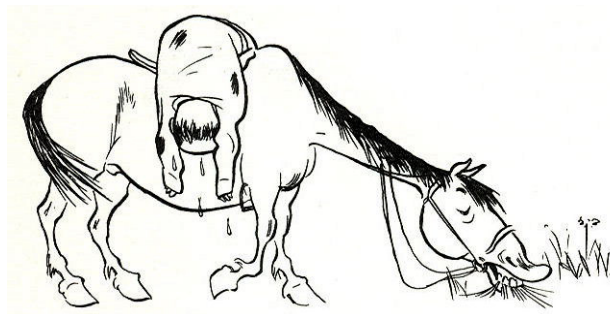
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176. A man had just finished reading his book "Man Of The House" while making his commute home from work. By the time he reached home, he stormed into the house and walked directly up to his wife, pointing his finger in her face, he said, "From now on I want you to know that I am the man of the house and my word is law! You are to prepare me a gourmet meal tonight, and when I'm finished eating my meal, I expect a scrumptious dessert afterward. Then, after dinner, you're going to draw my bath so I can relax. And when I'm finished with my bath, guess who's going to dress me and comb my hair?" "The Funeral Director would be my guess," said his wife.

## I Don't Get Mad, I Just Quote

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177. I see, I hear, I speak no evil,  
I carry no malice within my breast;  
But quite without wishing a man to the devil,  
One may be permitted to hope for the best.



## Ote

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178. A pastor wanted to raise money for his church and being told that there was a fortune in horse racing, decided to purchase one and enter it in the races. However at the local auction the going price for a horse was so high that he ended up buying a donkey instead. He figured since he had it he might as well go ahead and enter it in the races. To his surprise, the donkey came in third. The next day the local paper carried this headline, "PASTOR'S ASS SHOWS." The pastor was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the race again, and this time it won. The local paper read, "PASTOR'S ASS OUT FRONT." The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the pastor not to enter the donkey in another race. The next day the local paper headline read, "BISHOP SCRATCHES PASTOR'S ASS." This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the pastor to get rid of the donkey. The pastor decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent. The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day, "NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN." The bishop fainted. He informed the nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey, so she sold it to a farmer for ten dollars. The next day the paper read, "NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10.00." This was too much for the bishop, so he ordered the nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild. The next day the headlines read, "NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE." The Bishop was buried the next day. Oh, by the way the pastor gave the donkey the name of "Ote". Well, can you think of a better name for a donkey – Donkey Ote.

## Service

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179. At one time in my life, I thought I had a handle on the meaning of the word "SERVICE: The act of doing things for other people." Then I heard these terms, Internal Revenue Service, Postal Service, Telephone Service, Civil Service, City and County Public Service, Service Stations, Service Corporation International, and I became confused about the word "service." This is not what I thought "service" meant. Then today here in California's San Joaquin Valley, I overheard two farmers talking, and one said he had hired a bull to "service" a few of his cows. BAM! It all came into perspective. Now I understand what all those "service" agencies and "service" corporations are doing to us. I hope that you are now as enlightened as I am.

## Three Blondes

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180. Three blondes died and found themselves standing before St. Peter. He told them that before they could enter the Heavenly Kingdom, they had to tell him what Easter represented. The first blonde said, "Easter is a holiday where they have a big feast and we give thanks and eat turkey." St. Peter said, "Nooooo," and banished her to Hell. The second blonde said, "Easter is when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and exchange gifts." St. Peter said, "Nooooo," and banished her to Hell. The third blond said she knew what Easter was, and St. Peter said, "So, tell me." She said, "Easter is a Christian holiday that coincides with the Jewish festival of The Passover. During the feast of the Passover, Jesus was with His apostles when He was betrayed by Judas. The Romans arrested Him, hung Him on the cross where He died. Jesus was then buried in a tomb behind a very large boulder." St. Peter was impressed and said, "Verrrrrry good." Then the blonde continued, "Now, every year the Jews roll away the boulder and Jesus comes out. If he sees his shadow, we have six more weeks of basketball." St. Peter fainted.

## Age Test

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**181.** This was developed as an age test at Harvard University. Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake. The average person over forty years of age can not do it!

This is this cat  
This is is cat  
This is how cat  
This is to cat  
This is keep cat  
This is an cat  
This is old cat  
This is person cat  
This is busy cat  
This is for cat  
This is forty cat  
This is seconds cat

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down.

## Lucky

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**182.** Mary and her husband Jim had a dog, Lucky. Lucky was a real character. Whenever Mary and Jim had company come for a weekend visit they would warn their friends to not leave their luggage open because Lucky would help himself to whatever struck his fancy. Inevitably, someone would forget and something would come up missing. Mary or Jim would go to Lucky's toy box in the basement and there the treasure would be, amid all of Lucky's favorite toys. Lucky always stashed his finds in his toy box and he was very particular that his toys stay in the box. It happened that Mary found out she had breast cancer. Something told her she was going to die of this disease, she was just sure it was fatal. She scheduled the double mastectomy, fear riding her shoulders. The night before she was to go to the hospital she cuddled with Lucky. A thought struck her...what would happen to Lucky? Although the three-year-old dog liked Jim, he was Mary's dog through and through. "If I die, Lucky will be abandoned," Mary thought, "he won't understand that I didn't want to leave him." The thought made her sadder than thinking of her own death. The double mastectomy was harder on Mary than her doctors had anticipated and Mary was hospitalized for over two weeks. Jim took Lucky for his evening walk faithfully, but the little dog just drooped, whining and miserable. Finally the day came for Mary to leave the hospital. When she arrived home, Mary was so exhausted she couldn't even make it up the steps to her bedroom. Jim made his wife comfortable on the couch and left her to nap. Lucky stood watching Mary but he didn't come to her when she called. It made Mary sad but sleep soon overcame her and she dozed. When Mary woke for a second she couldn't understand what was wrong. She couldn't move her head and her body felt heavy and hot. But panic soon gave way to laughter when Mary realized the problem. She was covered, literally blanketed, with every treasure Lucky owned! While she had slept, the sorrowing dog had made trip after trip to the basement bringing his beloved mistress all his favorite things in life. He had covered her with his love. Mary forgot about dying. Instead she and Lucky began living again, walking further and further together every night. It's been 12 years now and Mary is still cancer-free. Lucky? He still steals treasures and stashes them in his toy box but Mary remains his greatest treasure.

## The Three Ministers

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183. A Presbyterian Minister, a Mormon Bishop, a Baptist Minister and their wives were all on a cruise together. A tidal wave came, swallowed the ship, and they all drowned. They then found themselves standing before St. Peter. The first in line was the Presbyterian Minister and his wife. St. Peter shook his head sadly and said, "I can't let you in. You were moral and upright, but you loved money which has cankered your souls. You loved it so much, you even married a woman named Penny." St. Peter waved sadly, and poof! Down the chute to the 'Other Place' they went. Then came the Mormon Bishop and his wife. "Sorry, can't let you in either," said St. Peter, "You abstained from tea, coffee, liquor, smoking and gambling, but you loved food too much – you and your wife have eaten so much food that you can't even fit through the Pearly Gates. You loved food so much, you even married a woman named Candy!" Sadly, St. Peter waved again, and wham!! Down the chute went the Mormons. The Southern Baptist turned to his wife and whispered nervously, "It ain't looking good, Fanny."

## Honest Priest

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184. A distinguished young woman on a flight from Switzerland asked the Priest beside her, "Father, may I ask you a favor?" "Of course," he responded, "what may I do for you?" "Well, I bought an expensive electronic hairdryer that is well over the Customs limits and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there anyway you could carry it through Customs for me under your robe perhaps?" "I would love to help you, dear, but I must warn you: I will not lie?" "With your honest face, Father, no one will question you." When they got to Customs, she let the priest go ahead of her. The official asked, "Father, do you have anything to declare?" "From the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare." The official thought this answer strange, so asked, "And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?" "I have a marvelous little instrument designed to be used on a woman, which is, to date, unused." Roaring with laughter, the official said, "Go ahead, Father ... Next!"

## Salesmanship

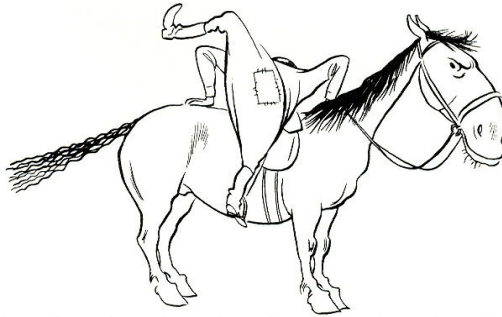
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185. A young guy from Iowa moves to Florida and goes to a big "everything under one roof" department store looking for a job. The manager says, "Do you have any sales experience?" The kid says, "Yeah. I was a salesman back in Iowa." Well, the boss liked the kid and gave him the job. "You start tomorrow. I'll come down after we close and see how you did." His first day on the job was rough, but he got through it. After the store was locked up, the boss came down. "How many customers bought something from you today?" The kid says "one." The boss says "Just one? Our sales people average 20 to 30 customers a day. How much was the sale for?" The kid says, "\$101,237.65". The boss says, "\$101,237.65? What the heck did you sell?" The kid says, "First, I sold him a small fish hook. Then I sold him a medium fishhook. Then I sold him a larger fishhook. Then I sold him a new fishing rod. Then I asked him where he was going fishing and he said down the coast, so I told him he was going to need a boat, so we went down to the marine department and I sold him a twin engine Chris Craft. Then he said he didn't think his Honda Civic would pull it, so I took him down to the automotive department and sold him a 4x4 Expedition." The boss said, "A guy came in here to buy a fish hook and you sold him a Boat and a Truck?" The kid said, "No, the guy came in here to buy tampons for his wife, and I said, 'Dude, your weekend's shot, you should go fishing.'"

## Teach A Man To Fish

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186. Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he'll go out and buy expensive fishing equipment, stupid looking clothes, a sports utility vehicle, travel 1000 miles to the hottest fishing spot, and stand waist deep in cold water just so he can outsmart a fish. The average cost per fish is \$395.68.



### People

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187. Some people are like fish –  
neither would get into trouble  
if they kept their mouths shut.

### Friend

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188. How to lose a friend –  
tell him something for his own good.



### Manager

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189. A good manager can step on your toes  
without messing up your shine.

### Tricks

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190. Don't learn the tricks of the trade –  
learn the trade.

### Tact

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191. Tact is the art of building a fire under people  
without making their blood boil.

### One In A Million

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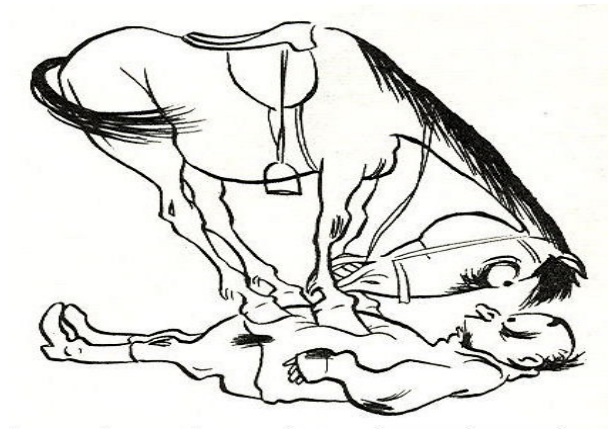
192. Why does it take over a million sperm cells  
to fertilize one egg?  
They won't stop to ask directions.

## Headstones

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193.     In East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:  
          “Here lies Ezekial Aikle, age 102.  
          Only the Good die young.”
194.     In London, England cemetery:  
          “Here lies Ann Mann,  
          who lived an old maid  
          but died an old Mann.”
195.     In Ribbesford, England, cemetery:  
          Anna Wallace  
          “The children of Israel wanted bread,  
          and the Lord sent them manna.  
          Clark Wallace wanted a wife,  
          and the Devil sent him Anna.”
196.     A lawyer’s epitaph in England:  
          Sir John Strange  
          “Here lies an honest lawyer,  
          and that is Strange.”
197.     In Nantucket, Massachusetts:  
          “Under the sod and under the trees,  
          Lies the body of Jonathan Pease.  
          He is not here, there’s only the pod.  
          Pease shelled out and went to God.”
198.     In a cemetery In England:  
          “Remember man, as you walk by,  
          As you are now, so once was I,  
          As I am now, so shall you be.  
          Remember this and follow me.”

To which someone replied by writing on the tombstone:  
          “To follow you I’ll not consent,  
          Until I know which way you went.”



## The Magical Fairy

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199. I met a magical fairy yesterday who said she would grant me one wish. “I wish to live forever,” I said. “Sorry,” said the fairy, “I’m not allowed to grant that particular wish.” “Fine,” I said, “then I want to die the day after Congress is filled with honest, hardworking, bipartisan men and women who act only in the people’s best interests!” “You crafty character,” replied the fairy.

## Christianity

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200. A Jewish businessman in Chicago sent his son to Israel for a year to absorb the culture. When his son returned, he said, "Papa, I had a great time in Israel. By the way, I converted to Christianity." "Oy vey!" said the father, "What have I done?" He took his problem to his best friend. "Ike," he said, "I sent my son to Israel, and he came home a Christian. What can I do?" "Funny you should ask," said Ike, "I too, sent my son to Israel, and he also came home a Christian. Perhaps we should go see the Rabbi." So they did, and they explained their problem to the Rabbi. "Funny you should ask," said the Rabbi, "I, too, sent my son to Israel, and he also came home a Christian. What is happening to our young people?" And so they all prayed, telling the Lord about their sons. As they finished their prayer, a voice came from the heavens, "Funny you should ask," said the voice, "I too, sent my son to Israel..."

## Church

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201. On a very cold, snowy Sunday in February, only the pastor and one farmer arrived at the quaint village church. The pastor said, "Well, I guess we won't be having any service today." The farmer replied: "Heck, if even only one cow shows up at feeding-time, I feed it." The pastor obliged and did the entire service. As the farmer was leaving, the pastor shook his hand and said, "How did I do?" "It was okay," the farmer replied, "but if only one cow shows up at feed-time, I don't drop the full load on it."

## Acts 2:38

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202. An elderly woman had just returned to her home from her evening church service, when an intruder startled her – she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "STOP! Acts two thirty-eight. Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ and ye shall be saved." The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman then calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the burglar to take him in, he asked him, "Why did you just stand there? Why didn't you run? All the old lady did was yell a scripture at you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar, "she said she had an axe and two thirty-eights."

## Forest Gump

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203. Did you hear that Forest Gump died? He got up to the Pearly Gates and St. Peter said, "Forest, we've been expecting you; but we've had so many make it to heaven that we don't have enough mansions built. So we're asking everyone who is eligible three questions – if you can answer all three questions correctly, you can enter now; otherwise you will have to wait." Forest said, "Okay." St. Peter then asked, "How many days of the week start with the letter 'T' and what are they called?" Forest said, "There are two days." St. Peter said, "That's right Forest, and what are they called?" Forest said, "Today and Tomorrow!" St. Peter said, "Well technically, you're not wrong, so let's go to the second question. How many seconds are there in a year?" To which Forest said, "There's twelve." St. Peter asked, "How do you figure that Forest?" Forest said, "Well, there's January 2<sup>nd</sup>, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>." St. Peter stated, "I don't believe it, but you're not wrong again, so we'll go to the last question. What is God's first name?" Forest said, "Everybody knows His first name." St. Peter asked, "They do?" Forest said, "Well of course they do; His first name is 'Andy.'" St. Peter said, "Forest, how did you ever come up with that?" To which Forest said, "Well, we sing about Him all the time – Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am his own." As the Pearly Gates were opening, St. Peter said, "Run Forest – Run!"



## You're My Friend

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204. Life is a game of Chess. If, in your everyday encounters, you can view each situation with an open mind and a sense of humor, you will be able to say 'checkmate' a lot more often. A few years ago, I helped two elderly Mexican men make their mother's funeral arrangements. As they were leaving, the older of her two sons turned to me and said, "You're my friend." To which I responded, "Yes, I am your friend." He then said, "If you are truly my friend, you will give me five dollars." So I reached for my wallet to give him five dollars. When he saw that I was really going to give him five dollars he said, "No, if you are truly my friend, you will give me ten dollars." So I took out ten dollars and handed it to him. He looked at his younger brother, a little embarrassed as though maybe he should not take it; so I said, "It's okay, you're my friend, ..." Smiling, he then reached for the ten dollars. I then said, "... and if you are truly 'My Friend,' you will give me fifteen dollars." He burst into laughter and said, "Oh, you got me good."

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