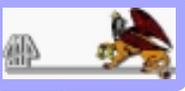


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Introduction

Welcome to this collection, part of the Think Series, different in that these were originally single web pages. . .

These again are mostly from the email circuit (except for My Birthday), passed around until their origins are lost in the paperless trail!

I hope that they may cause you to pause and consider them as they did for me.

If I feel strongly enough about any, my comments will follow it!

In thoughts we live,

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As the World Turns

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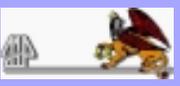
If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like the following.



There would be:

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 14 from the Western Hemisphere, both north and south
- 8 would be Africans
- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male
- 70 would be non-white
- 30 would be white
- 70 would be non-Christian
- 30 would be Christian
- 89 would be heterosexual
- 11 would be homosexual
- 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth and all 6 would be from the United States.
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- (ONE) 1 would be near death;
- (ONE) 1 would be near birth;
- (ONE) 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education;
- (ONE) 1 (yes, only 1) would own a computer.

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.



And, therefore. . .



If you have food in the refrigerator,

clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.



If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death, you are more blessed than three billion people in the world.



If you have never experienced the dan-

ger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married, you are very rare, even in the United States.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them, or even touch them on the shoulder, you are blessed

because you can offer healing touch.

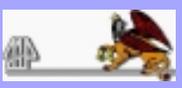


If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful, you are blessed because the majority can, but most do not.

If you can read this message, you have just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you, and furthermore, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

As you read this and are reminded how life is in the rest of the world, remember just how blessed you really are!

A reminder of what we take for granted, the little things set us apart. Next time that you feel down, remember to think of where you are in the scheme above, and count your blessings...

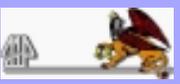


Cosmic Calendar

To adhere to Carl Sagan's cosmic calendar, the fifteen billion years of the universe is compressed into one calendar year. Fifteen twenty-four-day segments: each segment corresponds to a billion years of earth history. Thus, the Big Bang is January 1; the origin of the solar system, September 9; the appearance of the first humans, on the last day of the year, December 31.

DECEMBER 31

~1:30 P.M.	Origin of <i>Proconsul</i> and <i>Ramapithecus</i> , probable ancestors of apes and men
~10:30 P.M.	First humans
11:00 P.M.	Widespread use of stone tools
11:46 P.M.	Domestication of fire by Peking man
11:56 P.M.	Beginning of most recent glacial period
11:58 P.M.	Seafarers settle Australia
11:59 P.M.	Extensive cave painting in Europe
11:59:20 P.M.	Invention of agriculture
11:59:35 P.M.	Neolithic civilization; first cities
11:59:50 P.M.	First dynasties in Sumer, Ebla and Egypt; development of astronomy
11:59:51 P.M.	Invention of the alphabet; Akkadian Empire
11:59:52 P.M.	Hammurabic legal codes in Babylon; Middle Kingdom in Egypt
11:59:53 P.M.	Bronze metallurgy; Mycenaean culture; Trojan War; Olmec culture: invention of the compass
11:59:54 P.M.	Iron metallurgy; First Assyrian Empire; Kingdom of Israel: founding of Carthage by Phoenicia
11:59:55 P.M.	Asokan India; Ch'in Dynasty China; Periclean Athens; birth of Buddha
11:59:56 P.M.	Euclidean geometry; Archimedian physics; Ptolemaic astronomy; Roman Empire; birth of Christ
11:59:57 P.M.	Zero and decimals invented in Indian arithmetic; Rome falls; Moslem conquests
11:59:58 P.M.	Mayan civilization; Sung Dynasty China; Byzantine empire; Mongol invasion; Crusades



11:59:59 P.M. Renaissance in Europe; voyages of discovery from Europe and from Ming Dynasty China; emergence of the experimental method in science

Now: the first second of New Year's Day

Widespread development of science and technology; emergence of a global culture; acquisition of the means for self destruction of the human species; first steps in spacecraft planetary exploration and the search for extraterrestrial intelligence

Whoa, sobering to realize how little we've been around this planet! In another way, in comparison, look at all we've accomplished in the blink of an eye in the cosmic realm.

A LITTLE FRIENDSHIP TEST

First things first: **NO CHEATING!** Don't cheat.* This is a little game that has a pretty funny/creepy outcome. Don't read ahead, just do it in order. It takes about 3 minutes. It's worth it. It's kinda eerie.

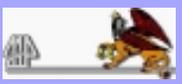
First, Get a blank piece of paper and pen.

P.S. When you are asked to choose names, make sure it's people you **ACTUALLY KNOW**, and go with your first instincts!

Scroll down one line at a time - don't read ahead or you'll ruin the fun!!

- 1.) First, write the numbers 1 through 11 in a column.
- 2.) Then, beside numbers 1 and 2, write any two numbers you want.
- 3.) Beside the 3 and 7, write down the names of members of the opposite sex (or same sex if you're gay).
- 4.) Write anyone's name (like friends or family...) in the 4th, 5th and 6th spots. Don't cheat or you'll be upset that you did.
- 5.) Write down four song titles in 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Check the next page when above finished!



And here is the key for this game:

- 1.) You must tell (the number in space 2) people about this game.
- 2.) The person in space 3 is the one that you love.
- 3.) The person in 7 is one you like but can't work out.
- 4.) You care most about the person you put in 4.
- 5.) The person you name in number 5 is the one who knows you very well.
- 6.) The person you name in 6 is your lucky star.
- 7.) The song in 8 is the song that matches with the person in number 3
- 8.) The title in 9 is the song for the person in 7.
- 9.) The tenth space is the song that tells you most about your mind.
- 10.) And 11 is the song telling how you feel about life!

Try this one out. Don't peek!!!!!!!!!

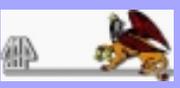
VALUES VERIFICATION EXERCISE

How moral are you? What is your attitude to morals, sex and honesty? The fascinating personality test below was written by a Sydney marriage expert who is a qualified psychologist. It began as a dinner party conversation gimmick, but it has been prepared in this form for readers to test themselves. To do the "test" you must give your honest opinion about the morals and honesty of the four characters in our story of Sherwood Forest. Forget any preconceived ideas you may have about them—this is a different sort of story from all the others.

"The Sheriff of Nottingham captured Little John and Robin Hood and imprisoned them in his maximum-security dungeon. Maid Marian begged the Sheriff for their release, pleading her love for Robin. The Sheriff agreed to release them only if Maid Marian spent the night with him. To this she agreed. The next morning the Sheriff released his prisoners. Robin at once demanded that Marian tell him how she persuaded the Sheriff to let them go free. Marian confessed the truth, and was bewildered when Robin abused her, calling her a slut and saying that he never wanted to see her again. At this Little John defended her, inviting her to leave Sherwood with him and promising life-long devotion. She accepted and they rode away together."

Now, in terms of realistic everyday standards of behavior, rank Robin, Marian, Little John and the Sheriff in the order in which you consider they showed the most morality and honesty. There is no "right" answer, and the following is the psychologist's estimate of you for each of the 24 arrangements. Don't scroll down until you've made your list; otherwise, it won't work! Here goes ...

Scroll down once you've made your order choice. . .


Analyses:

ROBIN, MARIAN, SHERIFF, LITTLE JOHN: You find it hard to accept the permissive attitudes of others, or to convince them of the validity of your own standards. You are not disposed to trust people and do not have a very happy life. (Men) To you, “love” involves sex and duty, rather than charity and forgiveness. (Women) You blame men for much of the unhappiness in your life.

ROBIN, MARIAN, LITTLE JOHN, SHERIFF: Your philosophy of life is a sad hodgepodge of the conventions of society, your own convictions and romanticism. You are not unkind—only staid and unimaginative. (Men) You see a woman as weak but desirable. (Women) You resent the arrogance of men.

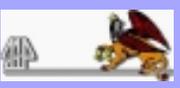
ROBIN, SHERIFF, MARIAN, LITTLE JOHN: (Men) We think you are unhappy, although you probably will not admit it. As a ruthless authoritarian, you are as moral as it suits you and no more. You do not apply the same rules to men as you do to women. (Women) How worthless you seem to think women are.

ROBIN, LITTLE JOHN, MARIAN, SHERIFF: You are a moralist with conventional ideas, which some people would call old-fashioned. (Men) You probably consider yourself a fair-minded man in a world which falls badly below your standards. Your inhibitions and sense of guilt are in the way of your happiness. (Women) Unlucky in love? Perhaps you hope for too much in a man. Be a realist, not a romantic.

ROBIN, LITTLE JOHN, SHERIFF, MARIAN: You are conventional and puritanical. (Men) You moralize and see women as a great conspiracy against men, with sex as their principal weapon. You are missing a great deal in life. (Women) Your parents probably played a big part in the formation of such a guilt complex as yours. Your mind is in chains and it’s time you did something to free it.

LITTLE JOHN, ROBIN, SHERIFF, MARIAN: You are not easy to assess. Basically you are ruled by an inferiority complex and feelings of insecurity. How do you present yourself to the world? An idealist, a moralist, a conformist keeping up with Jones? (Men) Your conflicting views on sex and morality may lead to every sort of sexual problem. You have always feared women, probably starting with your mother. (Women) It is a shame you have not accepted the ideal of woman as the equal (and sometimes stronger) partner of man.

LITTLE JOHN, MARIAN, ROBIN, SHERIFF: You are fairly broadminded, romantic and reasonably contented. You value kindness greatly and try to live by your ideals. You do not conceal from yourself—or from others—your strong need for security, which may be either emotional or material. (Men) Perhaps you tend to idealize women and credit them with virtues they don’t possess. (Women) Your experiences with men have not all been happy—perhaps because you hope for a little too much?



LITTLE JOHN, MARIAN, SHERIFF, ROBIN: You are a slightly romantic realist. You respect truth, and are broadminded and flexible. Whether you are a man or a woman, you are probably a happy person. You like people and they can readily make friends with you. You are not very adventurous, but this does not bother you.

LITTLE JOHN, SHERIFF, MARIAN, ROBIN: You too, believe that morality is another word for common-sense and suitability, and not something which is universally valid or a religious truth. Your feeling for security is strong, and you would rate reliability as one of your virtues. (Men) Your estimate of women as the inferior sex suggests that you are a little uncertain of them. (Women) You are more permissive about the morals of others than you are about your own.

LITTLE JOHN, SHERIFF, ROBIN, MARIAN: You are conventional, unimaginative, and something of a prude. It would be surprising if your love life was a roaring success. (Men) You have an old-world authoritarian attitude. One thing is sure—you have some sorry illusions about women. (Women) You accept a double standard of morality in which women are very much the “second sex”.

SHERIFF, ROBIN, MARIAN, LITTLE JOHN: (Men) We find it hard to imagine you leading a full, happy life. The warmth and give-and-take of love are not for you. Your sex life is ringed with unreality, and you neither understand nor appreciate women. (Women) If you really believe this is the right order, you baffle us completely.

MARIAN, SHERIFF, LITTLE JOHN, ROBIN: Such an emphatic rejection of ready-made values is probably partly camouflage. You hate to be thought of as weak or insecure. You value honesty, and abominate humbug and hypocrisy. (Men) Women are very much part of your life, and you are—or perhaps would like to be—quite ruthless, both with women and life in general. (Women) You are tolerant about men and their failings—but we mean “men,” for you have no time for boys on men’s errands.

MARIAN, ROBIN, SHERIFF, LITTLE JOHN: You know the so-called facts of life, but not to enjoy life itself. You are not a realist and you are inclined to be stubborn. (Men) Women, you think, are either whores or angels, and you overestimate the differences between the sexes. A woman may find you difficult to live with. (Women) You are not sure whether truth and morality go hand in hand or are in opposition. You haven’t a very high opinion of men.

MARIAN, ROBIN, LITTLE JOHN, SHERIFF: If you are not happy—and we suspect you are not—it maybe because you feel guilty about your own emotions, and lack confidence in your opinions. (Men) No doubt you consider yourself a moral man, and a fair one. Your fuzzy ideas about morality may make their mark on your sex life. (Women) You are too concerned about what others think.



MARIAN, LITTLE JOHN, SHERIFF, ROBIN: You are essentially a contented person, even if you consider yourself a little superior. You are moral by your own standards, for you believe that morality is what best suits the occasion. (Men) You are sexually uninhibited, more romantic than you may appear, and more dependent on the approval of others than you care to admit. (Women) You like being a woman, you understand what love is, and you frankly enjoy sex.

MARIAN, LITTLE JOHN, ROBIN, SHERIFF: We would expect you to be a happy, well-balanced person who likes people and is liked by others. You question whether many conventional views on morality are valid under all circumstances. (Men) Do we detect a sense of chivalry and idealism under the sophistication? (Women) You will expect high standards from the men to whom you give your love.

LITTLE JOHN, ROBIN, MARIAN, SHERIFF: You are a cautious type, neutral, and rather insecure. You would agree with the idea that everybody has his price—and in your own case it would not be high. (Men) You are sexually inhibited with an underlying distrust of women. (Women) At least one man has made you unhappy, and you are now on your guard.

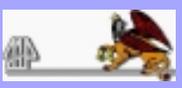
SHERIFF, ROBIN, LITTLE JOHN, MARIAN: Although you make a brave show of being self-sufficient, beneath this you are unhappy and rather mixed up. (Men) You don't understand women—probably you are afraid of them. You do not know what love is, and you are more likely to boast about your conquests in a bar than prove them in a bedroom. (Women) If men attract you at all, they are probably disastrously the wrong sort.

SHERIFF, MARIAN, ROBIN, LITTLE JOHN: If you are not living a happy life, the cause is within yourself. You are a rebel with a trace of spoiled child about you. You value truth above morality, but you are reasonably tolerant of those who disagree with you. (Men) Any problems you have are not likely to be centered in sex. (Women) Despite your experience and intelligence, you are a bad judge of men.

My choice, Randy

SHERIFF, MARIAN, LITTLE JOHN, ROBIN: You claim to be a realist or even a cynic, but you are more emotional and romantic and truthful. (Men) Although you are by no means inhibited, your amorous adventures are as much a matter of fantasy as fact. (Women) You have been hurt in the past by men—or perhaps a particular man—and will probably let it happen again.

SHERIFF, LITTLE JOHN, ROBIN, MARIAN: Not a moralizing pattern, but ... (Men) You share with many other men the idea that most women are fickle and inferior to men. Perhaps a view that you got from your father? Or as a reaction to a domineering mother? (Women) You have a pretty poor opinion of yourself, haven't you?



SHERIFF, LITTLE JOHN, MARIAN, ROBIN: You have a confused, immature sense of values. You are erratic and stubborn, and inclined to get angry or sulk when you don't get your own way. But at least you are not a moral hypocrite. (Men) "Love em and leave em" is the motto of a man who is basically afraid of women. (Women) Perhaps you would rather be a man than a woman?

MARIAN, SHERIFF, ROBIN, LITTLE JOHN: Associate morality with honesty and truth more than with religious values. You are impulsive and somewhat unpredictable. (Men) We suspect that you are a would-be lover rather than a very successful one. (Women) You are a realist and a rebel, a defender of women's rights. You like men but despise weak ones.

My Birth Day

A Day In History - August 12th

1851 - Isaac Singer, of New York City, patented the double-treadle sewing machine on this day in 1851. Although a sewing machine had already been patented, Singer's sewing machine was revolutionary, having a double treadle. With patent in hand, Isaac set up shop in Boston, Massachusetts and began to manufacture his invention. Even after huge settlements paid to Elias Howe, another sewing machine patent holder, Singer, through business innovations like installment buying, after-sale servicing and trade-in allowances, had the marketplace all sewn up...

1865 - On this day, Joseph Lister became the first doctor to use disinfectant during surgery. Hmm. Joseph Lister. That name rings a bell. Yep. Same Joseph Lister as the one whose name is on those bottles of mouthwash: Listerine.

1877 - Thomas A. Edison finished figuring out his first phonograph on this day. Edison handed the model of his invention to John Kreusi with instructions on how to build it. Kreusi, a confident man, bet the inventor \$2 and said that there was no way that the machine would ever work. He lost the bet.

1879 - The first National Archery Association tournament began in Chicago, IL on this day. No, Robin Hood was nowhere to be seen...

1918 - Regular air mail service began between New York City and Washington, DC on this day.

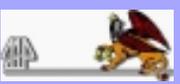
1936 - On this day, Berlin, Germany was host to the Olympics and the youngest winner of a gold medal (to that date). The U.S.A.'s 13-year-old diver, Marjorie Gestring, won the springboard event.

1937 - Comedian, Red Skelton, got his first taste of network radio on this night, as he appeared on the "Rudy Vallee Show" on NBC.

1940 - Will Bradley and his trio recorded, "Down the Road Apiece", on Columbia Records this day.

1964 - For the 10th time in his major-league baseball career, Mickey Mantle hit home runs from both the left and right sides of the plate in the same game — setting a new baseball record. Would we call this 'am-bat-extrous'?

1966 - The last tour for the Beatles began this day at the International Amphitheater in Chicago; and John Lennon apologized for boasting that the Beatles were more popular than Jesus Christ. London's "Catholic Herald" said



Lennon's comment was "arrogant ... but probably true."

1967 - Fleetwood Mac made their stage debut at the National Blues and Jazz Festival in Great Britain on this day.

1969 - The Boston Celtics basketball team was sold for \$6,000,000 on this day. It was the highest paid for a pro basketball team — to that time.

1973 - Golfer Jack Nicklaus won his 14th major golf title this day, breaking a record held for nearly 50 years by Bobby Jones. Nicklaus won the PGA Championship for the third time.

1981 - IBM launches the first PC's.

1982 - Terry Felton of the Minnesota Twins set a major-league record for rookie pitchers this day. He had no wins and 14 losses. Guy Morton, of the Cleveland Indians, had lost 13 games, but won his 14th, back in 1914.

1982 - The Dow Jones Industrial Average hit bottom this day, closing at 776.92. The next morning, a bull market began that lasted until the 500-point crash of 1987.

1984 - Luis Aparicio and Don Drysdale, who began their playing careers on the same day (in 1956) were inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. Also inducted on this day were Pee Wee Reese, Harmon Killebrew and Rick Ferrell.

1986 - Rod Carew became the first player in the history of the California Angels franchise to have his uniform retired. Number 29 played for the Angels for seven years.

1988 - "The Last Temptation of Christ", the controversial film directed by Martin Scorsese, opened this day, despite demonstrations and protestations by religious groups.

Birthday Board: August 12

1849 - Abbott Thayer (artist: created camouflage pattern for military)

1878 - Christy Mathewson (Baseball Hall of Famer: developed the screwball; New York Giants pitcher: 1905 World Series: shut out Philadelphia in 1st three games; manager: Cincinnati Reds; coach: NY Giants; president: Boston Braves)

1881 - Cecil B. DeMille (see "Cast of Thousands" Day above)

1911 - Cantinflas (Mario Moreno) (comic actor: Around the World in 80 Days, Pepe; Mexico's vaudeville: carpas)

1913 - Jane Wyatt (Emmy Award-winning actress: Father Knows Best [1957, 1958-59, 1959-60], Gentleman's Agreement, Lost Horizon, Amityville 4)

1919 - Michael Kidd (Milton Greenwald) (choreographer, dancer: It's Always Fair Weather, Smile)

1921 - Marjorie Reynolds (Goodspeed) (actress: Gone with the Wind, The Time of Their Lives, Doomed to Die)

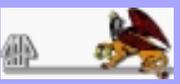
1926 - John Derek (Derek Harris) (actor: All the King's Men, Prince of Players, Ambush at Tomahawk Gap, Exodus; director: Bolero; married to Bo Derek)

1926 - Joe Jones (singer: You Talk Too Much; pianist for B.B. King)

1927 - Mstislav Rostropovich (cellist)

1928 - Bob Buhl (baseball)

1929 - Buck (Alvis Edgar) Owens (singer: I've Got a Tiger by the Tail, Act Naturally, Waiting in Your Welfare Line, Made in Japan; songwriter: Crying Time; TV host:



Hee Haw, Buck Owen's Ranch House)

1930 - Porter Wagoner (singer: Satisfied Mind, Sorrow on the Rocks, Big Wind, Cold Hard Facts of Life, Misery Loves Company, The Carroll County Accident; w/ Dolly Parton: Daddy Was An Old-Time Preacher Man, Please Don't Stop Loving Me; songwriter: Tore Down, I Haven't Learned a Thing, Ole Slew Foot)

1931 - William Goldman (screen writer: Marathon Man, The Princess Bride, All the President's Men, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Chaplin)

1933 - Parnelli (Rufus) Jones (auto racer: Indianapolis 500 winner [1963])

1939 - George Hamilton (actor: Love at First Bite, Act One, The Survivors, Zorro, the Gay Blade, Where the Boys Are, Evel Kneivel, The Dead Don't Die, Doc Hollywood)

1939 - Larry Ziegler (golfer)

1941 - Jennifer Warnes (singer: Right Time of the Night, Up Where We Belong [w/ Joe Cocker], (I've Had) The Time of My Life [w/Bill Medley])

1949 - Mark Knopfler (musician: guitar, songwriter, singer: group: Dire Straits: Money for Nothing)

1949 - Bobby Sheehan (hockey)

1950 - George McGinnis (basketball: Philadelphia 76ers)

1961 - Roy Hay (musician: guitar: group: Culture Club: Karma Chameleon)

1971 - Pete Sampras (tennis champion: Australian Open [[1994], Wimbledon [1993, 94, 95], U.S. Open [1990, 93, 95])

Chart Toppers: August 12

1959 A Big Hunk O' Love - Elvis Presley

There Goes My Baby - The Drifters

Lavender-Blue - Sammy Turner

The Battle of New Orleans - Johnny Horton

1967 Light My Fire - The Doors

All You Need is Love - The Beatles

Pleasant Valley Sunday - The Monkees

Ode to Billie Joe - Bobbie Gentry

1975 Jive Talkin' - The Bee Gees

Please Mr. Please - Olivia Newton-John

Why Can't We be Friends? - War

Rhinestone Cowboy - Glen Campbell

1983 Every Breath You Take - The Police

Maniac - Michael Sembello

Stand Back - Stevie Nicks

Your Love's on the Line - Earl Thomas Conley

RESIGNATION

I am hereby officially tendering my resignation as an adult. I have decided I would like to accept the responsibilities of an 8 year-old again.

I want to go to McDonald's and think that it's a four star restaurant.

I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make a sidewalk with rocks.

I want to think M&Ms are better than money because you can eat them.

I want to lie under a big oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on a hot summer's day.

I want to return to a time when life was simple; When all you knew were colors, multiplication tables, and nursery rhymes, but that didn't bother you, because you didn't know what you didn't know and you didn't care.

All you knew was to be happy because you were blissfully unaware of all the things that should make you worried or upset.

I want to think the world is fair.

That everyone is honest and good.

I want to believe that anything is possible. I want to be oblivious to the complexities of life and be overly excited by the little things again.

I want to live simple again. I don't want my day to consist of computer crashes, mountains of paperwork, depressing news, how to survive more days in the month than there is money in the bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness, and loss of loved ones.

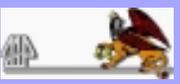
I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind, and making angels in the snow.

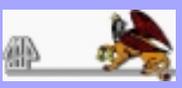
So . . . here's my checkbook and my car-keys, my credit card bills and my 401K statements. I am officially resigning from adulthood. And if you want to discuss this further, you'll have to catch me first, cause.....

....."Tag! You're it."

Pass this to someone and brighten their day by helping them remember the Simple things in Life.

Hope Ya'll join me !





Some Rules Kids Don't Learn In School!

By Charles J. Sykes

Unfortunately, there are some things that children should be learning in school, but don't. Not all of them have to do with academics. As a Modest back-to-school offering, here are some basic rules that may not have found their way into the standard curriculum.

Rule No. 1: Life is not fair. Get used to it. (...and get over it and on with living!)

The average teen-ager uses the phrase 'It's not fair' 8.6 times a day. You got it from your parents, who said it so often you decided they must be the most idealistic generation ever. When they started hearing it from their own kids, they realized Rule No. 1.

Rule No. 2: The real world won't care as much about your self-esteem as much as your school does. It'll expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself. This may come as a shock. Usually, when inflated self-esteem meets reality, kids complain that it's not fair. (See Rule No. 1)

Rule No. 3: Sorry, you won't make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. And you won't be a vice president or have a car phone either. You may even have to wear a uniform that doesn't have a Gap label.

Rule No. 4: If you think your teacher is tough, wait 'til you get a boss. He doesn't have tenure, so he tends to be a bit edgier. When you screw up, he's not going to ask you how you *feel* about it.

Rule No. 5: Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping. They called it opportunity. They weren't embarrassed making minimum wage either. They would have been embarrassed to sit around talking about Kurt Cobain all weekend.

Rule No. 6: It's not your parents' fault. If you screw up, you are responsible. This is the flip side of "It's my life," and "You're not the boss of me," and other eloquent proclamations of your generation. When you turn 18, it's on your dime. Don't whine about it, or you'll sound like a baby boomer.

Rule No. 7: Before you were born your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way paying YOUR bills, cleaning up Your room and listening to you tell them how idealistic you are. And by the way, before you save the rain forest from the blood-sucking parasites of your parents' generation try delousing the closet in your bedroom.

Rule No. 8: Your school may have done away with winners and losers. Life hasn't. In some schools, they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. Failing grades have been abolished and class valedictorians; scrapped, lest anyone's feelings be hurt. Effort is as important as results.

This, of course, bears not the slightest resemblance to anything in real life. (See Rule No. 1, Rule No. 2 and Rule No. 4.)



Rule No. 9: Life is not divided into semesters, and you don't get summers off. Not even Easter break. They expect you to show up every day. For eight hours. And you don't get a new life every 10 weeks. It just goes on and on. While we're at it, very few jobs are interested in fostering your self-expression or helping you find yourself. Fewer still lead to self-realization. (See Rule No. 1 and Rule No. 2.)

Rule No. 10: Television is not real life. Your life is not a sitcom. Your problems will not all be solved in 30 minutes, minus time for commercials. In real life, people actually have to leave the coffee shop to go to jobs. Your friends will not be as perky or pliable as Jennifer Aniston.

Rule No. 11: Be nice to nerds. You may end up working for them. We all could.

Rule No. 12: Smoking does not make you look cool. It makes you look moronic. Next time you're out cruising, watch an 11-year-old with a butt in his mouth. That's what you look like to anyone over 20. Ditto for "expressing yourself" With purple hair and/or pierced body parts.

Rule No. 13: You are not immortal. If you are under the impression that living fast, dying young and leaving a beautiful corpse is romantic, you obviously haven't seen one of your peers at room temperature lately.

Rule No. 14: Enjoy this while you can. Sure parents are a pain. school's a bother and life is depressing. But someday you'll realize how wonderful it was to be a kid. Maybe you should start now. You're welcome.

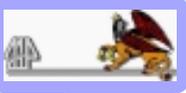
Sure life is not fair, nor what you expect or think, get over it!!

The sooner you get over it the sooner you can get on with it!

Special Gift

This is a specialty saying, print and clip it out: wrap a small box with something special OF YOU inside, hair/nail clip-pings, etc. Wrap the box with a ribbon and paste the saying to the outside. And then of course, give it to someone you love.

*This is a very Special gift
that you can never see. The
reason it's so Special is it's
just for you from me.
When ever you are lonely
or even feeling blue, you only
have to hold this gift and
know that I think of you.
You never need to unwrap it.
Please leave the ribbon
tied. Just hold the box
next to your heart. It's
filled with love inside.
Love,*



Testing (PG)...

Make sure to answer questions 1-11 before moving on...

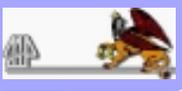
Read the following questions, imaging the scenes in your mind, and write down the FIRST thing that you visualize. Do not think about the question excessively.

- 1. You are walking in the woods. Who are you walking with?**
- 2. You are walking in the woods. You see an animal. What kind of animal is it?**
- 3. What interaction takes place between you and the animal?**
- 4. You walk deeper in to the woods. You enter a clearing and before you is your dream house. Describe its size.**
- 5. Is your dream house surrounded by a fence?**
- 6. You enter the house. You walk to the dining area and see the dining table. Describe what you see on and around the table.**
- 7. You exit the house through the back door. Lying in the grass is a cup.**

What material is the cup made of?

- 8. What do you do with the cup?**
- 9. You walk to the edge of the property. Where you find yourself standing at the edge of a body of water, what type of body of water is it?**
- 10. How will you cross the water?**

Write out your answers before proceeding...



The whole purpose of this test was to find yourself and who you really are...

1. The person you are walking with is the most important person in your life.
2. The size of the animal represents the size of your problems.
3. The interaction you have with the animal represents how you deal with your problems. (passive/aggressive)
4. The size of your dream house is the size of your ambition to resolve your problems.
5. No fence indicates an open personality, and a fence indicates a closed personality.
6. If your answer did not include food, people or flowers then you are generally unhappy.
7. The durability of the material the cup is made of is the durability of your relationship with the person in question 1.
8. Your disposition of the cup represents your attitude towards the person in question 1.
9. The size of the body of water represents the size of your sexual desire.
10. How wet you get crossing the water is the importance of your sex life.

Personality quiz

The Mind is like a parachute; it works much better when it's open. Here's something fun to do, but you must follow the directions closely.

Warning! Do take the quiz as you read. There are only 4 questions, and if you scan all the way to the end before finishing you won't get the honest results.

Scroll slowly and do each exercise.

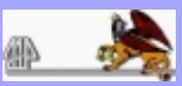
Don't look ahead.

Get pencil and paper to write down your answers.

You will need it at the end.

This is an honest quiz that will tell you about your true self.

Enjoy!



Chapter I

Arrange the following 5 animals according to your preference:

Cow

Tiger

Sheep

Horse

Monkey

Chapter II

Write one word to describe each of the following:

Dog

Cat

Rat

Coffee

Ocean

Chapter III

Think of somebody (who also knows you) that you can relate to the following colors:

(Please don't repeat your answer twice. Only name one person for each color.)

Yellow

Orange

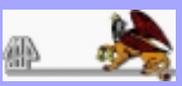
Red

White

Green

Are you done?? Make sure your answers are what you TRULY feel.....

Last chance.....



See interpretations below:

Chapter I

This will define your priorities in life

Cow means career

Tiger means pride

Sheep means love

Horse means family

Monkey means money

Chapter II

Your description of Dog implies your own personality

Your description of Cat implies your partner's personality

Your description of Rat implies your enemy's personality

Your description of Coffee is how you interpret sex

Your description of Ocean implies your own life

Chapter III

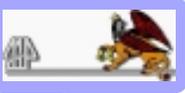
Yellow - somebody who will never forget you

Orange - someone whom you can consider as your real friend

Red - someone you really love

White - your best friend (I actually lost this answer, I supplied 'best friend')

Green - a person whom you will always remember for the rest of your life



Intelligence test - try it

This has got to be one of the most interesting intelligence tests I have ever seen. It's very short so try it, you may be amazed. A quick test of intelligence level.

Read this sentence:

**FINISHED FILES ARE THE RE-
SULT OF YEARS OF SCIENTIF-
IC STUDY COMBINED WITH
THE EXPERIENCE OF YEARS.**

Now count **ALoud** the F's in that sentence. Count them **ONLY ONCE**: do not go back and count them again. See below...

Answer below:

There are six F's in the sentence. One of average intelligence finds three of them. If you spotted four, you're above average. If you got five (I did five and took me awhile to see the sixth one, grrrh), you can turn your nose at most anybody. If you caught six, you are a genius.

There is no catch. Many people forget the "OF's". The human brain tends to see them as V's and not F's. Pretty weird, huh?

It fools almost everybody.

This is the end of this edition...