

Lilian's February Newsletter

90 guns to every 100 people in the US, making the US the most armed Country in the world... per Reuter. <http://www.reuters.com/article/idUSL2834893820070828>

The big Cottenwood tree trembles slightly from the weight of the Eagle, as the commotion below it increased. Eagle stops to clean his feathers to take a second look, as not to minimize what he was looking at. A Donkey and an Elephant sharing a meal by the 60 foot tree. HMMM

In the distance Eagle sees a small dwelling, he can see a woman sitting in her chair, computer on her lap. Occasionally she looks up from what she is doing, like she is just looking into empty space.

One of her somehow, self-appointed jobs is to keep track of daily newscasts, sort out the highlights in a fair manner... ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX, MSNBC, BBC and independent station are sources.... and post them at the end of the day for the friends too busy to keep track of the events of the day. One of the things she noticed that some Cable News commentators are always dissecting each word said by certain people. Suppose she would be in a "HEAP" of trouble, since she has her own style of verbalizing things and everyone knows SHE DOES make up words.

Good thing Eagle has the best eyesight of the winged creatures on the Planet, Eagle can actually see what she is writing:

Over the summer I enrolled a couple of young people in Broadcast/Camera/Editing classes at TCTV, our local station. To help with the fee, it was agreed the boys would donate 4 hours, in exchange for payment. During their "work off my fee time" they filmed 5 shows during the elections. Local politicians. The candidates running for Sheriff had similar agendas. Rather than preventative measures, they were both more interested in making more arrests, since that would further payoff for the new jail, which had been built. The Sheriff retired and of course, one of the Candidates was elected.

It left quiet an impact on the 2 young brothers, they had never thought about the seriousness of how the community views their thoughts and /or actions as young people.

A few months later I received an e-mail. I was unable to find out who wrote this, so I am unable to give a credit.

SCHOOL 1970 verses 2010

Scenario: Johnny and Mark get into a fistfight after school.

- 1970 - Crowd gathers. Johnny wins. Johnny and Mark shake hands and end up best mates for life.
- 2010 - Police called, arrests Johnny and Mark.. Charge them with assault, both expelled even though Mark started it. Both children go to anger management programs for 3 months. School board holds meeting to implement bullying prevention programs.

Scenario: Robbie won't Keep still in class, disrupts other students.

- 1970 - Robbie sent to office and given 6 of the best by the Headmaster. Returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.
- 2010 - Robbie given huge doses of Ritalin. Becomes a zombie. Tested for ADD. Robbie's parents get fortnightly disability payments and School gets extra funding from state because Robbie has a disability.

Scenario: Billy breaks a window in his neighbour's car and his Dad gives him a whipping with his belt.

- 1970 - Billy is more careful next time, grows up normal, goes to college, and becomes a successful businessman.
- 2010 - Billy's dad is arrested for child abuse. Billy removed to foster care and joins a gang. Government psychologist tells Billy's sister that she remembers being abused herself and their dad goes to prison.

Scenario: Mark gets a headache and takes some aspirin to school.

- 1970 - Mark gets glass of water from Teacher to take aspirin with.
- 2010 - Police called, Mark expelled from school for drug violations. Car searched for drugs and weapons.

Scenario: Johnny takes apart leftover firecrackers from Guy Fawkes, puts them in a model airfix paint bottle, blows up an ant's nest.

- 1970 - Ants die.
- 2010- Police, Armed Forces, & Anti-terrorism Squad called. Johnny charged with domestic terrorism, MI5 investigate parents, siblings removed from home, computers confiscated. Johnny's Dad goes on a terror watch list and is never allowed to fly again.

Scenario: Johnny falls while running during break and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. Mary hugs him to comfort him.

- 1970 - In a short time, Johnny feels better and goes on playing.
- 2010 - Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in Prison. Johnny undergoes 5 years of therapy.

This should be sent to every e-mail address to show how stupid we have become!

Think about it!

We talked about it and it became apparent that young people really think like we, the parents did... I would assume most of us parents and grandparents have no idea how stressful the world must be for the young ones, especially if we are unable to explain the reasoning behind the new laws, having been put in place since the 70-s. When having a young passenger in my car, I often point out yellow traffic

signs. I always point out that it is a suggested speed and a warning and that I think many people died before someone finally put that sign there and why it would be wise to follow it willingly. Ignoring it will have consequences to no ones liking.

Unaware that Eagle is posted almost directly above their head and able to overhear the conversation, Donkey is moving closer to the water pail, as he eyeballs some of the roots Elephant brought along for his lunch. Donkey sizes up Elephant, still wondering what the motive was behind the invitation extended by Elephant.

Elephant lifts his trunk and let out a small roar, if you will, and points out to Donkey that given his large statue and endless memory there should be no doubt as to who is superior at this table. Donkey realizing he is the weaker in appearance hides his nervousness by suggesting they compare what the both have in common.

Both are family oriented.

Both are traveling in herds.

Both have similar taste in food.

Both procreate in the manner they were designed.

Both are somewhat menagomus.

Both have been chosen to represent a segment of human population.

Eagle shakes his head in wonderment and thinks to himself. Eagles build their nests, called eyries, in tall trees or on high cliffs. Many species lay two eggs, but the older, larger chick frequently kills its younger sibling once it has hatched. The dominant chick tends to be the female, as they are bigger than the male. The parents take no action to stop the killing.

In a way it does not matter to him how well Donkey and Elephant resolve their differences, he knows he will take to the sky, stay intact and rise above them both.

Eagle shakes his wings, startling Donkey and Elephant. Picnic is over, they both trot into the valley.

Eagle turns his attention back to the woman, which is still typing away and shares her thoughts.

The attempted assassination of Congress woman Giffords and the dead and wounded in Tucson, AZ were so very sad and made, at least, some of us think. We have been busy with trying to keep our homes and food on the table. We get upset with some of our politicians, we have appointed to represent us, when changes are made. Even though we have a new Health Care Bill, some States have taken it upon themselves to cancel MANY previously available avenues for healthcare. In many states Mental Health Care has been all but a thing of the past, for some time. We cannot afford food, much less \$159 for an hour at a mental health care provider. The man pulling the trigger was mentally ill, we seem to agree on that, however, with less and less opportunity for people to seek or being forced into treatment, what are people suppose to do? People have toothaches and cannot afford the money to get the tooth filled or removed, much less to go to therapy. When we are asked to report strange behavior and when we do, it puts us in jeopardy after the person got a talking to and is released. The problem is magnified. Some only now realize that the Brady Bill has expired. Most assume once something, especially when it benefits so many, is law...it stays a law.

What do 90% of people need with guns, which are NOT used for hunting!!!!

It also made me think of the following, some of us seldom think of such things.

In 2006, someone conducted an anonymous survey of 2714 soldiers from two U.S. Army combat infantry brigades — one Active Component and one Reserve Component (Army National Guard)

From January 2003 to this January, 437 cases of TBI were diagnosed among wounded soldiers at the Army hospital. Slightly more than half had permanent brain damage. Similar TBI screening began in August at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., near Washington. It showed 83% — or 97 wounded Marines and sailors with temporary or permanent brain damage. Forty-seven cases of moderate to severe TBI were identified earlier in the year.

In light of Bob Woodruff's sharing his experience with a brain injury and Gabrielle's Giffords public recovery, we are able to think of and identify with many soldiers having returned home from wars. Not only that, imagine just how many human beings are experiencing such a future, it is hard for this writer to fathom, what so many have to deal with each and every day.

An emblematic story, as sad and terrifying as it is, when we are experiencing a crisis I often thank the people, which have brought something to the forefront, by sharing what happened to them in any capacity, so we can learn from it.

Scott Kelly, Gabrielle Giffords brother in law currently resides on the International Space Station. A call from him back to Earth, along with pictures of the great blue Planet, touched my heart. He was talking about this peaceful incredibly planet, at first glimpse, but then the closer you get to the surface, the more violent it becomes. I took it to be a plea for us to become peaceful and loving inhabitants of the Earth.

Here is a good example:

In Egypt, a devastating attack on New Years day heightened tension between Muslims and Christians. Just as planned, terrorists thought they had achieved a division of the religious groups. Many people died and many were wounded. Yet by Coptic Christmas Eve, which took place Thursday night in Egypt, things had changed completely. As Egyptian Cops attended mass at churches across the country, "thousands" of Muslims, including "the two sons of President Hosni Mubarak," joined them, acting as "human shields" to protect from terrorist attacks by extremists. The Muslims organized under the slogan " We live together, or we die together, they created that human shield and celebrated together. What a Start to human understanding!

Eagle made one more circle over the woman's house, not sure if she even noticed his presents, blended with the wind and thought to himself:

She doesn't mind watching the news for everyone while she is stuck in her meager existence, in fact she thinks it is great that the international friends have links to our American way of life and learn about the things we hold dear. HOWEVER, at times she has to shake her head and wonder if she really serves a purpose in that capacity. Our way of doing things has, at times, changed to the ridicules

and she wonders if she should take up envelope stuffing.

Love and Light
Lilian

PS. Rachel Maddows wonderful explanation of Earth and Zodiac changes.

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