

" Shortly after the Pope had apologized to the Nation of Israel for the treatment of Jews by the Catholic Church over the years, Ehud Barak, the leader of Israel, sent back a message to the College of cardinals. The proposal was for a friendly game of golf to be played between the two leaders or their representatives to show the friendship and ecumenical spirit shared by the Catholic and Jewish faiths. The Pope met with his College of Cardinals to discuss the proposal. "Your Holiness," said one of the Cardinals, "Mr. Barak wants to challenge you to a game of golf to show that you are old and unable to compete I am afraid that this would tarnish our image to the world." The Pope thought about this and as he had never held a golf club in his life asked, "Don't we have a Cardinal to represent me?" "None that plays golf very well," a Cardinal replied. "But," he added, "there is a man named Jack Nicklaus, an American golfer who is a devout Catholic. We can offer to make him a Cardinal, then ask him to play Mr. Barak as your personal representative. In addition to showing our spirit of cooperation, we'll also win the match." Everyone agreed it was a great idea. The call was made. Of course, Nicklaus was honored and agreed to play as a representative of the Pope. The day after the match, Nicklaus reported to the Pope of the result. "I have some good news and some bad news, Your Holiness," said the golfer. "Tell me the good news, Cardinal Nicklaus," said the Pope. "Well, Your Holiness, I don't like to brag, but even though I've played some pretty terrific rounds of golf in my life, this was the best I have ever played, by far. I must have been inspired from above. My drives were long and true, my irons were accurate and purposeful, and my putting was perfect. With all due respect, my play was miraculous." "How can there be bad news?" the Pope asked. Nicklaus sighed, "I lost to Rabbi Tiger Woods by three stroke\$."

A group of office co-workers decided one day to share a ride to work. What they did not realize that they also shared the same fear - claustrophobia. As they were driving through a mountain tunnel, all began to scream wildly! The car went out of control, but finally, they were able to slow down and pull over to the side of the road. A psychologist, who was driving behind the car, saw everything, and stopped to see if he could help. He immediately ascertained what the problem was -- they were suffering from carpool tunnel syndrome.

A doctor at an insane asylum decided to take his patients to a recent Twins baseball game. For weeks in advance, he coached his patients to respond to his commands. When the day of the game arrived, everything seemed to be going well. As the National Anthem started the doctor yelled, "Up Nuts." And the patients complied by standing up. After the anthem ... he yelled, "Down Nuts". And they all sat back down in their seats. After a home run was hit, the doctor yelled, "Cheer Nuts". They all broke out into applause and cheered. When the umpire made a particularly bad call against the star of the Twins, the Doctor yelled, "Booooo Nuts!!!" and they all started booing and cat calling. Thinking things were going very well. The doctor decided to go get a beer and a hot dog, leaving his assistant in charge. When he returned, there was a riot in progress. Finding his assistant, the doctor asked, "What in the world happened? " The assistant replied, "Well, everything was going just fine till a vendor passed by and yelled PEANUTS!"

A student was heading home for the summer holidays. When she got to the airline counter, she presented her ticket to Los Angeles and as she gave the agent her luggage, she requested, "I'd like you to send my green suitcase to Hawaii, and my red suitcase to London." The confused agent said, "I'm sorry, we can't do that."

"Really?" she stated with a bit of attitude, "I am so relieved to hear you say that, because that's exactly what you did with my luggage last year!"

The Pope was finishing his sermon.

He ended it with the Latin phrase, "Tuti Homini" - Blessed be mankind. A women's

rights group approached the Pope the next day. They told him that they noticed that he blessed all mankind, but not womankind. The next day, after His sermon, the Pope concluded by saying, "Tuti Homini et Tuti Femini" - blessed be mankind and womankind. The next day, a gay-rights group approached the Pope. They said that they noticed that he blessed mankind and womankind, and asked if he could also bless gay people. The Pope said, "Sure". The next day, he concluded his sermon with, "Tuti homini et Tuti Femini et Tuti Fruiti"

"Dad," said Little Johnny, "I'm late for football practice. Would you please do my homework for me?" The father said irately, "Son, it just wouldn't be right." "That's okay," replied Little Johnny, "but you could at least give it a try, couldn't you?"

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A grandmother overheard her 5-year-old granddaughter playing "wedding". The wedding vows went like this: "You have the right to remain silent, anything you say may be held against you, you have the right to have an attorney present. You may kiss the bride."

Deep Thoughts

- " It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
- " Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
- " Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
- * Timing has an awful lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- " If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
- " Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
- * If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- * Good judgment comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
- * Experience is the sinking feeling that you have made this mistake before.
- " If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.
- " Never miss a good chance to be silent.

A man walks up to the bar with an ostrich behind him. As they sit the bartender comes over and asks for their order. The man says, "I'll have a beer" and turns to the ostrich. "What's yours?" asks the barkeep. "I'll have a beer, too" says the ostrich. The bartender pours the beer and says, "That will be \$3.40 please." The man reaches into his pocket and pulls out exact change for payment. A short while later the man says, "I'll have another beer," and the ostrich says, "I'll have the same." Once again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change. This becomes a routine until late into the evening. At night's end, the bartender can't hold back his curiosity any longer. "Excuse me sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?" "Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and I found an old lamp. When I rubbed it a genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I just put my hand in my pocket, and the right amount of money will always be there." "That's brilliant!" says the bartender. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!" Then the bartender asks, "One other thing, sir, what's with the ostrich?" The man replies, "My second wish was for a chick with long legs."

Secret documents just revealed how the Taliban and Al Qaeda were driven out of the mountains of Afghanistan so quickly. The top secret organization ASF (Alabama Special Forces) was sent. Billy Bob, Bubba, Boo, Scooter and Junior are being sent in with the following information about the Taliban:

1. The season opened last weekend.
 2. There is no limit.
 3. They taste just like chicken.
 4. They hate beer, pickup trucks, country music and Jesus.
 5. Some are queer.
 6. They don't like barbeque.
 7. They are responsible for Dale Earnhardt's death.
- The fighting was over in about a week.

Tommy went to confession and said, "Forgive me Father, for I have sinned." "What are your sins, my son?" "I kissed a girl after school yesterday." "Who was it, Tommy?" "I cannot tell you Father, I would feel bad." "Was it Mary Donovan?" he asked. "No Father, please forgive me, but I cannot tell you who it was." "Was it Catherine McKenzie?" "No Father," he replied. "Well then it has to be Sarah Martha O'Keefe?" No Father, please forgive me, I cannot tell you who it was." "Okay, Tommy, I want you to say five Hail Mary's and four Our Fathers for your sin." So Tommy walked out to the pews where his friend Joseph was waiting. "What did ya get?" asked Joseph. "I got five Hail Marys, four Our Fathers, and three good leads."

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There was a young man who, in his youth, professed a desire to become a "great" writer. When asked to define "great", he said, "I want to write stuff that the whole world will read, stuff that people will react to on a truly emotional level, stuff that will make them scream, cry, howl in pain, desperation, & anger!" He now works for Microsoft writing error messages.

Thought for the day: If a parsley farmer gets behind on his bills do they garnish his wages?

I went to the store the other day to pick out a new tie for market. I found one that matched my suit but it didn't have a price tag on it. So I asked the clerk, "Hey buddy, how much is this tie?" He said, "Sixty-five dollars." I exclaimed, "What! I can buy a pair of shoes with that kind of money!" He replied, "Maybe, but how would a pair of shoes look around your neck?"

"Sir," announced the young man, "your daughter says she loves me, and she can't live without me, and she wants to marry me." "And you're asking my permission to marry her?" asked the dear daughter's dad. "No," said the young man, "I'm asking you to make her leave me alone."

A squad car driver was covering a quiet beat out in the sticks when he was amazed to find a former lieutenant on the police force covering that beat. He stopped the car and asked, "Why, Mike, this wouldn't be your new beat out here in the sticks, would it?" "That it is," Mike replied grimly, "ever since I arrested the judge on his way to the masquerade ball." "You mean you pinched his honor?" asked Pat. "How was I to know that his convict suit was only a costume?" demanded Mike. "Well," mused Pat, "'tis life and there's a lesson in this somewhere." "That there is," replied Mike. "Never book a judge by his cover."

Aging Mildred was a 93 year old woman who was particularly despondent over the recent death of her husband, Earl. She decided that she would just kill herself and join him in death. Thinking that it would be best to get it over with quickly, she took out Earl's old Army pistol and made the decision to shoot herself in the heart, since it was so badly broken in the first place. Not wanting to miss the vital organ and become a vegetable and burden someone, she called her doctor's office to inquire as to just exactly where the heart would be on a woman. The doctor said, "Your heart would be just below your left breast." Later that night, Mildred was admitted to the hospital with a gunshot wound to her knee.

A man left work one Friday afternoon. Being payday, instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend hunting with the boys and spent his entire paycheck. When he finally appeared at home Sunday night, he was confronted by a very angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade befitting his actions. Finally, his wife stopped the nagging and simply said to him, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?" to which he replied, "That would be fine with me!" Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results. Thursday, the swelling went down just enough where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

A young man wanted to get his beautiful blonde wife, Susie, something nice for their first wedding anniversary. So he decided to buy her a cell phone... He showed her the phone and explained to her all of its features. Susie was excited to receive the gift and simply adored her new phone. The next day Susie went shopping. Her phone rang and, to her astonishment, it was her husband on the other end. "Hi Susie," he said, "how do you like your new phone?" Susie replied, "I just love it! It's so small and your voice is clear as a bell, but there's one thing I don't understand though..." "What's that, baby?" asked her husband. "How did you know I was at Walmart?"

An elderly woman entered a large furniture store and was greeted by a much younger salesman. "Is there something in particular I can show you?" he asked. "Yes, I want to buy a sexual sofa." "You mean a sectional sofa", he suggested. "Sectional, schmectonal." she bitterly retorted. "All I want is an occasional piece in the living room!"

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A lady was walking down the street to work and she saw a parrot on a perch in front of a pet store. The parrot said to her, "Hey lady, you are really ugly." Well, the lady was furious. She stormed past the store and continued on to her place of work. On the way home she saw the same parrot and it said to her, "Hey lady, you are really ugly." She was incredibly furious now. The next day the same parrot again said to her, "Hey lady, you are really ugly." The lady was so mad that she went into the store and said that she would sue the store if the bird continued insulting her. The store manager apologized refusely and promised he would make sure the parrot didn't say it again. When the lady walked past the store later that day the parrot called to her, "Hey lady." She paused and said, "Yes?" The bird said, "You know."

The personnel office received an email requesting a listing of the department staff be supplied broken down by age and sex. The personnel office sent this reply - "Attached is a list of our staff. We currently have no one broken down by age and sex. However, we have a few alcoholics."

Yesterday my son came home and said, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is - I got 18 out of 20 on my driver's test." I said, "Great! Now what's the bad news?" He said, "They were pedestrians."

Stumpy prepared a pasta dish for a dinner party he was giving. In his haste, however, he forgot to refrigerate the spaghetti sauce, and it sat on the counter all day... He was worried about spoilage, but it was too late to cook up another batch. He called the local Poison Control Center and voiced his concern. They advised Stumpy to boil the sauce again. That night, the phone rang during dinner, and a guest volunteered to answer it. Stumpy's face dropped as the guest called out, "It's the Poison Control Center. They want to know how the spaghetti sauce turned out."

A man had his first appointment with a psychiatrist and when asked why he was there, the man said, "Doctor, I'm tired of being on the outside looking in." "Well," responded the doctor, "sounds like we have to try to improve your self-image. Let's get a few basic facts first. What do you do for a living?" The patient said, "I'm a window washer."

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.

A priest rushed from church one day to keep a golf date. He was halfway down the first fairway, waiting to hit his second shot, when he heard the familiar "FORE!" and a ball slammed into his back. Soon, the golfer who had made the drive was on the scene to offer his apologies. When the priest assured him that he was all right, the man smiled. "Thank goodness, Father!" he exclaimed. "I've been playing this game for forty years, and now I can finally tell my friends that I've hit my first holy one!"

It was a terrible night -- blowing cold and rain in a most frightful manner. The streets were deserted and the local baker was just about to close up shop when a little man slipped through the door. He carried an umbrella (blown inside out), and was bundled in two sweaters and a raincoat. But even so he still looked wet and bedraggled. As he unwound his scarf he said to the baker, "May I have two bagels to go, please?" The baker said in astonishment, "Two bagels? Nothing more?" "That's right," answered the little man. "One for me and one for Bernice." "Bernice is your wife?" Asked the baker. "What do you think," snapped the little man, "my mother would send me out on a night like this?"

Once upon a time an evil king captured a princess and held her captive in his high tower. Though she was very beautiful he forced her to wear a disgusting and smelly burlap dress. "You'll never get away with this," she cried. "Some brave knight will rescue me!" "Not in that thing," the evil king replied. She waited day and night, but it was just as the king predicted. Every knight that saw her in the window of the high tower was scared away by her dress, which, as I've mentioned, was very disgusting. After many months the princess broke down crying and the evil king taunted her, "You see? I told you no knight would rescue a damsel in this dress!"

A man walks into a butcher shop and orders a pound of sausages. The butcher prepares the order, then says, "I bet you the price of those sausages that you can't get those pieces of meat down off the shelf behind me." The man regards the shelf carefully, then says: "I'm not betting ... the steaks are too high".