

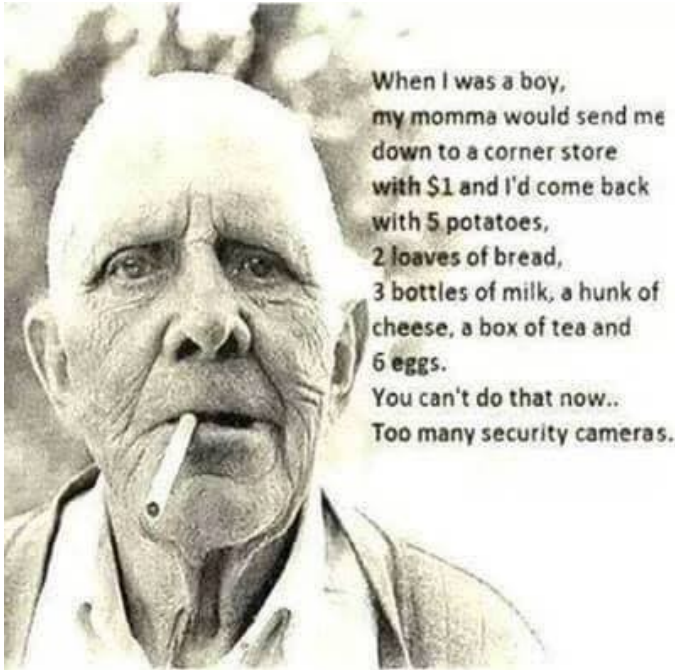
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When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" I just say, "No, it's for company!"

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I always write, "An ambulance."

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight – because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

A little girl goes into her grandfather's room, where he is laying in his bed with oxygen etc. under home hospice. She is staring at him until she gets his attention. The grandfather smiles at his granddaughter and asks her what she needs.

The little girl says, 'Grandpa, will you make 'Frog Sounds'?

The grandfather gets a puzzled look on his face and say, 'Frog sounds, what do you mean'?

The little girl replies, 'Momma said that as soon as you croak, we all get go to Disneyland!' (Okay, so that was pretty bad!)

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement. I speak from experience!

Today I was in a shoe store that sells only shoes, nothing else. A young girl with a tattoo and green hair walked over to me and asked, "What brings you in today?"

I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator."

She had that deer-in-the-headlights look and didn't quite know how to respond.

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I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

Life without friends is impossible



For months Bill had been Lynn's devoted admirer. Now, at long last, he had collected up sufficient courage to ask her the most momentous of all questions.

"There are quite a lot of advantages to being a bachelor," Bill began, "but there comes a time when one longs for the companionship of another being, a being who will regard one as perfect, as an idol; whom one can treat as one's absolute own; who will be kind and faithful when times are hard; who will share one's joys and sorrows."

To his delight, Bill saw a sympathetic gleam in Lynn's eyes. Then she nodded in agreement. Finally, Lynn responded, "I think it's a great idea! Can I help you choose which puppy to buy?"

EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side. With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight

out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to the 10-lb potato bag. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this limit).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag...

A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel.

An OPTIMIST sees light at the end of the tunnel.

A REALIST see a freight train.

A TRAIN ENGINEER sees 3 idiots standing on the tracks.

I have learned that the most important prayer to utter before going out in public is: Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.

Have you ever noticed: The Roman numerals for forty (40) are XL.

The sole purpose for giving a child a middle name is so he will know when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice that when you put the two words "The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs?"

The main difference between being young and old is that eventually people stop lying about their age and start bragging about it.

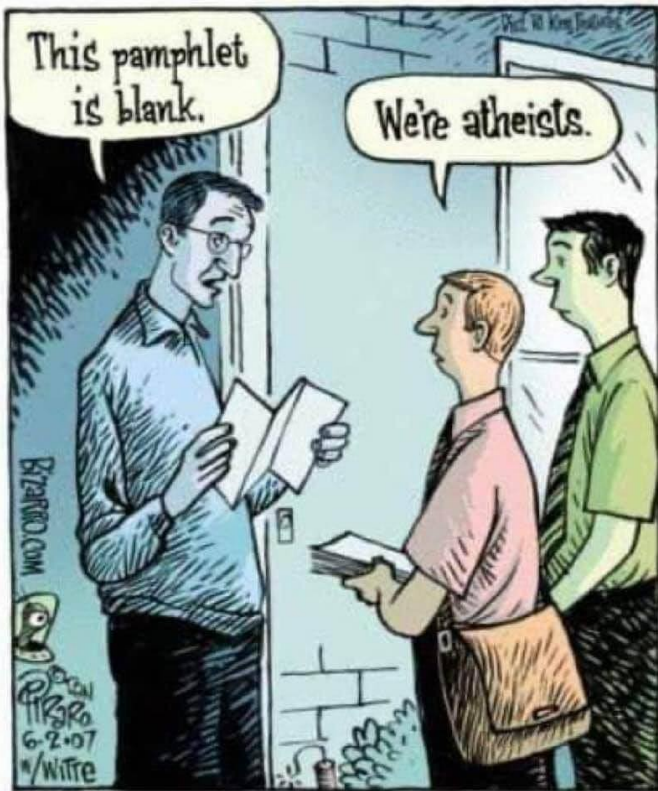
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THIS IS WHY WE LOVE CHILDREN

1) NUDITY I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, 'Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!'

2) OPINIONS On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents.'

3) KETCHUP A woman was trying hard to get the ketchup out of the jar. During her struggle the phone rang so she asked her 4-year-old daughter to answer the phone. 'Mommy can't come to the phone to talk to you right now. She's hitting the bottle.'

4) MORE NUDITY A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room. When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover. The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, 'What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?'

5) POLICE # 1 While taking a routine vandalism report at an elementary school, I was interrupted by a little girl about 6 years old. Looking up and down at my uniform, she asked, 'Are you a cop?'

Yes,' I answered and continued writing the report.

'My mother said if I ever needed help I should ask the police. Is that right?'

'Yes, that's right,' I told her.

'Well, then,' she said as she extended her foot toward me, 'would you please tie my shoe?'

6) POLICE # 2 It was the end of the day when I parked my police van in front of the station. As I gathered my equipment, my K-9 partner, Jake, was barking, and I saw a little boy staring in at me.

'Is that a dog you got back there?' he asked.

'It sure is,' I replied.

Puzzled, the boy looked at me and then towards the back of the van. Finally he said, 'What'd he do?'

7) ELDERLY While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

8) DRESS-UP A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.'

'And why not, darling?'

'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

9) DEATH While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, our minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cottonwood, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he gooos.' (I want this line used at my funeral!)

10) SCHOOL A little girl had just finished her first week of school. 'I'm just wasting my time,' she said to her mother. 'I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk!'

11) BIBLE A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old

pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?'

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'

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The grandchildren were impressed with all the "bells and whistles."

Grandma was looking for them one day. They had taken their little chairs into the laundry room and were watching the clothes in the washer and dryer.

When asked what they were doing they said, "We're watching the laundry channel."

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up, sags or leaks.



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FOR ALL, WHO MAY BE HAVING
A BAD DAY..



It Can Always Be Worse.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.

Top Ten Signs You've Bought a Lemon of a Car

10. Your tinted windows are also known as Hefty Garbage Bags.

9. The car reaches its optimum speed when going downhill.

8. The hi-tech stereo system often requires a new needle.

7. The rear-view mirror says, "Objects in Mirror Are Better Than This Piece of Junk."

6. The odometer on the dashboard is not as sophisticated as the everyday abacus.

5. Traffic Watch warns other drivers what highway you're taking.

4. The sticker on the windshield says, "Batteries Not Included."

3. You fill up the tank with Unleaded Coals.

2. You can only go to restaurants that offer Valet Pushing.

1. When you approach hitchhikers, they put their thumbs down.

As he paid for our meal with a gift card, my husband noticed the bill was more than the card was worth, so he handed our waiter his debit card to cover the balance.

"Wow, some people might have skipped out and stuck me with the difference," the waiter said. "Thank you for being so honest."

Then, as he took the card, he asked, "Could I see some ID?"

It was one of the worst days of my life: The washing machine broke down, the telephone kept ringing, my head ached, and the mailman brought a bill I had no money to pay.

Almost to the breaking point, I lifted my one-year-old into his high chair, leaned my head against the tray, and began to cry.

Without a word, my son took his pacifier out of his mouth and stuck it in mine.



A husband came home to an empty house one day and decided he would start dinner.

First, he would make the salad. He searched high and low for the big bowl for making the salad and finally found it in the refrigerator, half full of Kool Aid.

"Who on earth put Kool Aid in a bowl?" He looked around and found some empty pop bottles, rinsed them out and using a funnel, transferred the Kool Aid to the soda bottles and returned them to the fridge.

He then made the salad and was starting the rest of the dinner when his wife came home.

She had been to the store and was putting some things in the fridge, when suddenly she asked her

husband, "Who on earth put my Jello in soda bottles?"

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It was the first day of school after summer vacation and time for me to pick up the children in my school bus and take them home again.

After I had made the complete run that afternoon, one little boy remained on the bus.

Thinking he had simply missed his stop, I started driving slowly back through the neighborhood and asked him to be sure to let me know if any of the houses or people looked familiar. The boy sat in his seat contentedly and shook his head whenever I asked him if he recognized a person or place.

After the second unsuccessful tour of the area, I started back to the school to ask for his address. When we arrived, the child got off the bus and started walking away.

"Wait!" I called. "We have to go inside and find out where you live."

"I live right there," he said, pointing to a house across the street. "I just always wanted to ride in a school bus."

To some golfers, the greatest handicap is the ability to add correctly.

I was feeling pretty creaky after hearing a TV reporter say, "To contact me, go to my Facebook page, follow me on Twitter or try me the old-fashioned way, email."

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another church that teaches about the Gathering of the House of Israel; the return of the Ten Tribes and their mission; the return of the Jews to Palestine and why, and how they are going to build the temple; the building of temples and what to do with them; the mission of Elias, the prophet, as predicted by Malachi; the method for the salvation of the people that died at the time of Noah in the flood; the origin of the American Indian; the complete explanation of why Jesus of Nazareth had to have a mortal mother but not a mortal father; the explanation of the three degrees of glory (three heavens) as mentioned by Paul; the complete explanation of why Elias and Moses did not die but had to be translated (since they both lived before the resurrection was introduced by Christ); the restoration of the gospel by modern revelation as promised by Peter and Paul and Jesus himself; the belief in eternal marriage and the family, and the knowledge and the place to seal for eternity; that teaches abstinence from all harmful drugs and foods ; and that sells the best fire insurance policy on earth, for the last days, for only a 10th of my income.

Yes sir, as soon as I can find another church that teaches all that, or even half as much, I will say good-bye to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The church that I am looking for must also be able to motivate 50,000+ youth, and adults, for the first, second or third time, to leave their homes for two years at their own expense and go to far-away places to teach and preach without salary. It must be able to call, on a frosty day, some 5 or 6 thousand professors, students, lawyers, doctors, judges, policemen, businessmen, housewives and children to go and pick apples at 6 am. It must be able to call meetings and get the attention for two hours of more than 150,000 men. Yes, it must also teach and show why salvation is assured for children who die before eight years of age.

Mr. Editor, could you help me find a church that teaches all that and more than hundreds of other

QUITTING THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

In a local newspaper in Provo (Utah), there had been an ongoing series of articles written by individuals who wanted to persuade, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to leave the Church. In response to the highly critical and spirited remarks, a local member wrote this rebuttal:

"Editor:

I have been thinking of quitting the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Yes, if I can, I am going to get even with that church. As soon as I can find

doctrines and principles, which I have no room to mention here, and which brings solace and comfort to the soul; peace, hope, and salvation to mankind, and above all, that answers the key questions that all the great philosophers have asked; questions and answers that explain the meaning of life, the purpose of death, suffering and pain; the absolute need for a Redeemer and the marvelous plan conceived by our Father and executed by Jesus Christ the Savior? Yes, as soon as I find another church that teaches that, and also that has the organization and the powers to make that teaching effective, I am going to quit The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. For I should not tolerate that “they” should change a few words in the Book of Mormon—even if those changes simply improve the grammar and the syntax of the verses—for, after all, don’t you think the Divine Church should employ angels as bookmakers, and clerks, to do all the chores on earth? Don’t you think, Mr. Editor that the Divine Church should also have prophets that don’t get sick and don’t get old and die, and certainly, that don’t make a goof here and there. No, sir! A Divine Church should be so divine that only perfect people should belong to it, and only perfect people should run it. As a matter of fact, the Church should be so perfect that it should not even be here on earth!

So, I repeat, if any one of the kind readers of this imperfect letter knows about another church that teaches and does as much for mankind as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, please let me know. And please do it soon, because my turn to go to the cannery is coming up. Also, “they” want my last son (the fifth one) to go away for two years and again, I have to pay for all that. And I also know that they expect me to go to the farm to prune trees, and I have heard that our ward is going to be divided again, and it is our side that must build the new chapel. And also, someone the other day had the gall of suggesting that my wife and I get ready to go on a second mission, and when you come back, they said, you can volunteer as a temple worker. Boy, these Latter-day Saints don’t leave you alone for a minute. And what do I get for all that, I asked?

“Well,” they said, “for one, you can look forward to a funeral service at no charge!”...

Do you think you can help me to find another church?

Brother [Orson] Hyde... once... in conversation with Brother Joseph Smith advanced the idea that eternity or boundless space was filled with the Spirit of God, or the Holy Ghost. After portraying his views upon that theory very carefully and minutely, he asked Brother Joseph what he thought of it.

He replied that it appeared very beautiful, and that he did not know of but one serious objection to it.

Says Brother Hyde, 'What is that?'

Joseph replied, 'It is not true.'

President Heber J. Grant, concerned that Elder James E. Talmage was working too hard, constantly urged him to take up golf. Finally, Elder Talmage agreed to play until he hit a shot that President Grant rated as a "real golf shot." After that, he could decide for himself whether to continue.

The two went to a golf course, where President Grant gave a brief lesson on addressing the ball. Elder Talmage stepped up and hit it, and the ball sailed more than two hundred yards straight down the fairway.

After President Grant had congratulated him on hitting "a real nice golf shot," Elder Talmage said, "If I have carried out my part of the agreement, then I shall call on you to live up to yours. I should like to get back to the office, where I have a great deal of work waiting."

Then he put down the golf clubs and walked away.





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The boss was complaining in our staff meeting the other day that he wasn't getting any respect. Later that morning he went to a local card and novelty shop and bought a small sign that read, "I'm the Boss". He then taped it to his office door.

Later that day when he returned from lunch, he found that someone had taped a note to the sign that said, "Your wife called, she wants her sign back!"

The sooner you fall behind, the more time you have to catch up. ☺

A young investigator went with the missionaries to his first church service. He came home and his wife asked him how it was.

"Well," said the young man, "It was good. They did something different, however. They sang hymns instead of regular songs."

"Hymns," said his wife, "What are those?"

"Oh, they're okay. They're sort of like regular songs, only different," said the young man.

"Well, what's the difference?" asked his wife.

The young man said, "Well, it's like this--if I were to say to you 'Martha, the cows are in the corn', well that would be a regular song. If, on the other hand, I were to say to you:

*Oh Martha, dear Martha, hear thou my cry
Incline thine ear to the words of my mouth
Turn thou thy whole wondrous ear by and by
To the righteous, inimitable, glorious truth.*

*For the way of the animals who can explain
There in their heads is no shadow of sense
Hearkenest they in God's sun or His rain
Unless from the mild, tempting corn they are fenced.*

*Yes those cows in glad bovine, rebellious delight
Have broke free their shackles, their warm pens eschewed
Then goaded by minions of darkness and night
They all my mild Chilliwack sweet corn have chewed*

*So look to that bright shining day by and by
Where all foul corruptions of earth are reborn
Where no vicious animal makes my soul cry*



Chemistry Professor: When water becomes ice, which of its properties increases?

Student: Its price

And I no longer see those foul cows in the corn.

THEN, if I were to do only verses one, three and four and do a key change on the last verse, well that would be a Hymn.

The telephone solicitor selling basement waterproofing must have thought she'd died and gone to heaven when she got my very patient son on the phone.

At the end of her very long sales pitch, she asked, "Do you mind if we send someone out to give you an estimate?"

"Not at all," my son said.

"When would be a good time?"

"As soon as I dig a basement," he replied.



I took a couple of minutes from work to give my wife a call. She put my two-year-old son on, and we chatted a while before he ended it with an enthusiastic "I love you!"

"I love you too," I said, with a dopey grin plastered on my face. I was about to hang up when I heard him ask sweetly, "Mommy, who was that?"

Ditzy friend: "I failed the driving test. I entered the traffic circle and the sign said '30' so I drove 30 times around."

The other one says sympathetically, "You probably counted wrong."

Little Levi, who had never attended an LDS church service before, went to church with his buddy, Jimmy. He watched closely as each part of the service progressed.

Finally, the High Councilman assigned to speak that Sunday walked to the pulpit, took off his watch and laid it on the pulpit.

Levi whispered, "Does that mean anything?"

Jimmy replied, "Unfortunately no, it doesn't mean a thing."

A Mathematician, a Biologist and a Physicist are sitting in a street cafe watching people going in and coming out of the house on the other side of the street.

First they see two people going into the house.

Time passes.

After a while they notice three persons coming out of the house.

The Physicist says: "The measurement wasn't accurate."

The Biologist concludes: "They have reproduced."

The Mathematician says: "Now if another person enters the house, it'll be empty again."

Mary's fourth grade homework assignment was to make sentences using the words in her spelling list, along with the definition. Coming across the word "frugal" in the list, she asked her father what it meant. He explained that being frugal meant you saved something.

Her paper read: *Frugal: to save*

Sentence: *Maid Marion fell into a pit when she went walking in the woods so she yelled for someone to come get her out.*

She yelled "Frugal me, Frugal me!"