

April 12, 2015

Insight...

“Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.”

1 Peter 2:16

- **A Silver Saint prays...** *“God, grant me the Senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.”* ...asking forgiveness for the content of his prayer.
- **Young minds and old...** According to a just-published paper by Laura Germine of Harvard and Joshua Hartshorne at M.I.T., *“fluid intelligence,”* that is, the ability to learn, react, and adapt, does indeed diminish over the years. But *“crystallized intelligence”*—or the ability to recognize established patterns, use language, and recall faces—peaks much later.
- **The same study...** showed those in their 50s and beyond evidenced a pronounced increase in what’s called *“social judgment,”* or the ability to read people and discern their minds. In one test, participants were asked to judge a stranger’s mood based only on their eyes. The result? Older subjects far surpassed their younger counterparts.
- **Along the same lines...** Last year a team of German scientists published research suggesting that the mental *“slow down”* we see in older minds has little to do with aging. Modeling the brain’s circuitry in a computer, they clocked how quickly it retrieved data. Then they uploaded vast amounts of new data and ran the test again. Not surprisingly, they wound up with a smarter computer that took more time to *“remember”* facts.
- **Why won’t people listen to reason?** Consider an observation by Upton Sinclair in 1934 after a failed run for the governorship in California. *“It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends on his not understanding it.”*
- **Is “Earth Day” too ideologically charged for your tastes?** Then consider purchasing and planting a tree on Arbor Day, April 24th (2 days later)...just a suggestion you appreciative stewards of God’s grand creation.

- **An apology**...was issued from Bob Jones III on 3/20 to a pro-LGBT group for former Bob Jones University students, calling a 1980 statement endorsing the stoning of homosexuals “*antithetical to my theology and my 50 years of preaching a redeeming Christ.*” His apology expressed sorrow for the way it reflected upon Jesus.

- **Trivia Question** – Recently, in India, a bride fled the wedding in tears. Why?
 - A. The groom couldn’t answer a simple math question.
 - B. She discovered the groom was already married to her sister.
 - C. She discovered the groom was female.
 - D. She discovered the groom was a Christian.

For Prayer...

- ...Ken (Judy) – your continued prayers are great appreciated. Ken is making slow progress and we give thanks.
- ...Please continue to pray for Russ and Nicole as they leave Africa and head home to Wisconsin. It is very hard for them to leave. Pray for peace and a confidence in the Lord’s leading.
- ...The family of Tom Sr. in the aftermath of his memorial services. Especially his wife Darla and his children. The Lord’s continued comfort for those to seek Him.
- ...Jeff (Jean’s brother) – Adenocarcinoma of the pancreas w/tumors in the liver. No good earthly prognosis. Also their mother who is already struggling with depression.
- ...Join a nationwide call to prayer and fasting by the Family Research Council on behalf of marriage and the Supreme Court who will consider a critical marriage case late in the month of April. More information can be found at www.frc.org.
- ...Space Planning sub-committee work.
- ...VBS Committee and planning.
- ...Elder Board meeting this Sunday evening.
- ...Nominating Board getting reading to meet.
- ...Couples fighting serious physical illness together:

Jeff & Laurie	Christy (Mike)	Norm & Peg	Cheryl (Deane)
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- ...Our Expectant Mothers:

Sarah (Kelly)	Sarah (Beaner)	Brittany (Andy)	Chante (Brent)
Kristin (Shawn)	Christy (Ben)	Terra (Ronnie)	Britta (Jonah)
Diana (Steven)	Daisy (Aaron)		

Trespasses...

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”

C. S. Lewis

Trivia Answer...A. On March 11, the bride, from a northern province of India, asked her fiancée to add 15 + 6, to which he answered, 17. Having been deceived, she fled the scene.