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AGE HAPPENS

A man has reached middle age when he is cautioned to slow down by his doctor instead of by the police.

Middle age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.

You know you're into middle age when you realize that caution is the only thing you care to exercise.

"I don't date women my age. There aren't any." (Milton Berle)

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

Don't take life so seriously ... it's not permanent.

"The trouble with life is, by the time you can read a girl like a book, your library card has expired." (M. Berle)

"As for me, except for an occasional heart attack, I feel as young as I ever did." (Robert Benchley)

The aging process could be slowed down if it had to work its way through Congress.

As we grow older year by year, my husband always mourns: the less and less we feel our oats, the more we feel our corns.

"I have everything I had 20 years ago, only it's all a little bit lower." (Gypsy Rose Lee)

You're getting old when getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.

You're getting old when you're sitting in a rocker and you can't get it started.

You're getting old when tying one on means fastening your MedicAlert bracelet.

You're getting old when you don't care where your wife goes, just so you don't have to go along.

You're getting old when you wake up with that morning-after feeling, and you didn't do anything the night before.

Doctor to patient: I have good news and bad news---the good news is that you are not a hypochondriac.

It's hard to be nostalgic when you can't remember anything.

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You know you're getting old when you stop buying green bananas.

Last Will and Testament: Being of sound mind, I spent all my money.

"The first law of politics: Never say anything in a national campaign that anyone might remember." (Eugene McCarthy)

And finally.....

Old age is better than the alternative.

Jerry was the kind of guy you love to hate. He was always in a good mood and always had something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply "If I were any better, I would be twins."

He was a unique manager because he had several waiters who had followed him around from restaurant to restaurant. The reason that the waiters followed him was because of his attitude. He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Jerry was there telling the employee to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Jerry and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?"

Jerry replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, 'Jerry, you have 2 choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood.' I choose to be in a good mood." "Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it. Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life."

"Yeah, right... it's not that easy," I protested.

"Yes it is," Jerry said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You can choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It's your choice how you live life."

I reflected on what Jerry said. Soon thereafter, I left the restaurant industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that Jerry did something you are never supposed to do in the restaurant business: he left the back door open one morning and was held up at gunpoint by three armed robbers. While trying to open the safe, his hand, shaking from nervousness, slipped off the combination. The robbers panicked and shot him.

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Luckily, Jerry was found relatively quickly and rushed to the local trauma center. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Jerry was released from the hospital with fragments of the bullets still in his body.

I saw Jerry about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?" I declined to see his wounds, but did ask him what had gone through his mind as the robbery took place.

"The first thing that went through my mind was that I should have locked the back door," Jerry replied. "Then, as I lay on the floor, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live, or I could choose to die. I chose to live."

"Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked.

Jerry continued, "The paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the emergency room and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read, 'He's a dead man.' I knew I needed to take action."

"What did you do?" I asked.

"Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Jerry. "She asked if I was allergic to anything. 'Yes,' I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'BULLETS!' Over their laughter, I told them 'I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.'"

Jerry lived, thanks to the skills of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude after all, is everything.

You have two choices now:

1. Delete this from your mailbox
 2. Forward it to others.
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Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-o to a tree.

There is always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

Reason to smile: Every seven minutes of every day, someone in anaerobics class pulls a hamstring.

Car sickness is the feeling you get when the monthly car payment is due.

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Families are like fudge .. mostly sweet with a few nuts.

Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.

Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

My mind not only wanders, sometimes it leaves completely.

The more you complain, the longer God lets you live.

One day I shall burst my buds of calm and blossom into hysteria.

If you can remain calm, you just don't have all the facts.

Life's golden age is when the kids are too old to need baby-sitters and too young to borrow the family car.

You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and wonder what else you can do while you're down there

A STORY TO MAKE US THINK

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation. And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods when his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

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Then, unexpectedly, a sinister thought entered his mind. Why should the other man alone experience all the pleasures of seeing everything while he himself never got to see anything? It didn't seem fair. At first thought the man felt ashamed. But as the days passed and he missed seeing more sights, his envy eroded into resentment and soon turned him sour. He began to brood and he found himself unable to sleep. He should be by that window--that thought, and only that thought, now controlled his life.

Late one night as he lay staring at the ceiling, the man by the window began to cough. He was choking on the fluid in his lungs. The other man watched in the dimly lit room as the struggling man by the window groped for the button to call for help. Listening from across the room he never moved, never pushed his own button which would have brought the nurse running in.

In less than five minutes, the coughing and choking stopped, and along with that, the sound of breathing. Now there was only silence--deathly silence.

The following morning the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths. When she found the lifeless body of the man by the window, she was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take it away. As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it all himself. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you."

Epilogue. . . .

You can interpret the story in any way you like. But one moral stands out:

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all of the things you have that money can't buy.

"Today is a gift, that's why it's called the present."

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INEFFECTIVE DAILY AFFIRMATIONS:

As I let go of my feelings of guilt, I can get in touch with my Inner Sociopath.

I have the power to channel my imagination into ever-soaring levels of suspicion and paranoia.

I assume full responsibility for my actions, except the ones that are someone else's fault.

I no longer need to punish, deceive or compromise myself. Unless, of course, I want to stay employed.

In some cultures what I do would be considered normal.

Having control over myself is nearly as good as having control over others.

My intuition nearly makes up for my lack of good judgment.

I can change any thought that hurts into a reality that hurts even more.

I honor my personality flaws, for without them I would have no personality at all.

Joan of Arc heard voices too.

I am grateful that I am not as judgmental as all those censorious, self-righteous people around me.

I need not suffer in silence while I can still moan, whimper and complain.

As I learn the innermost secrets of the people around me, they reward me in many ways to keep me quiet.

When someone hurts me, forgiveness is cheaper than a lawsuit. But not nearly as gratifying.

The first step is to say nice things about myself. The second, to do nice things for myself. The third, to find someone to buy me nice things.

As I learn to trust the universe, I no longer need to carry a gun.

All of me is beautiful and valuable, even the ugly, stupid, and disgusting parts.

I am at one with my duality.

Blessed are the flexible, for they can tie themselves into knots.

I will strive to live each day as if it were my 40th birthday.

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Only a lack of imagination saves me from immobilizing myself with imaginary fears.

Does my quiet self-pity get to me? Yes? Or should I move up to incessant nagging?

I honor and express all facets of my being, regardless of state and local laws.

Today I will gladly share my experience and advice, for there are no sweeter words than "I told you so."

False hope is nicer than no hope at all.

A good scapegoat is nearly as welcome as a solution to the problem.

Just for today, I will not sit in my living room all day watching TV. Instead I will move my TV into the bedroom.

Who can I blame for my own problems? Give me just a minute...I'll find someone.

Why should I waste my time reliving the past when I can spend it worrying about the future?

The complete lack of evidence is the surest sign that the conspiracy is working.

I am learning that criticism is not nearly as effective as sabotage.

Becoming aware of my character defects leads me to the next step— blaming my parents.

To understand all is to fear all.

I will find humor in my everyday life by looking for people I can laugh at.

The next time the universe knocks on my door, I will pretend I am not home.

When I dance through life I do the Texas Two-Step.

My body is a temple. Do you want to come over for midnight mass?

To have a successful relationship I must learn to make it look like I'm giving as much as I'm getting.

I am willing to make the mistakes if someone else is willing to learn from them.

"If you ever drop your keys into a river of molten lava, let 'em go, because, man, they're gone."

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"If trees could scream, would we be so cavalier about cutting them down? We might, if they screamed all the time, for no good reason."

"To me, it's a good idea to always carry two sacks of something when you walk around. That way, if anybody says, 'Hey, can you give me a hand?' You can say, 'Sorry, got these sacks.' "

"One thing kids like is to be tricked. For instance, I was going to take my nephew to Disneyland, but instead I drove him to an old burned-out warehouse. 'Oh no,' I said, 'Disneyland burned down.' He cried and cried, but I think that deep down he thought it was a pretty good joke. 'I started to drive over to the real Disneyland, but it was getting pretty late.'"

"The face of a child can say it all, especially the mouth part of the face."

"If you lived in the Dark Ages and you were a catapult operator, I bet the most common question people would ask is, 'Can't you make it shoot farther?' 'No, I'm sorry. That's as far as it shoots.' "

"Is there anything more beautiful than a beautiful, beautiful flamingo, flying across in front of a beautiful sunset? And he's carrying a beautiful rose in his beak, and also he's carrying a very beautiful painting with his feet. And also, you're drunk."

"I believe in making the world safe for our children, but not our children's children, because I don't think children should be having sex."

"If a kid asks where rain comes from, I think a cute thing to tell him is, 'God is crying.' And if he asks why God is crying, another cute thing to tell him is, 'Probably because of something you did.' "

"If you ever catch on fire, try to avoid seeing yourself in the mirror, because I bet that's what REALLY throws you into a panic."

"Whenever I see an old lady slip and fall on a wet sidewalk, my first instinct is to laugh. but then I think, what if I was an ant and she fell on me. Then it wouldn't seem quite so funny."

"To me, boxing is like a ballet, except there's no music, no choreography and the dancers hit each other."

"I hope if dogs ever take over the world and they choose a king, they don't just go by size, because I bet there are some Chihuahuas with some good ideas."

"Instead of having 'answers' on a math test, they should just call them 'impressions,' and if you got a different 'impression,' so what, can't we all be brothers?"

"Probably the earliest fly swatters were nothing more than some sort of striking surface attached to the end of a long stick."

"I wish I would have a real tragic love affair and get so bummed out that I'd just quit my job and become a bum for a few years, because I was thinking about doing that anyway."

"Maybe in order to understand mankind we have to look at that word itself. MANKIND. Basically, it's made up of two separate words 'mank' and 'ind.' What do these words mean? It's a mystery and that's why so is mankind."

"If you go flying back through time and you see somebody else flying forward into the future, it's probably best to avoid eye contact."

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"It's easy to sit there and say you'd like to have more money. And I guess that's what I like about it. It's easy. Just sitting there, rocking back and forth, wanting that money."

"If you ever reach total enlightenment while you're drinking a beer, I bet it makes beer shoot out your nose."

"As the light changed from red to green to yellow and back to red again, I sat there thinking about life. Was it nothing more than a bunch of honking and yelling? Sometimes it seemed that way."

"I can picture in my mind a world without war, a world without hate. And I can picture us attacking that world, because they'd never expect it."

"I hope some animal never bores a hole in my head and lays its eggs in my brain, because later you might think you're having a good idea but it's just eggs hatching."

"Whenever you read a good book, it's like the author is right there, in the room talking to you, which is why I don't like to read good books."

"Instead of a trap door, what about a trap window? The guy looks out it, and if he leans too far, he falls out. Wait. I guess that's like a regular window."

"During the Middle Ages, probably one of the biggest mistakes was not putting on your armor because you were 'just going down to the corner.'"

"If I ever get real rich, I hope I'm not real mean to poor people, like I am now."

"When I found the skull in the woods, the first thing I did was call the police. But then I got curious about it. I picked it up, and started wondering who this person was, and why he had deer horns."

"I remember how my great-uncle Jerry would sit on the porch and whittle all day long. Once he whittled me a toy boat out of a larger toy boat I had. It was almost as good as the first one, except now it had bumpy whittle marks all over it. And no paint, because he had whittled off the paint."

"Here's a good thing to do if you go to a party and you don't know anybody: First take out the garbage. Then go around and collect any extra garbage that people might have, like a crumpled napkin, and take that out too. Pretty soon people will want to meet the busy garbage guy."

"Sometimes I think you have to march right in and demand your rights, even if you don't know what your rights are, or who the person is you're talking to. Then on the way out, slam the door."

"If you're a cowboy and you're dragging a guy behind your horse, I bet it would really make you mad if you looked back and the guy was reading a magazine."

"If your friend is already dead, and being eaten by vultures, I think it's okay to feed some bits of your friend to one of the vultures, to teach him to do some tricks. But only if you're serious about adopting the vulture."

"Broken promises don't upset me. I just think, why did they believe me?"

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"If you ever crawl inside an old hollow log and go to sleep, and while you're in there some guys come and seal up both ends and then put it on a truck and take it to another city, boy, I don't know what to tell you."

"One thing vampire children have to be taught early on is, don't run with a wooden stake."

"If you go to a costume party at your boss's house, wouldn't you think a good costume would be to dress up like the boss's wife? Trust me, it's not."

"Most of the time it was probably real bad being stuck down in a dungeon. But some days, when there was a bad storm outside, you'd look out your little window and think, 'Boy, I'm glad I'm not out in that.'"

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"Consider the daffodil.

And while you're doing that, I'll be over here, looking through your stuff."

"For mad scientists who keep brains in jars, here's a tip: why not add a slice of lemon to each jar, for freshness?"

"I'd like to see a nature film where an eagle swoops down and pulls a fish out of a lake, and then maybe he's flying along, low to the ground, and the fish pulls a worm out of the ground. Now that's a documentary."

"If I was the head of a country that lost a war, and I had to sign a peace treaty, just as I was signing, I'd glance over the treaty and then suddenly act surprised. 'Wait a minute! I thought we won!'"

"Sometimes you have to be careful when selecting a new name for yourself. For instance, let's say you have chosen the nickname 'FlyHead.' Normally you would think that 'fly Head' would mean a person who has beautiful swept-back features, as if flying through the air. But think again. Couldn't it also mean 'having a head like a fly'? I'm afraid some people might actually think that."

"Somebody told me how frightening it was how much topsoil we are losing each year, but I told that story around the campfire and nobody got scared."

"I hope that after I die, people will say of me: 'That guy sure owed me a lot of money.'"

"If you see an animal and you can't tell if it's a skunk or a cat, here's a good saying to help: 'Black and white, stinks all right.

Tabby-colored, likes a fella.'"

"I wish I had a dollar for every time I spent a dollar, because then, yahoo!, I'd have all my money back."

"I think a good product would be 'Baby Duck Hat.' It's a fake baby duck, which you strap on top of your head. Then you go swimming underwater until you find a mommy duck and her babies, and you join them. Then all of the sudden, you stand up out of the water and roar like Godzilla. Man those ducks really take off! Also Baby Duck Hat is good for parties."

"The tired and thirsty prospector threw himself down at the edge of the watering hole and started to drink. But then he looked around and

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saw skulls and bones everywhere. ' Uh-oh,' he thought. 'This watering hole is reserved for skeletons.' "

Feeling stressed?

Picture yourself near a stream....

Birds are chirping softly in the crisp, cool mountain air...

Nothing can bother you here....

No one knows this secret place...

You are in total seclusion from that place called The World...

The soothing sound of a gentle waterfall fills the air with a cascade of serenity...

The water is clear...

You can easily make out the face of the person whose head you're holding under the water...

There now...feeling better?

A bus station is where a bus stops.

A train station is where a train stops.

On my desk I have a work station...

I believe five out of four people have trouble with fractions.

If quitters never win, and winners never quit, what fool came up with, "Quit while you're ahead"?

Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?

What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?

I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans.

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older then it dawned on me . . . they were cramming for their finals.

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write . . . A Very Good Doctor.

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Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? (What are we supposed to do . . . become Pen Pals to these men ?)

DID YA' EVER JUST WONDER...

1. Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?
2. Since light travels faster than sound, isn't that why some people appear bright until you hear them speak?
3. If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold is it going to be?
4. Why do you press harder on a remote-control when you know the battery is dead?
5. Since Americans throw rice at weddings, do Asians throw hamburgers?
6. Why are they called buildings, when they're already finished? Shouldn't they be called built?
7. Why are they called apartments, when they're all stuck together?
8. Why do banks charge you a "non-sufficient funds fee" on money they already know you don't have?
9. When two airplanes almost collide, why do they call it a near miss?? It sounds like a near hit to me!!
10. Do fish get cramps after eating?
11. Why are there 5 syllables in the word "monosyllabic?"
12. Why do they call it the Department of Interior when they are in charge of everything outdoors?
13. Why do scientists call it research when looking for something new?
14. Why is it, when a door is open it's ajar, but when a jar is open, it's not ajar?
15. How come Superman could stop bullets with his chest, but always ducked when someone threw a gun at him?
16. How much deeper would the ocean be if sponges didn't grow in it?
17. Why do we put suits in a garment bag and put garments in a suitcase?
18. Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as "4's?"
19. What do little birdies see when they get knocked unconscious?
20. Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?
21. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

THAT'S THE TRUTH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

22. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
 23. Isn't Disney World a people trap operated by a mouse?
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Ponderables

I used to be indecisive - now I'm not sure.
Laughing stock - cattle with a sense of humor
Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?
Wear short sleeves! Support your right to bare arms!
To err is human, to moo bovine.

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For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain.

What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

Energizer Bunny arrested - charged with battery

I used to have an open mind but my brains kept falling out.

Dyslexics of the world - untie!

I couldn't repair your brakes, so I made your horn louder.

Shin: a device for finding furniture in the dark

How do you tell when you run out of invisible ink?

Everyone has a photographic memory, some just don't have film.

There's no future in time travel.

Smith & Wesson - the original point and click interface.

Radioactive cats have 18 half-lives.

How does Teflon stick to the pan?

Corduroy pillows - they're making headlines!

Black holes are where God divided by zero.

All those who believe in psychokinesis, raise my hand

There's an exception to every rule, except this one.

Oh Lord give me patience, and give it to me NOW!

A good pun is it's own reword.

[Note: while uncredited, the following sounds like an old George Carlin routine to me.]

Shit

Shit is a powerful word. Just think of all the concepts and ideas you can communicate with it. Shit may just be the most powerful word in the English language.

Consider: You can be shit faced, be shit out of luck, or have shit for brains. With a little effort you

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can get your shit together, find a place for your shit or decide to shit or get off the pot. You can smoke shit, buy shit, sell shit, lose shit, find shit, forget shit, and tell others to eat shit and die.

You can shit or go blind, have a shit fit or just shit your life away. People can be shit headed, shit brained, shit blinded, and shit over. Some people know their shit while others can't tell the difference between shit and shine-ola.

There are lucky shits, dumb shits, crazy shits, and sweet shits. There is bull shit, dog shit, cat shit, bird shit, whale shit, rat shit, and horse shit. There is tough shit, hard shit, soft shit, slimy shit, rough shit, limp shit. You can shit a blue streak, shit bricks, shit pink Twinkies, shit marbles, or shit your guts out.

You can throw shit, sling shit, catch shit, or duck when the shit hits the fan. You can take a shit, give a shit, keep shit or serve shit on a shingle. You can find yourself in deep shit, or be happier than a pig in shit.

Some days are colder than shit, some days are hotter than shit, and some days are just plane shitty. There is funny shit and sad shit, bad shit and good shit. Some shit doesn't stink while other things really smell like shit.

Some music sounds like shit, things can look like shit, and there are times when you feel like shit. You can be faster than shit or you can be slower than shit. Sometimes you'll find shit on a stick, sometimes you'll find shit everywhere, and then there are times when you can't find shit at all. You can have too much shit, not enough shit, the right shit, the wrong shit or a lot of weird shit..

You can carry shit in a bucket, put shit in a barrel, have a pile of shit, have a mountain of shit, have a river of shit, or find yourself up shit creek without a paddle. You can slice shit, spread shit, dunk shit or jump shit, and some people just can't cut the shit.

There is fun shit and dull shit, silly shit and serious shit. Sometimes you really need this shit and sometimes you don't want any shit at all. You can stir shit, kick shit or stick your ass out the window and shit on the world. Sometimes everything you touch turns to shit and other times you swim in a lake of shit and come out smelling like a rose.

Shit! When you stop to consider all the facts, it's the basic building block of creation. This means the universe did not begin with a **BIG BANG** but rather with a **BIG DUMP**. Keep that in mind the next time you flush the toilet. And remember, once you know your shit, you don't need to know anything else!

The Facts of Life

1. The two most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity.
2. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
3. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
4. Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.

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5. Psychiatrists say that 1 of 4 people are mentally ill. Check 3 friends. If they're OK, you're it.
 6. Nothing in the known universe travels faster than a bad check.
 7. A truly wise man never plays leapfrog with a unicorn.
 8. It has recently been discovered that research causes cancer in rats.
 9. Always remember to pillage BEFORE you burn.
 10. If you are given an open-book exam, you will forget your book.
 11. COROLLARY: If you are given a take-home test, you will forget where you live.
 12. The trouble with doing something right the first time is that nobody appreciates how difficult it was.
 13. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
 14. Paul's Law: You can't fall off the floor
 15. The average woman would rather have beauty than brains, because the average man can see better than he can think.
 16. Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society.
 17. Vital papers will demonstrate their vitality by moving from where you left them to where you can't find them.
 18. Law of Probability Dispersal: Whatever it is that hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.
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Age - a funny thing

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids?

If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions.

"How old are you?" "I'm 4 and half."

You're never 36 and a half, but you're 4 and a half going on 5! That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number.

"How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16."

You could be 12, but you're gonna be 16.

And then the greatest day of your life happens: you become 21. Even the words sounds like a ceremony - you BECOME 21....

But then you turn 30. Ooohhh, what happened here?? My, you sound like bad milk. She TURNED?!..... What changed???

You BECOME 21,
you TURN 30,
you're PUSHING 40,

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you REACH 50..
then you make it to 60..
Whew...I didn't think I'd make it...

MAKE IT to 60, and by then you've built up so much speed, you HIT 70!

After that, it's a day by day thing.

You HIT Wednesday, you get into your 80s, you HIT lunch. And it doesn't end there...

Into the 90's, you start going backwards: I was JUST 92.

Then a strange thing happens, if you make it over 100, you become a little kid again: I'm 100 and a half!!

Age, sure is a funny thing

DECISIONS

There was an old man, a boy and a donkey. They were going to town and it was decided that the boy should ride. As they went along, they passed some people who thought that it was a shame for the boy to ride and the old man to walk.

The man and boy decided that maybe the critics were right, so they changed positions. Later, they passed some more people who thought that it was a real shame for the man to make such a small boy walk. The two decided that maybe they should both walk.

Soon they passed some more people who thought it was stupid to walk when they had a donkey to ride. The man and the boy decided maybe the critics were right, so they decided they should both ride.

They soon passed other folks who thought that it was a shame to put such a load on a poor little animal. The old man and the boy decided that the critics could be right, so they decided to carry the donkey.

As they crossed a bridge, they lost their grip on the animal and it fell into the river and drowned.

The moral of the story: If you try to please everyone, you will eventually lose your ass.

ONLY IN AMERICA ...

- can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance...
- are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink...
- do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.

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- do people order double cheese burgers, large fries, and a diet coke.
 - do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.
 - do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
 - do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
 - do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
 - do we use the word "politics" to describe the process so well: "Poli" in Latin meaning "many" and "tics" meaning "bloodsucking creatures."
 - do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.
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When you have had one of those TAKE THIS JOB AND SHOVE IT days, try this:

On your way home after work, stop at your pharmacy and go to the section where they have thermometers. You will need to purchase a rectal thermometer made by *Q-Tip. Be very sure that you get this brand. When you get home, lock your doors, draw the drapes, and disconnect the phone so you will not be disturbed during your therapy.

Change to very comfortable clothing, such as a sweat suit and lie down on your bed. Open the package containing the thermometer and remove the thermometer and carefully place it on the bedside table so that it will not become chipped or broken. Take the written material that accompanies the thermometer and as you read it you will notice in small print the statement that *every rectal thermometer made by Q-Tip is PERSONALLY tested.

Now close your eyes and say out loud five times:

"I am so glad that I do not work in quality control at the Q-Tip Company."

ON MATHEMATICAL TRANSFORMS

A polar bear is a rectangular bear after a coordinate transform.

ON PROBLEM SOLVING

When the only tool you own is a hammer, every problem begins to resemble a nail. -- Abraham Maslow

ON MATERIALISM

He who dies with the most toys, is, nonetheless, still dead.

ON ECONOMICS

The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

ON PUBLISHING OR PERISHING

Philosophy

I am returning this otherwise good typing paper to you because someone has printed gibberish all over it and put your name at the top. -- English Professor, Ohio University

ON POETIC LOVE

When you're swimmin' in the creek

And an eel bites your cheek

That's a moray!

-- Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers

ON MODERNISM

Q: How many surrealists does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

A: Two. One to hold the giraffe and the other to fill the bathtub with brightly colored machine tools.

Q: How many minimalists does it take to change a light bulb?

A: One

ON MATERIAL SCIENCE

Character density: The number of very weird people in the office.

ON EXTINCTION

Save the whales. Collect the whole set.

ON LITERATURE

This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly. It should be thrown with great force. -- Dorothy Parker

ON HUMILITY

To err is human, to moo bovine.

ON PROPHECY

The meek shall inherit the earth---they are too weak to refuse.

ON NUMBERS

Grabel's Law: 2 is not equal to 3---not even for very large values of 2.

ON WORLD POLITICS

Diplomacy is the art of saying "nice doggy" until you can find a rock.

AND FINALLY, ON DRUGS AND DEVELOPMENT

There are two major products to come out of Berkeley: LSD and UNIX. We don't believe this to be a coincidence.