

### Is Common Sense Dead?

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

Knowing when to come in out of the rain;  
Why the early bird gets the worm;  
Fire is hot;  
Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies, don't

spend more than you can earn. And reliable strategies like, adults, not children, are in charge.

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a 6 year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer, sun lotion or a band-aid to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 3 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights; Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

"Normal people" are an urban legend.  
Everyone heard about them.  
Everyone talks about them.  
But nobody has ever seen one.



When a Korean 777 airliner crashed on landing in San

Francisco, Calif., local media was all over the story. TV station KTVU, located across the bay, kept on the story to show its big-city chops.

It even had an exclusive: the names of the four pilots in the cockpit.

They showed the names on-screen, noting that they had been "confirmed" by the National Transportation Safety Board, as the anchor read them aloud: "Captain Sum Ting Wong, Wi Tu Lo, Ho Lee Fuk, and Bang Ding Ow."

Even after saying the names out loud, the anchor didn't seem to realize that something was wrong; the names were a gag. The station quickly apologized, but didn't say where they got the names. The NTSB also apologized, saying the "confirmation" came from a summer intern.

Meanwhile, Asiana Airlines says the report "badly damaged" their reputation, and it is "considering legal action." (RC/AP) ...That list of names didn't say anything about the airline's reputation, only the TV station's reputation. But suing over it would definitely damage the airline's reputation.



I'm not an alcoholic, I'm a drunk. Alcoholics go to meetings; drunks go to parties!

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# Pelly Coffee Pot



<http://www.pelly.ca/about/the-pelly-coffee-pot.html>

Mary Clancy goes up to Father O'Grady after his Sunday morning service, and she's in tears. He says, "So what's bothering you, dear?"

She says, "Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night."

The priest says, "Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?"

She says, "That he did, Father..."

The priest says, "What did he ask, Mary?"

"He said, 'Please, Mary, put down that damn gun...'"

### August 11 & 12: The Perseids

Almost every skywatcher knows about the Perseid meteor shower, because it offers up to 60 an hour under pleasant summer skies. Showtime usually begins as soon as the radiant (near the Double Cluster in Perseus) clears the horizon, an hour or so before midnight, and it climbs higher in the sky throughout the night. This should be a great year for the Perseids, because a fat crescent Moon should be setting just when the shower is revving up.

Onomatopoeia is figure of speech where the word sounds like the thing that it is describing. For example, 'Miaow' 'moo', or 'slosh'. Here are examples from advertising.  
'Snap crackle pop.'  
Kelloggs cleverly use this onomatopoeia in their Rice Krispies ad

IF THE MUSIC  
IS TOO LOUD—  
YOU'RE TOO OLD.

### Events - 2013

- July 26 - Swan River parade
- July 27 - Roughriders @ Hamilton 5:30 pm
- Aug 3 - Bredenburg Parade 10 am
- Aug 5 - Holiday
- Aug 11-12 - Meteor showers
- Sept 2 - Labour Day
- Sept 3 - school starts
- Sept 16 - Lions Club meeting
- Sept 22 - Fall equinox at 12:43:27 pm
- Nov 3 - Daylight saving time

*Want a notice put on the Highway sign - Drop it off with Audrey and she will see that is put up.*

I had a 2nd reminder from the Tax office the other day saying that my taxes were overdue. I went to pay it straight away, saying that I didn't remember getting a first reminder. "We don't send first reminders" said the taxman "the 2nd one's are more effective"

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuit one night. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?"

She thought for a time and then asked, "Is it on or off?"



"Laughing at our mistakes can lengthen our own life. Laughing at someone else's can shorten it."

About 1966 or so, a NASA team doing work for the Apollo moon mission took the astronauts near Tuba City where the terrain of the Navajo Reservation looks very much like the Lunar surface.

Along with all the trucks and large vehicles, there were two large figures dressed in full Lunar spacesuits.

Nearby a Navajo sheep herder and his son were watching the strange creatures walk about, occasionally being tended by personnel. The two Navajo people were noticed and approached by the NASA personnel. Since the man did not know English, his son asked for him what the strange creatures were and the NASA people told them that they are just men that are getting ready to go to the moon. The man became very excited and asked if he could send a message to the moon with the astronauts.

The NASA personnel thought this was a great idea so they rustled up a tape recorder. After the man gave them his message, they asked his son to translate. His son would not. Later, they tried a few more people on the reservation to translate and every person they asked would chuckle and then refuse to translate. Finally, with cash in hand, someone translated the message, "Watch out for these guys, they come to take your land."

The restaurant manager pulled the waitress aside. "I want you to put on your cutest uniform, fix your hair, do your makeup, and walk your extra-sexy walk." She smiled. "Something special tonight?" He replied, "No. The beef is tough!"

*"Most human beings have an almost infinite capacity for taking things for granted."*

### Thought for the Day



**If you feel like doing some work, sit down and wait . . .**

**The feeling does go away.**

Mum, teacher was asking me today if I have any brothers or sisters who will be coming to school."

"That's nice of her to take such an interest, dear. What did she say when you told her u are the only child?"

"She just said, 'Thank goodness!'"

The graduate with a Science degree asks, "Why does it work?"

The graduate with an Engineering degree asks, "How does it work?"

The graduate with an Accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?"

The graduate with a Liberal Arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

Know-It-Alls  
by Gene Sanders

Let me tell you what would be a real treat:  
A gathering of Know-It-Alls together at a meet

And with Know-It-Alls as far as you can see  
Just think what the potential might come to be

Id' like to be there as a fly on the wall  
To see the mayhem, bedlam, confusion and all

I can imagine them searching for a modest few  
For anyone who's listen, to be repulsive to

It would be fun, but for them a great test  
To find out just who is the biggest darn pest  
And how long should such a meeting last?  
Until all realized they are a pain-in-the-a\_s

Perhaps at meeting's end some few would see

How totally obnoxious a Know-It-All can be

A Scotsman approached the pharmacist with a small bottle and a spoon. He poured some liquid onto the spoon and offered it to the pharmacist. "Would you taste this for me, please?" The pharmacist put it in his mouth, swilled it around, and swallowed it. "Does that taste sweet to you?" said the Scot. "Not at all," said the pharmacist. "Oh, that's a relief. My doctor said you would test my urine for sugar!"

What is a committee? A group of the unwilling, picked from the unfit, to do the unnecessary.

I dream of a better tomorrow... where chickens can cross the road and not be questioned about their motives (MLK)

Paddy and Murphy went to a bar and got drunk.

Paddy: Your glass is empty. Do you want another one?

Murphy: Why the hell would I want another empty glass.

- Honey is the only edible food for humans that will never go bad.
- Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients in dynamite.
- Pear is a fruit that ripens from the inside out.

My mother's brother's sister's name is Grace  
She's my aunt and likes to go from place to place

My mother's sister's brother's name is Brad  
He's my uncle and he is my cousin's Dad

My grandmother on my mother's side  
Is my maternal gran, she is my grandfather's bride

She also is my father's mother-in-law  
And not surprisingly they often go to war

My cousin is the nephew of my mother  
His father happens to be my mother's brother  
My aunty's niece is in fact myself

I hope you're not too confused, because I can't help

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An elderly man remembers the good old days: "when I was young, my mom could send me to a shop with a single dollar, and I would bring back 5 pounds of potatoes, 2 breads, a bottle of milk, a piece of cheese and 10 eggs. Nowadays that's impossible – there are simply too many security cameras.

Definition of a professional musician:  
Someone who puts \$10,000 worth of gear into a \$1,000 car to drive 100 miles to play a \$10 gig.

"What are the three words guaranteed to humiliate men everywhere? 'Hold my purse.'"

Too bad that all the people who know how to run this country are busy driving taxis and cutting hair.  
-- George Burns

Why Did The Chicken Cross The Road  
**Fox Mulder:**

You saw it cross the road with your own eyes. How many more chickens have to cross the road before you believe it?

**Richard M. Nixon:**

The chicken did not cross the road. I repeat, the chicken did \*not\* cross the road.

**Jerry Seinfeld:**

Why does anyone cross a road? I mean, why doesn't anyone ever think to ask, "What the heck was this \*chicken\* doing walking around all over the place anyway?"

**Oliver Stone:**

The question is not "Why did the chicken cross the road? But is rather, "Who was crossing the road at the same time, whom we overlooked in our haste to observe the chicken crossing?"

**Darwin:**

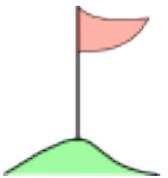
Chickens, over great periods of time, have been naturally selected in such a way that they are now genetically dispositioned to cross roads.

Experience is that marvelous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

*I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.*



The first rule of holes: if you are in one, stop digging.



It's so simple to be wise. Just think of something stupid to say and then don't say it.