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(a friend sent me this, thought some of you might enjoy it. bub)

READ TO THE BOTTOM FOR QUOTE OF THE MONTH BY JAY LENO, EVEN IF YOU DON'T READ ANYTHING ELSE---VERY WELL STATED

TO ALL THE KIDS WHO SURVIVED the 1930's, 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's!!

First, we survived being born to mothers who smoked and/or drank while they were pregnant.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.

Then after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-based paints .

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As infants & children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, booster seats, seat belts or air bags.

Riding in the back of a pick up on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank Kool-aid made with sugar, but we weren't overweight because, WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo's, X-boxes, no video games at all, no 150 channels on cable, no video movies or DVD's, no surround-sound or CD's, no cell phones, no personal computer! s, no Internet or chat rooms..... WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents.

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, made up games with sticks and tennis balls and, although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to the m!

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. I imagine that!!

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors ever!

The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.
We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL!

If YOU are one of them. CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated so much of our lives for our own good.
While you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave (and lucky) their parents were.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it?!

The quote of the month is by Jay Leno:

"With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?"

For those that prefer to think that God is not watching over us...go ahead and delete this.
For the rest of us...pass this on.

Re: To Those Born 1930-1979 - posted by letsgetbusy (), on: 2007/2/15 13:39

Thanks, bub. That brought back some good memories.

Re:, on: 2007/2/15 13:41

... it's a miracle that I'm still alive...

Krispy

Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/2/15 16:53

This warm article brought back some nice childhood memories. Thank you.

Re: To Those Born 1930-1979 - posted by MSeaman (), on: 2007/2/15 16:56

yep those were the good old days.... :)

Re: - posted by allhavsinned (), on: 2007/2/15 17:15

don't want to pop anyones bubble but if you read this and have a sibling /child that has died or been seriously injured because of not wearing seat belts or helmets, I think they would not see it in the same light. I buckle my kids in the car not cos the government says I have to but because I care about my kids,

I know the leaders go too far some times and change their mind often on what is good for us, but we are to be responsible people, not because the authorities say it but because we should show our loved ones how God loves us by doing what's best for them.

I think those of us who survived did so inspite of the carefreeness of the past not because of it. :-(

Re:, on: 2007/2/15 17:16

I am so thankful to have grown up in that era, what memories!!

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2007/2/15 19:37

I was born in 1981.

I had no TV. So I played outside and read.

Isn't better to be concentrating on the present rather than the past.

What we forget is that a lot of bad things happened then as well. To me it could almost be sin because you do not want to experience happy times now.

Should not we be focusing on a future happy time in heaven.

As everything that will be shaken, will be shaken.

Are we not serving a heavenly kingdom than a earthly one.

Re: To Those Born 1930-1979 - posted by Afrikitty, on: 2007/2/15 20:30

Hello bubbaguy,

I just LOVED this posting! :-D

I was born in 1953 and my children were born in 1974 and 1977 respectively. We only got TV in South Africa in 1976, and it was not until my own children were in their first decade of life that we ourselves got a TV. This posting brought back so many memories. However, even though my children got to know the TV box so late in life, it has taken over and the difference in them to previous generations is mind numbing.

I have four step children aged 23, 20, 17 and 14 respectively. I live in America now with my new husband. The 17 year old and the 14 year old play video games every single spare second they have. The 17 year old has called his step-mother the "B" word. But his sisters call their friends that word too then they wonder why their brothers have no respect for a woman.

One day, this 17 year old came to me and asked me "Is it true that one of the commandments says "you must not steal?" I was dumbstruck! So was he when I told him the answer was "yes". The look on his face would have been comical had it not been so tragic.

So, they took prayer out of the schools in America in the 1960's and they wonder why the kids are killing each other now. No Bibles allowed in schools either and no talking about Jesus either on school campuses. You can talk about God all you like, just don't talk about Jesus. And don't say "God bless you." If Jesus was living now I can picture him standing over the capital of this once great country and he would say "Oh America, America, how I have longed to take you under my wings as a hen does her chicks, but you will not." Jesus would also be weeping.

I can't stand the thought of Jesus weeping. It hurts me in a place I can't describe. He died for us. Wasn't that enough, yet we trample him under foot again and again, then we quickly pray when aircraft plough into the Twin Towers in New York. Then everybody wants to be buried in a church. Why? They said the church was full of hypocrites while they were alive. Oh America, America, wake up!

I saw a movie some time ago starring Bruce Willis. The film was called "Tears of the Sun". In this film, there is a scene where the priest at a mission said something to the Marines who were taking the American doctor out of the mission. The priest and the nuns decided to stay behind with the people and were subsequently murdered by the religious rebels. But the priest sent Bruce Willis and his squad away from the mission with the words "God go with you". One of the other soldiers chirped back "God's already left Africa". Bruce Willis said "Yeah". If you doubt the veracity of the events told of in that film, you live in a dream world. Be careful America that you don't one day hear God say to you "Your will be done" if you don't heed his request of you that "My will be done". America, we only have our military might right now that is stopping us from going the same way Africa has gone. Christians in America...wake up!!!

Jesus invested His life in YOU. Have you shown any interest? :-)

Re:, on: 2007/2/16 11:57

Afrikitty,

thanks for your post. for three years in the early 1980s i was a US peace corps volunteer in Lesotho. i traveled, hitchhiking, to Malawi and back once and, in general, got to know the peoples of southern africa. (if any of you Slers have not seen The Gods Must Be Crazy, I highly recommend it, as it gives insight into the cultural differences that separate westerners from indigenous people.)

upon returning to the US in 1984 and attending school in Boston i was shocked by the homelessness and incredible waste produced by american society. there was no homelessness in Lesotho and everything possible got put to good use and then was reused.

american's wealth and lack of appreciation for all that God has given us is creating a pool of filth (the polluted environment and corrupted, spoiled rotten people) and we are now drowning in it. bub

Re: - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2007/2/16 12:10

Dear Afrikitty,

I wanted to share this post by "searchin" on prayer in school. This was an eye opener for me. Pray and bible reading is allowed in public school. It is our constitutional right. As someone else pointed out it shouldn't be used to foster rebellion against authority, just to be informed that our children can pray and read their bibles and even have clubs. It is just that the school can't institute these things. Here is the post:

prayer in school
U.S. Supreme Court ENGEL v. VITALE, 370 U.S. 421 (1962) 370 U.S. 421 ENGEL ET AL. v. VITALE ET AL.
CERTIORARI TO THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NEW YORK.
No. 468.
Argued April 3, 1962.
Decided June 25, 1962.

Because of the prohibition of the First Amendment against the enactment of any law "respecting an establishment of religion," which is made applicable to the States by the Fourteenth Amendment, state officials may not compose an official state prayer and require that it be recited in the public schools of the State at the beginning of each school day - even if the prayer is denominationally neutral and pupils who wish to do so may remain silent or be excused from the room while the prayer is being recited. Pp. 422-436.

Meet Nathan: an average, middle school student who lives in a small mid-western town with his parents and two sisters. One night, at the dinner table, his dad starts a discussion about the importance of prayer. During which, he tells Nathan that he needs to be thankful and pray for everything, even when you go through your day at school. That's when Nathan said, "But dad, we can't pray in school; everybody knows that." And his sister agreed, "yeah dad, we're not allowed to pray in school."

Unfortunately there are many students across the country who are just like Nathan, they really believe that, somehow, it's against the law to pray in school. It's not surprising if you listen to what many voices, from both sides of the debate, are saying about prayer in school.

All too common phrases like, "They've taken prayer out of the public school." Or, "God has been removed from the classroom," have left many mis-informed and has led to a distorted view of the facts concerning prayer in the public school.

The Beginning

In 1962 In the Case Engel v. Vitale, the Supreme Court passed a law which states, "The act of leading students in prayer was ruled unconstitutional, even if the prayer was denominationally neutral and pupils who wish to do so may remain silent or be excused from the room while the prayer is being recited" (Supreme Court Case Engel v. Vitale, p 422-436 Miller, para. 4)

This case came about when a school district in New Hyde Park, New York directed the School District's principal to cause the following prayer to be said aloud by each class in the presence of a teacher at the beginning of each school day: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers and our Country."

The State of New York authorized a short, voluntary prayer for recitation at the start of each school day. The question that was presented in court was: Does the reading of a nondenominational prayer at the start of the school day violate the "establishment of religion" clause of the First Amendment? The answer the court reached was, Yes. The court decided that by providing the prayer, New York officially approved religion. Thus prayers led by, and sanctioned by, school officials was prohibited.

Fortunately, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects both believers and nonbelievers by mandating government neutrality between belief and nonbelief. The government-- through its proxy, the educators and administrators who facilitate our schools, may not lead children in prayer or force them to pray a certain way. However, all children have the right to pray voluntarily before, during, or after school, and non-religious children do not have to pray at all.

During free time at school, whether it's lunch, in between classes, or any other time of the day when you are able to talk to your friends you can also talk to God, and you can talk to your friends about God. Kids all over the country are taking advantage of opportunities to tell their classmates about God's love. When your friends are talking about their newest CD, I-pod, or the coolest web-site they've seen, you can use that time to tell them the good news of Jesus.

Not only will the school allow you to pray during these times but, in case you're wondering, you can read your Bible in school as well. In fact you'll find a copy of the Bible in just about every school and public library across the nation.

No one in America has outlawed prayer or the Bible...not even in the public school.

Personal prayer never has and never could be outlawed in public schools the first amendment to the Constitution gives us the right to religious freedom in this country. Students can pray and read the Bible. The law is clear on this point, and we are unable to point to any credible authority on either side of the issue that thinks otherwise.

Religious activity in the public schools has been growing in recent years. In the last several decades many religious groups have placed increased interest in student evangelism, and have established thousands of prayer and Bible study clubs in the public schools. Such activity is protected, as it should be, by the Equal Access Amendment, which guarantees students the right to form religious clubs to the same extent they have the right to participate in other extra-curricular activities. They can't make you pray, but they won't keep you from praying either.

This case first came to court in 1962 and twenty-eight years later there was a group of teens who gathered for a retreat. During the retreat they felt burdened to pray for their fellow students. They gathered around the flagpoles of three separate schools to pray. The teens prayed for their friends, the school, and school leaders.

God birthed from this the idea that has come to be known as, "See You At the Pole." On September 12, 1990, 45,000 teenagers gathered at the flagpole in four different states to pray before school started that morning. One-year later one million students from Boston to California gathered at 7:00 a.m. to pray prior to the start of school. This ministry has continued to grow over the years since. Now more than three million students from coast-to-coast and around the world gather to pray one day a year.

Students not only meet once a year at the flagpoles of their schools but there are more and more school football teams that will gather for student-led and student-initiated prayer at high school football games. This shows that there is a desire to be able to pray at school. The Congress may have removed the traditional time of prayer that was observed during the school day but students have found other ways to include prayer and God in their school day. Proving, like Daniel, if you want to pray...nothing can stand in your way.

Check out...

*Free Exercise Clause and the 14 amendment

*The Constitution

*Establishment Clause

*The Equal Access Amendment

Re: To Those Born 1930-1979 - posted by JennRich (), on: 2007/2/16 13:23

Quote:

bubbaguy wrote:

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

Hi Brother, I thought you were a vegetarian . . . j/k!

;-)

Thanks for this list, it was funny & interesting. . .

Re: If you were born between 1930 and 1980.... - posted by Afrikitty, on: 2007/2/16 14:18

Good afternoon to you bubba,

Thank you for your answer to my post. Blessing to you in abundance as this day goes on.

I lived in Windhoek, the capital of Namibia for 10 years from January, 1988 to December 1997. I was a radio announcer and a TV presenter in that country.

One day my husband and I cleaned out our cellar, which we used as a store room. We put all the stuff out on the sidewalk for the trashman to take away. It was a HUGE pile of JUNK.....to us anyway..... My husband and I were flabbergasted to see some poor black people rummaging through that "trash". There was a bucket amongst this stuff, that had a huge hole in the bottom of it. In fact, I could say that almost the whole bottom was out of this bucket, but I saw a man take that bucket home with him. Within 24 hours, that whole heap of "trash" was taken away by the poor people and not even a piece of cardboard was left for the trashman to collect. Seeing that was a humbling experience and it taught me to thank God daily for what I do have. It also taught me not to complain about the modern conveniences I wished I had, but didn't. Here in America I actually own a dishwasher. I never had one back home and my children always did the dishes in the evening after dinner. Oh, they complained bitterly, so I made a deal with them - I said "Ok, you cook the dinner and I will do the dishes." That worked well for many years. ;-)

Malawi is a truly beautiful country. I am glad you got to see it. What did you think of the things that happened in Rwanda and Burundi? Did you see the movie "Hotel Rwanda"? I would also recommend that all people living in America read the book by an American journalist, Keith B Richburg called "Out of America". One of the last sentences in this book goes like this "Thank God my ancestor got out."

Yes, the movie (actually there were two in the series), "The Gods Must Be Crazy" and the "Gods Must Be Crazy 2" will make for deep meditation to anybody who sees it. Just a Coke bottle...can you imagine a Coke bottle and what some people can do with it??? But this Coke bottle almost destroyed an entire community. I strongly recommend anybody to watch those movies, especially the first one. It was one of the first South African films that made it onto the American circuit and it was a huge hit in this country at the time.

If anybody would like to see this movie, please contact me and I will either send you a copy of it, or I will tell you where to go to get a copy. It is an extremely comical and hilariously funny movie. The first one was made in the late 1970's and the second one in the early 1980s, if my memory serves me correctly. You will be highly entertained and it will give you much food for thought. My husband loves it and all his friends have had to watch it. :-D

When I was living in Namibia, I was there during the time when the UN came over to oversee the transition period when Namibia became independent from South Africa in 1990.

I look forward to more stories from others who have been to my home continent. I was born and raised in Cape Town, South Africa and have lived in America now since August 2002.

Blessings to you all.

In Christ

Afrikitty :knockedout:

Re: - posted by Afrikitty, on: 2007/2/16 15:09

Greetings to you KLC,

Thank you for taking the time to write in response to my post. Blessings from our Saviour to you this lovely cold day. :-)

Yes, I am very aware of the case that caused the cessation of prayer in public schools in America. The problem with the whole saga is that it is full of loopholes and since the ACLU is committed to removing every single vestige of our Christian heritage from our country, I have to re-iterate that while the court case did not outright ban prayer from schools, the reality of it is that prayer and Bibles ARE NOT allowed to be seen in schools. My brother-in-law is a school teacher in Vancouver, Washington and we have had a couple of conversations about this. He has told me that the kids are not allowed to pray in public on school grounds and they can't have their Bibles in public view. In some instances it is so bad that so

me schools won't even allow the kids to have hidden Bibles on the school grounds. Go to the websites of the ADF and the ACLJ and you will see what it is these people are fighting in America's courts.

Now they are trying to have "In God We Trust" removed from our currency. The Soledad Cross in California has just been saved from being destroyed because there are those that don't want the Christian God to be any kind of feature in American Society. There is a man named Michael Newdow, an atheist, who is fighting in America's courts to stop the president from saying "So help me God" when he is sworn into his office at the inauguration ceremony. This man is NOT short of money and he can do this if we don't stop him.

Judge Ray Moore in Alabama lost his job because he had the 10 Commandments outside his courthouse. The offensive monument was forcibly removed by the police from the courthouse premises under the auspices of another court, which said it was UNLAWFUL for the 10 Commandments to be on that courthouse's property. :-? So, if I decide to murder my husband....LOL...NOT!.....I would like to ask the American courts this question - On whose authority are you condemning me for that crime? In other words, who told you that I did wrong by murdering my husband and why are you going to convict me and probably condemn me too?

Most of the time, I hear people blame President Bush for all the bad things going on in this country. So, because he was the one that sent troops to Iraq and so many soldiers are dying, the public blames him for all the bad things going on in this country. They focus on the war in such a big way that people don't see what the true trouble makers are doing in this country. The ACLU is one of the most evil influences in America today and THEY are responsible for much of the problems we have now, NOT the president.

I would like to tell people about Dr D James Kennedy's ministry in Florida called "Reclaiming America for Christ". I would encourage you to go to their website. I would also like to tell you about the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) and the American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ). These are two Christian organizations that are training lawyers and are fighting to reverse the terrible damage the ACLU has accomplished in this country. Go to their websites and have a look at the victories they are winning in America now. You will be surprised at the stupidity of some of the lawsuits they are dealing with. If these court cases weren't so important to keep some vestige of moral decency in America today, I would say that the court's time is being sorely wasted. But it is now necessary to defend common decency and courtesy in the great courts of America. It's sinful to say the least.

Here's a "nice" story for everyone. When I got my first job in America in 2003, it was with a big department store. I was a seasonal worker over the Christmas period. We were told that we were NOT ALLOWED to say "Merry Christmas" to the customers. We HAD to say "Happy Holidays". Last year, the ADF won a victory in court which now allows Christians to wish their customers "Merry Christmas". Now, it's OK to say Merry Christmas. By the way, I got fired for wishing customers "Merry Christmas". But it just came naturally to me, so it just came out and I don't know how to wish somebody Happy Holidays as I wasn't raised that way.

I strongly encourage all Christians to become card carrying members of the ACLU, the ACLJ and the ADF. Now you might ask me why do I urge you to become a card carrying member of the terrible ACLU. Well, they will send you letters every now and then of what it is they are trying to accomplish in this country and you need to know what they are up to. So become a member, just don't give them any money. Then the ADF and the ACLJ will also send you letters telling you about how they are fighting against the ACLU to stop their terrible agenda.

PLEASE people....go to these websites and get informed. You will be blown away by what you learn and it will drive you to your knees in order to intercede to God on behalf of your country. It is a terrible day to me when a 17 year old young man asks me if it is true that one of the 10 commandments says it's a sin to steal.....as did my step-son.

I have grown to love America, but it was hard for me to learn to live here. Why do you drive on the "wrong" side of the road? :-? LOL

I have made some of the best friends in the world since I have been here and I will fight with you to keep our freedoms.

May God bless us and have mercy on America.

Lots of love.

In Christ.

Afrikitty :-D :-?