

# Morning Breaks - October 2021

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IF YOU'RE GONNA BE DUMB,  
YOU BETTER BE TOUGH



He jumped out and ran at the next stop sign. LOL!

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True story. I'm playing in a string quartet as the guests arrive at a Wedding. We get the signal that the bride is about to walk down the aisle - we stop playing at this point.

A song starts playing loudly over the PA. She walks down the aisle to U2's "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For".

Poor guy. He's got his work cut out for him.

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As I was driving from Salt Lake City to Moab, I picked up a hitchhiker.

He said "Aren't you worried I could be a serial killer?"

I said, "What's the chance of two serial killers being in the same car at the same time."



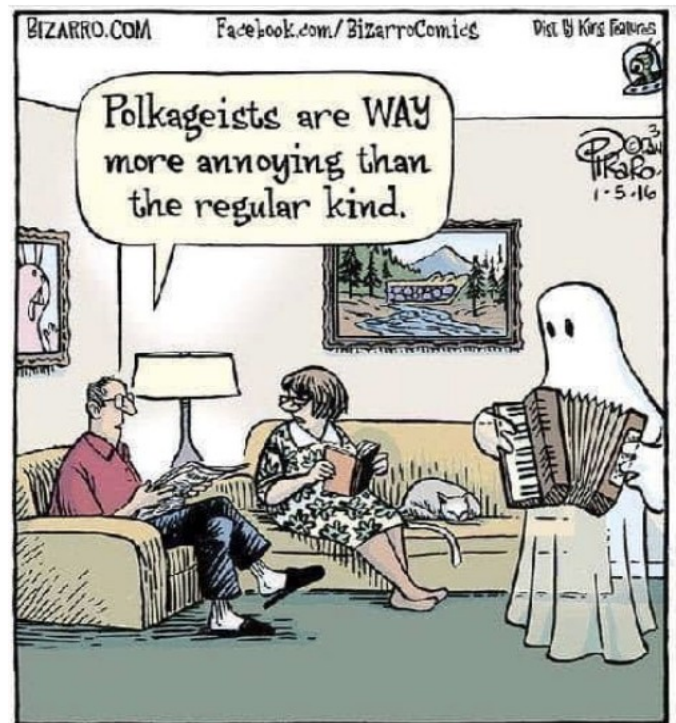


I'm writing a book about all the things I should be doing in my life. It's an "Oughtobiography."

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a bishop when I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and tell people what they should be doing than just sit and listen."



**TODAY'S MISSIONARY HOUSEKEEPING TIP:**

Keep several "get well" cards on your study desk. That way, if the District Leader or the Zone Leader come by unexpectedly they'll think you've been sick and unable to clean.

Note: This will not work if the Mission President's wife shows up, though. Trust me!

"Prepare and Prevent" is better than "Repair and Repent." - Ezra Taft Benson

[64 AD, Nero bans the practice of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire]

Christians: I can't believe this.

Nero: Correct.

I was watching "Back to the Future II" with my 14 year old grandson and he said, "2015?! That's not the future. That was 6 years ago!"

I just sat their quietly, almost like I was at my own funeral, because I'd somehow outlived the future of my own childhood, and somehow I'm not already dead.

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A certain Reverend Watts felt a personal dislike for me (during my 1970-71 British Mission tenure). We'd baptized some of his parishioners, I guess. Anyway, the good Reverend had identified me as the guilty party. We were told that he preached sermons against me. He was known as a considerable eccentric. His church filled each Sunday, with folks expecting a lively show, and maybe to pray, and things.

To further set the scene, I need you to know that at the moment, I was driving a very ancient diesel ambulance (our District vehicle--but that's another story), with bench seats for 8. The majority of our little Branch's Relief Society was filling them. By chance, we'd stopped at a stop sign next to Rev. Watts church. There was a garden fete in progress in the churchyard (booths with various games, like darts at balloons, kissing, ring tossing, etc, all for prizes. People bought tickets, with the proceeds going to a worthy cause).

Suddenly, Rev. Watts saw me, and came charging toward us, shouting furiously, "LOOK! LOOK! THERE HE IS! WITH ALL HIS WIVES!" The people were astonished/amused.

I was also amused, but only a little bit surprised. When he reached the fence, I shouted in reply, "NOT ALL OF 'EM, REVEREND! NOT ALL OF 'EM!"

The crowd loved it.

When I was young, I was poor. But after years of hard work I am no longer young!

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Now something from General Conferences' Past:

In J. Golden Kimball's day, the General Authorities were not told in advance when they would be called on to speak in general conference.

In 1921, toward the end of three days of meetings, Brother Kimball's call finally came. He began, "My brethren and sisters, I have been hanging on the hook so long during this conference that I am nearly exhausted. I have had some wonderful thoughts but have waited so long they have nearly all oozed out of me." (See *Conference Report*, Apr. 1921, 178)



at the bar, one said to the other, 'Look, Bruce. There's the idiot who got in the car while we were pushing it.'

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One dark, windy night, just outside Doncaster in Yorkshire, England, Neil, the town drunk was meandering his way home after the pub had closed.

Somehow Neil got turned around and ended up walking through the graveyard in St Mary's church instead of taking the Tadcaster road home. The wind howled louder and Neil thought he could hear a voice calling his name. Suddenly, the ground opened up in front of him, and he fell down, down into an open grave. He could still hear the voice clearer and louder now, calling to him. Neil knew it was Satan, coming for him just like the vicar had said, on account of him being the town drunk. The hole was very deep and inside it was pitch black. His eyes adjusted to the darkness and after a few moments, and he made out a form sitting in the darkness with him. It called his name, and he scrambled away in fear, trying to climb out of that terrible grave.

Then the figure spoke to him, 'You can't get out,' it moaned.

Neil gave a shout of pure terror and leapt straight up in the air, caught the edge of the hole in his hands, and scrambling out for his very life, he ran for home as fast as he could go. Inside the open grave, his neighbor Tony sighed in resignation. He, too, had fallen into the hole a few minutes before his friend and had thought that together they might help each other climb out. Now he was going to have to wait until morning and get the gravedigger to bring him a ladder.

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At a parent-teacher conference our son's third grade teacher could hardly wait to show us a paper he had turned in for an assignment. It read:

Question 6:

- a) Who is your hero? Our son had written "Dad"
- b) Why do you consider this person to be your hero? "He is Brave!"
- c) Is there anything your hero is frightened of? The answer got me laughing: "Mom!"

My husband was not amused.

John Bradford, a Sydney University student, was on the side of the road hitch hiking on a very dark Halloween night and in the midst of a storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him. Suddenly he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped.

John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got in the car and closed the door, just to realize there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't on! The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before he hit the curve, a hand appeared through the window and turned the wheel.

John, paralyzed with terror, watched how the hand appeared every time they came to a curve. John saw the lights of a pub down the road so, gathering strength, jumped out of the car and ran to it. Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and asked for two shots of tequila. He then started telling everybody about the horrible experience he went through. A silence enveloped everybody when they realized he was crying and... wasn't drunk.

About 15 minutes later, two guys walked into the same pub. They were also wet and out of breath. Looking around and seeing John Bradford sobbing

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After he learned enough Spanish he asked me if I believed literally in the Bible. I said yes, why? He then quoted Matthew 18:9 .....If thy eye offendeth thee, pluck it out. And he did... I almost fell over.

It turns out he had a glass eye.

Then, a few months later another Elder came into the classroom and said, "Look what I found under my bed." It was a glass eye. I assume it belonged to the other Elder.

The MTC did send it to his parents so I guess they figured out a way to get it down to him. I don't recommend plucking out your eye unless it's a glass one.....

The Lone Ranger and Tonto were camping in the wilderness. After they got their tent set up, both men fell sound asleep. Some hours later, Tonto wakes the Lone Ranger and says, "Kemo Sabe, look towards sky, what you see?"

The Lone Ranger replies, "I see millions of stars."

"What that tell you?" asked Tonto.

The Lone Ranger ponders for a minute then says, "Astronomically-speaking, it tells me there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time-wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three in the morning. Theologically, the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you, Tonto?"

"It tell me you dumber than buffalo. It mean someone stole tent."

When I was at BYU I taught Spanish at the MTC for 3 1/2 years out of my 4 years in school. It was a good experience. I had a group going to Chile, and there was an Elder who was a bit of a joker.

The two thousand-member church was filled to overflowing capacity one Sunday morning. The preacher was ready to start the sermon when two men, dressed in long black coats and black hats entered thru the rear of the church.

One of the two men walked to the middle of the church while the other stayed at the back of the church. They both then reached under their coats and withdrew automatic weapons.

The one in the middle announced, "Everyone willing to take a bullet for Jesus stay in your seats!"

In chaos, the pews emptied, followed by the choir. The deacons ran out the door, followed by the choir director and the assistant pastor.

After a few moments, there were about twenty people left sitting in the church. The preacher was holding steady in the pulpit.

The men put their weapons away and said, gently, to the preacher, "All right, pastor, the hypocrites are gone now. You may begin the service."

**A game sent from heaven... 😊**

**You need two \$5 bills... the child who drops the money first LOSES and the winner keeps the money... hours of peace!  
You can thank us later!  
Samantha & Bubba**



Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?"

The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?"

The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

Funny answers to Children's Science Exam:

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour? (brilliant, love this!)

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes

A: Premature death.

Q: What is artificial insemination?

A: When the farmer does it to the bull instead of the cow.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean? (I do love this one...)

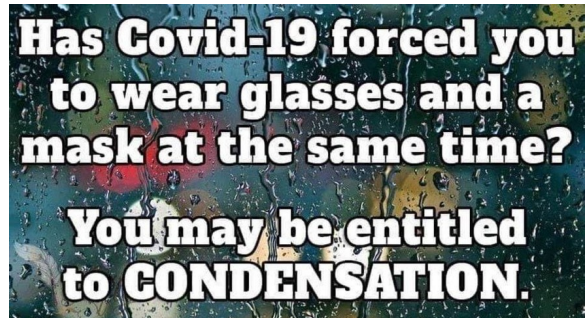
A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section"

A: The Caesarean Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?"

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.



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Next, they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out.

"How much to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet? This is heaven, it is free!" Peter replied.

"Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods?" the old man asked timidly.

"That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

The old man looked at his wife and said, "You and your bran muffins. I could have been here ten years ago!"

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An 85-year-old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health the last ten years, mainly due to her interest in health food and exercise.

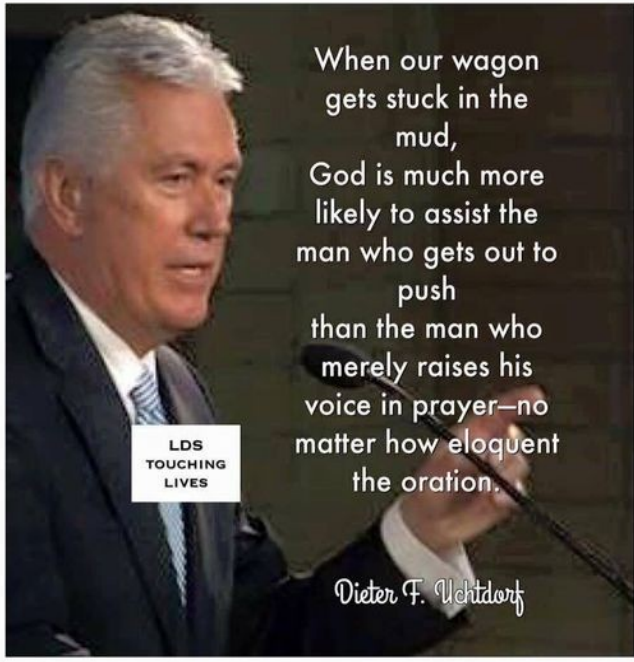
When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion, which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen, master bath suite, and Jacuzzi. As they "ooohed and aaahed," the old man asked Peter how much all this was going to cost.

"It's free," Peter replied, "this is Heaven."

Next, they went out back to see the championship golf course. They would have golfing privileges every day and each week the course changed to a new one representing the great golf courses on earth.

The old man asked, "What are the green fees?"

Peter's reply, "This is heaven, you play for free."



When our wagon  
gets stuck in the  
mud,  
God is much more  
likely to assist the  
man who gets out to  
push  
than the man who  
merely raises his  
voice in prayer—no  
matter how eloquent  
the oration.

LDS  
TOUCHING  
LIVES

Dieter F. Uchtdorf

The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!"

His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

When my daughter Jenny was about 4 they would sing the song in Primary "Genealogy, I am doing it, my genealogy!" She loved that song and sang it over and over at home!

One day, Jenny asked when they were going to write a song for her brother...his name is George.

I didn't understand so she explained! "Well, they have a song about me...Genealogy! and I want them to have a song about George, too!"

I had to explain that it was not Jenny...ology....it broke her little heart!

The car in front of me had a bumper sticker on it that read:

PRAY FOR NANCY PEOLOSI  
Psalm 109:8

When I got home I opened my bible to the scripture and read it...and immediately started to laugh.

Psalm 109:8 – "Let her days be few and brief; And let others step forward to replace her."

At last – I can voice a Biblical prayer for our Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Let us bow our heads and PRAY!

A ship sailing past a remote island sees a man who had been stranded there for several years. As they go to rescue him, the Captain notices three huts on the island.

"What's the first hut for?" he asks.

"That's my house," says the castaway

"What's the second hut for?"

"That's my church."

"And the third hut?"

"Oh, that?" sniffs the castaway. "That's the church I used to go to."

A child asked his father, "How were people born?"

So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on."

The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now."



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"Can you pretend you're Grandma just once and give us whatever we want?"



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Two men were walking home after a Halloween party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery, they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows.

Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones.

"Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath. "You scared us half to death -- we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?"

"My family are such fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name and here I have to correct it!"

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A cabbie picks up a nun. She gets into the cab, and the cab driver won't stop staring at her. She asks him why is he staring and he replies, "I have a question to ask you but I don't want to offend you.

She answers, 'My dear son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a

nun a long as I have, you get a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive."

"Well, I've always had a fantasy to have a nun kiss me."

She responds, "Well, let's see what we can do about that: #1, you have to be single and #2 you must be Catholic."

The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, I am single and I'm Catholic too!"

The nun says "OK, pull into the next alley."

He does and the nun fulfills his fantasy. But when they get back on the road, the cab driver starts crying.

"My dear child, said the nun, why are you crying?"

"Forgive me sister, but I have sinned. I lied, I must confess, I'm married and I'm Jewish."

The nun says, "That's OK, I'm on my way to a Halloween party and my outfit is just an old habit."

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A vampire bat came flapping in from the night covered in fresh blood and parked himself on the roof of the cave to get some sleep. Pretty soon all the other bats smelled the blood and began hassling him about where he got it.

He told them to knock it off and let him get some sleep but they persisted until finally he gave in.

"OK, follow me," he said and flew out of the cave with hundreds of bats behind him. Down through a valley they went, across a river and into a forest full of trees. Finally he slowed down and all the other bats excitedly milled around him.

Now, do you see that tree over there?" he asked.

"Yes, yes, yes!" the bats all screamed in a frenzy.

"Good," said the first bat, "Because I DIDN'T!"



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**Just in case you have forgotten the rules for a safe and Happy Halloween!**

1. When it appears that you have killed the monster, NEVER check to see if it's really dead.
2. Never read a book of demon summoning aloud, even as a joke.
3. Do not search the basement, especially if the power has gone out.
4. If your children speak to you in Latin or any other language which they should not know, shoot them immediately. It will save you a lot of grief in the long run. However, it will probably take several rounds to kill them, so be prepared. This also applies to kids who speak with somebody else's voice.
5. When you have the benefit of numbers, NEVER pair off and go it alone.
6. As a general rule, don't solve puzzles that open portals to Hell.
7. Never stand in, on, or above a grave, tomb, or crypt. This would apply to any other house of the dead as well.
8. If you're searching for something which caused a loud noise and find out that it's just the cat, GET THE HELL OUT!
9. If appliances start operating by themselves, do not check for short circuits; just get out!
10. Do not take ANYTHING from the dead.
11. If you find a town which looks deserted, there's probably a good reason for it. Don't stop and look around.
12. Don't fool with recombinant DNA technology unless you're sure you know what you're doing.
13. If you're running from the monster, expect to trip or fall down at least twice. Also note that, despite the fact that you are running and the monster is merely shambling along, it's still moving fast enough to catch up with you.
14. If your companions suddenly begin to exhibit uncharacteristic behavior such as hissing, fascination for blood, glowing eyes, increasing hairiness, and so on, kill them immediately.
15. Stay away from certain geographical locations, some of which are listed here: Amityville, Elm Street, Transylvania, Nilbog (you're in trouble if you recognize this one), the Bermuda Triangle, or any small town in Maine.
16. If your car runs out of gas at night on a lonely road, do not go to the nearby deserted looking house to phone for help. If you think that it is strange because you thought you had 3/4 of a tank, shoot yourself instead. You are going to die anyway, and most likely be eaten.
17. Beware of strangers bearing strange tools. For example: chainsaws, staple guns, hedge trimmers, electric carving knives, combines, lawnmowers, butane torches, soldering irons, band saws, or any devices made from deceased companions.
18. If you find that your house is built upon a cemetery, now is the time to move in with the in-laws. This also applies to houses that had previous inhabitants who went mad or committed suicide or died in some horrible fashion, or had inhabitants who performed satanic practices in your house.
19. If you find that (a) your house is built upon or near a cemetery, (b) was once a church that was used for black masses, (c) had previous inhabitants who went mad or committed suicide or died in some horrible fashion, or (d) had inhabitants who performed satanic practices in your house, MOVE AWAY IMMEDIATELY.
20. Don't fool with recombinant DNA technology unless you're sure you know what you are doing. (repeat of #12!!!)