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I JUST THINKING: I bet the Flat Earth Society has members all around the globe.

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EDITOR'S RANT

Calli and I come from sturdy protestant religious stock. Calli is a PK (Preacher's Kid). Her Dad was a United Church Minister. I come from a long line of staunch believers, some of whom bordered on radical by today's standards. My Great Aunt Annie Playfair, who, history books note, was an active sidekick of the "Famous Five " women credited with getting Canadian women recognized as persons and granting them the right to vote. Aunt Annie owned five prairie newspapers in her day. She was also noted for publicly horsewhipping two men who admitted to playing cards on a Sunday. Over the past couple of generations however, that kind of passion and fervour has been slipping away. While I'm not quite prepared to say I'm a non-believer, I will admit to being a non-Belieber. Justin just doesn't do it for me. Accepting that there might be something other than chaos or simply nothing beyond our day to day experiences remains a challenge for me. I'm still searching for answers and probably always will. I just can't take most "organized" religions seriously. There is too much "unconscionable inhumanity" produced in the name of Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and pretty much any other man-made organization based on Faith. People like me who prefer to think of themselves as being more "spiritual" are scoffed at by atheists as well as by the religious right. Nonetheless, at the risk of horrifying my own ancestors and offending a dwindling number of regular church goers, I tend not to yield to the fears that fundamentalism precipitates and prefer to find something funny in most things, including religion. Some of the humour in

Rant cont'd.

this issue that borders on the twisted side may make me appear insensitive to some. It is not meant to be offensive but to simply reflect my personal preference for a more tolerant approach to our own human condition. That doesn't mean that ISIS, al-Qaeda, Boka Haram, the Tea Party, the Westboro Baptist Church in Kansas or any other evangelical fundamentalist movement does not frighten me. They do. Religious zealousness can ruin lives, entire cultures, or worse. Look at what we perpetrated on our own First Nations' people.

Provided the zealots don't try to convert me or anyone else by force, they are legally entitled to their opinions and view of the world. That said, so am I.

For some months, I have been storing some of the material that follows in this bulletin and it is time to make room in my files. If you are offended by a bit of religious humor, then check the website for the next meeting news and wait patiently for the next bulletin to get your dose of Ha Ha.

NEXT MEETING : Guest Speaker/International March 16th

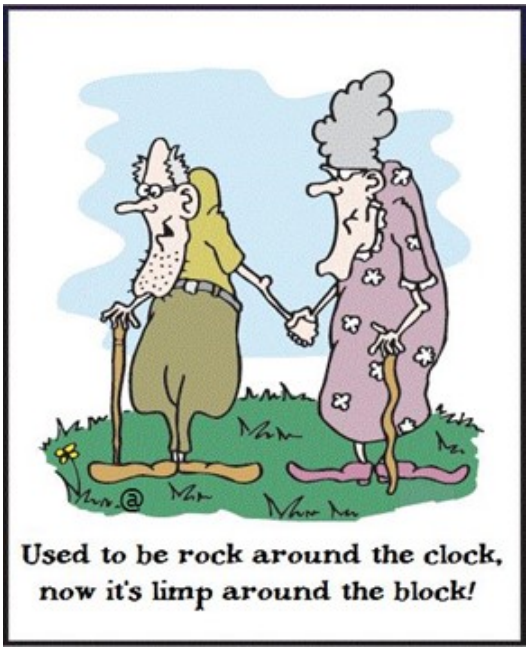
This meeting's details remain a mystery at "press time" so watch the web site and then consult the next bulletin to see why anyone missing this meeting does so at their peril.

Health an Welfare:

Art Merrick reports that Judy Taylor has been in hospital for surgery and is recovering well. She is expected to be home this weekend.

AGING GYROS:

There appears to be only two in our midst who will be celebrating this month - **Paul West is** on the 24th and **Larry Klaus** will be partying on the 31st. Way to go Paul and Big Lar! Do keep them in line, Marianne and Kathy, they're older than they used to be.



UPCOMING DISTRICT & INTERNATIONAL FUNCTIONS

International Interim Meeting – February 8th – 12th, 2016 – Savannah, Georgia

District VIII Convention - May 26th – 29th, 2016 – Fairmont Hotsprings BC

International Convention – July 11th – 17th, 2016 - Red Lake (Mackenzie Island), Ontario

LAST MEETING: TOUR NIGHT Wednesday, March 2nd

Thirteen Gyros gathered at that strange looking building beside the Park Centre Hotel—the Strathcona Energy Centre. We were treated to a fascinating tour by Chad, the key mover and shaker there, He filled us in on what the Centre was about, its 10 year history and the plans for the future. In case some of you Gyros were as ignorant as most of us on the tour, this facility provides heat via a closed system hot water pipeline to all County Buildings, Festival Place, Swimming pools, etc. as well as all the residences in the Centre of the Park complex. The water only drops about 2 degrees throughout its journey. It is an extremely efficient and effective operation, using wood chips that would otherwise be in land fills, as a heat source. We then trundled across the street for a guided tour of the County of Strathcona's library, Municipal Government offices and the Council Chambers. Finally, our thirsty thirteen headed to Buffet Royal Carvery where we were met by one more Gyro, John Evans, making us the famished fourteen. A good meal and invigorating political discussions topped the evening off. Many thanks to Ken Lesniak and Dick Caddey for arranging and overseeing this very interesting evening.

Chad shows us the extent of the hot water pipeline

Pretty small pipe

Water in / water out

The boiler room

Ken thanks our county office guide, Tara

NO COMMENT.....

I LOVE INGENUITY, EVEN IF IT'S WEIRD OR STUPID Dept.

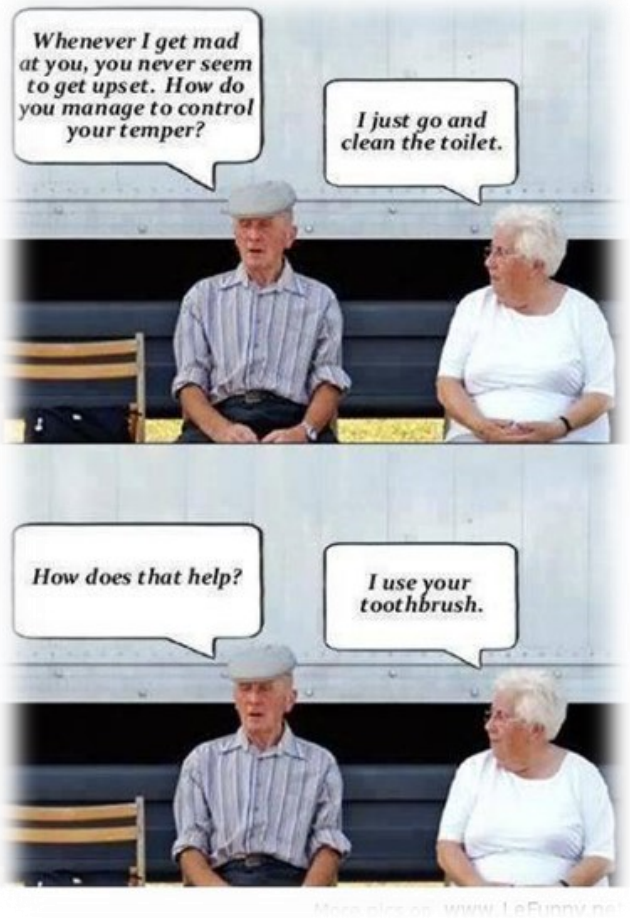
When Cletus Passes By His Neighbor's House, He Sees Some Strange Activity Is Going On.

Cletus is passing by Billy Bob's hay barn one day when, through a gap in the door, he sees Billy Bob doing a slow and sensual striptease in front of an old John Deere tractor.

He performs a slow pirouette, and gently slides off first the right strap of his overalls, followed by the left. He then hunches his shoulders forward and in a classic striptease move, lets his overalls fall down to his hips, revealing a torn and frayed plaid shirt.

Then, grabbing both sides of his shirt, he rips it apart to reveal his stained T-shirt underneath. With a final flourish, he tears the T-shirt from his body, and hurls his baseball cap onto a pile of hay. Having seen enough, Cletus rushes in and says, "What the world're ya doing, Billy Bob?"

"Good grief, Cletus, ya scared the bejeebers out of me," says an obviously embarrassed Billy Bob. "But me 'n the wife been havin' trouble lately in the bedroom d'partment, and the therapist suggested I do something sexy to a tractor."



A young man named Chuck bought a horse from a farmer for $250. The farmer agreed to deliver the horse the next day. The next day, the farmer drove up to Chucks house and said, 'Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the horse died.'

Chuck replied, 'Well, then just give me my money back.'

The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I went and spent it already.'

Chuck said, 'Okay, then, just bring me the dead horse.'

The farmer asked, 'What ya gonna do with him?

Chuck said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.'

The farmer said, 'You can't raffle off a dead horse!'

Chuck said, 'Sure I can, Watch me. I just won't tell any body he's dead.'

A month Later, the farmer met up with Chuck and asked, 'What happened with that dead horse?'

Chuck said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at five dollars a piece and made a profit of $2495.'

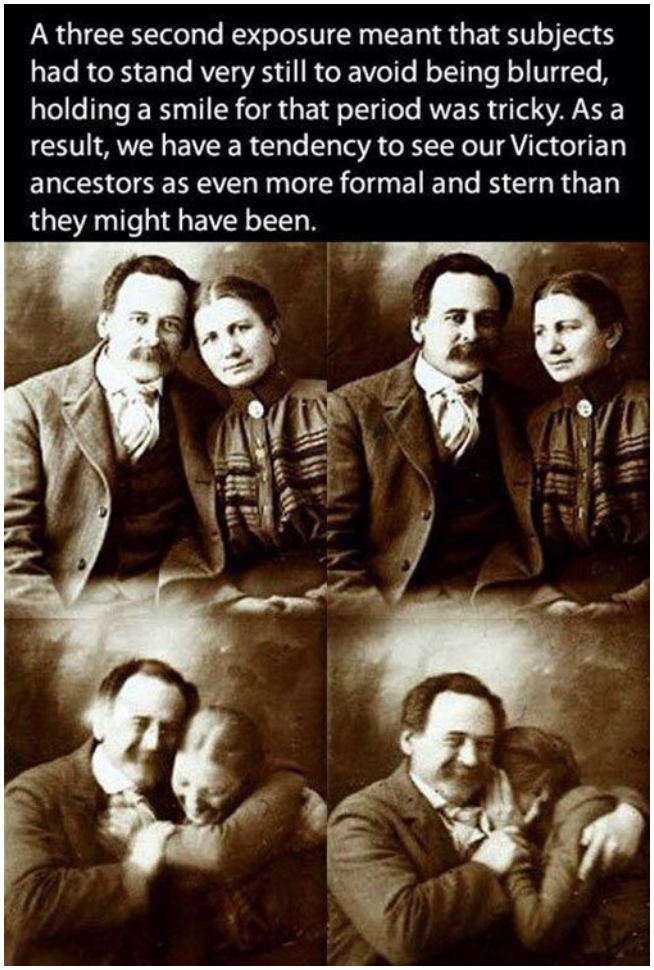
The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?'

Chuck said, 'Just the guy who won. So I gave him his five dollars back.'

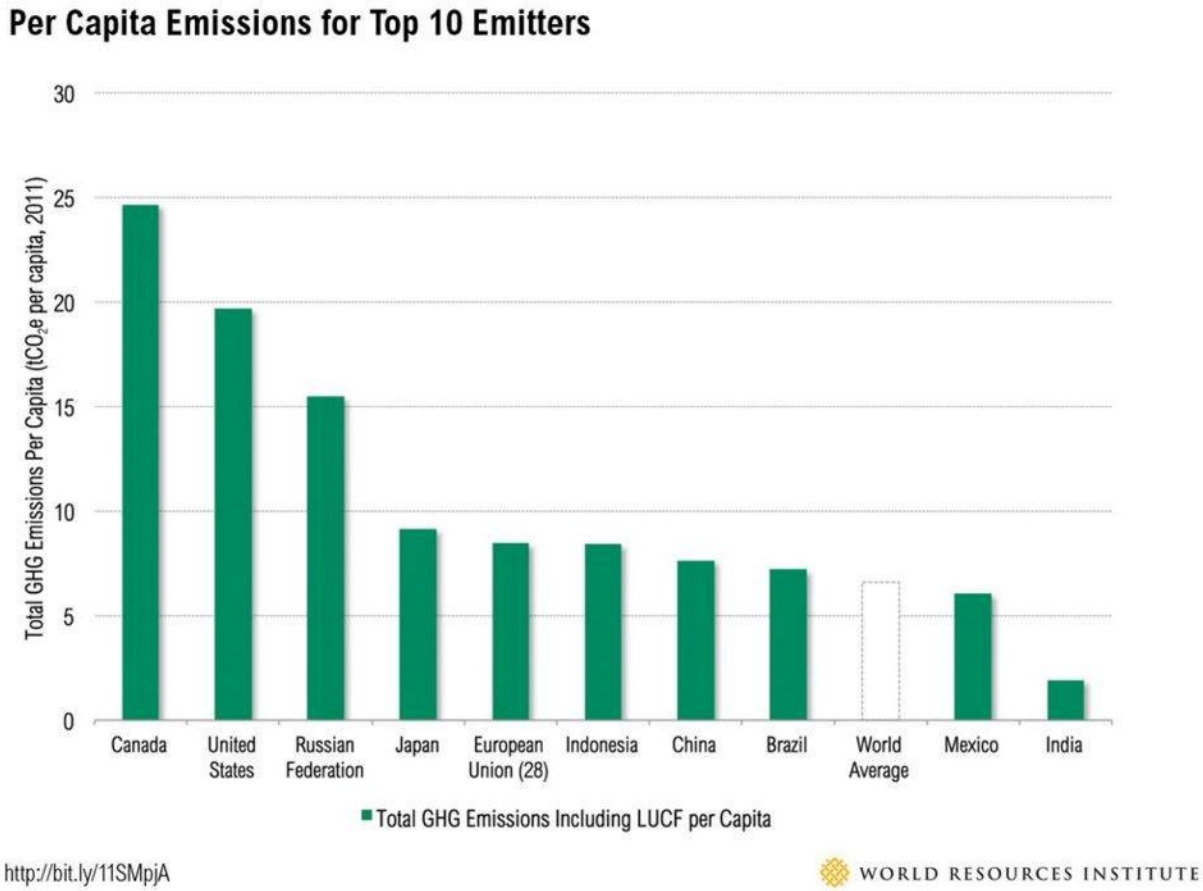
AUCTION TIME IS COMING PARDNER.
DON'T MAKE VICIOUS VIC COME AFTER YA!

Let Vic Syvenky know what you plan to donate and let your banker know how much you plan to bid. **Do it Today!**

DO YOU REMEMBER?

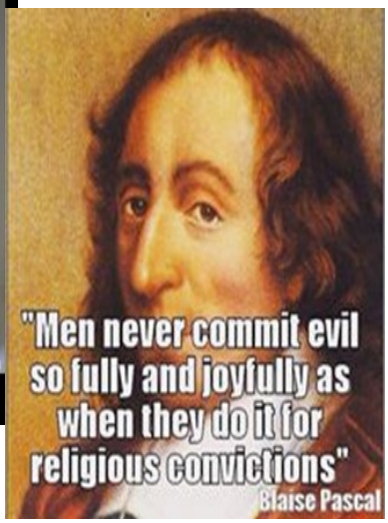


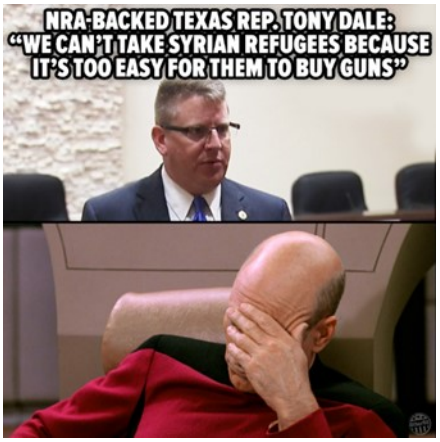
MEANWHILE IN CANADA

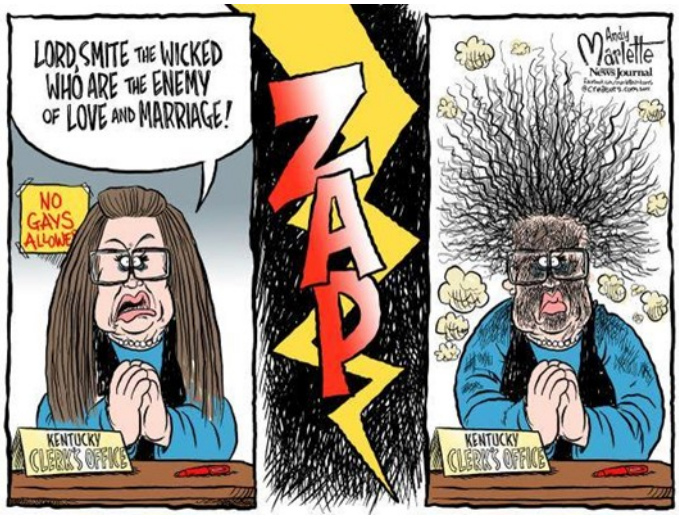


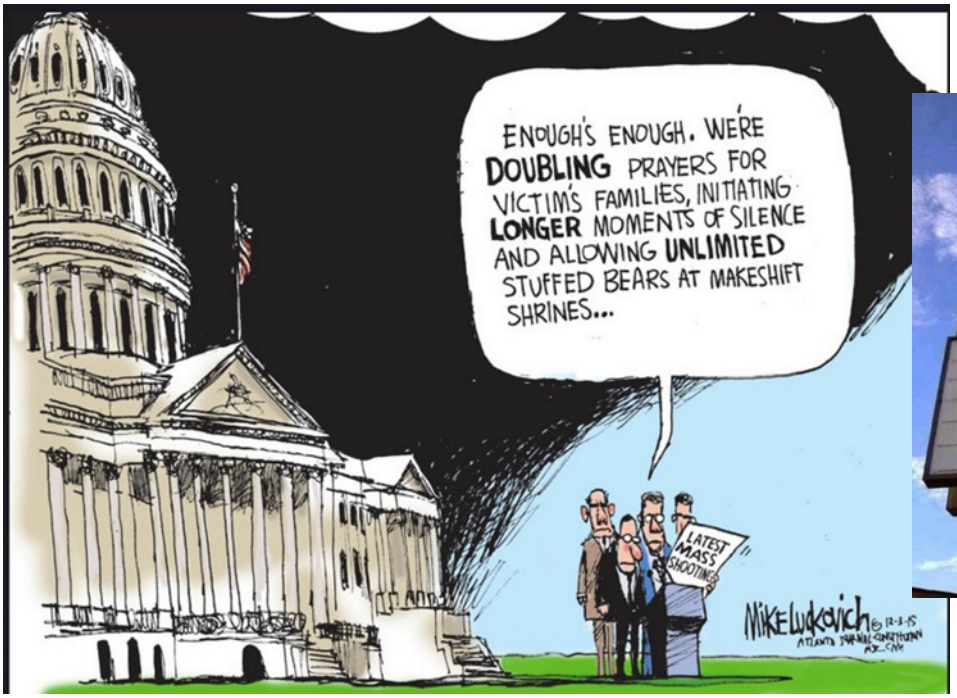
We're anything but blame free but it's interesting the slant that can be shown with statistics

Meanwhile NOT in Canada

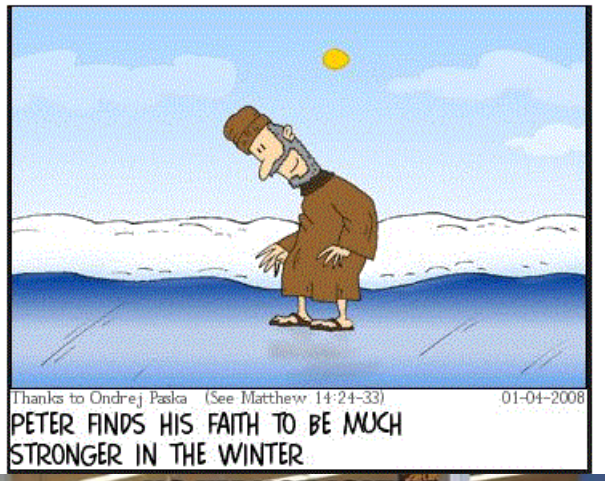








MORE MEANWHILE NOT IN CANADA



"My new year's resolution is to vote 'yes' on something."

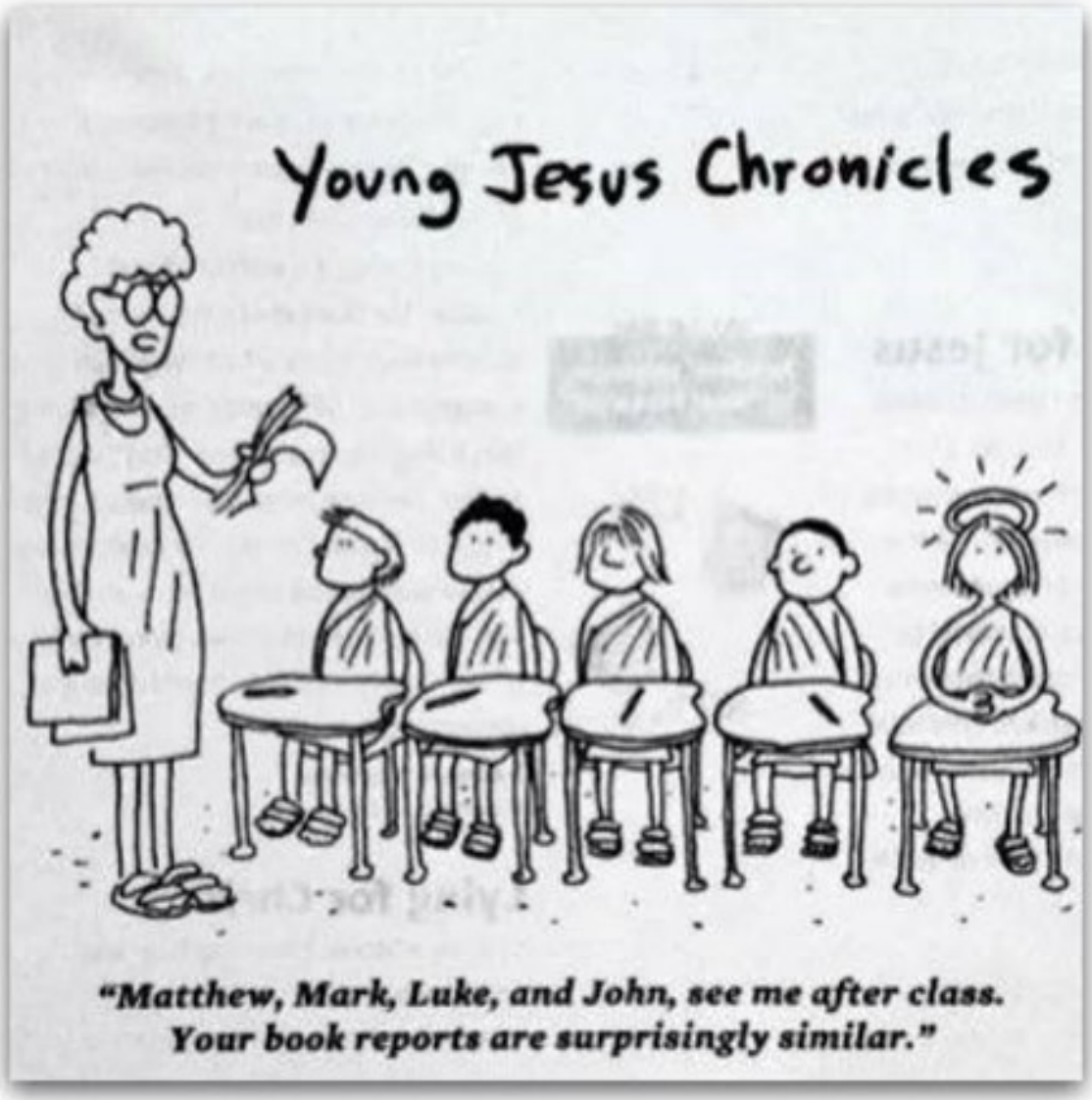
THE DONALD PAGE BECAUSE NOBODY WANTS MORE COVERAGE THAN DT !

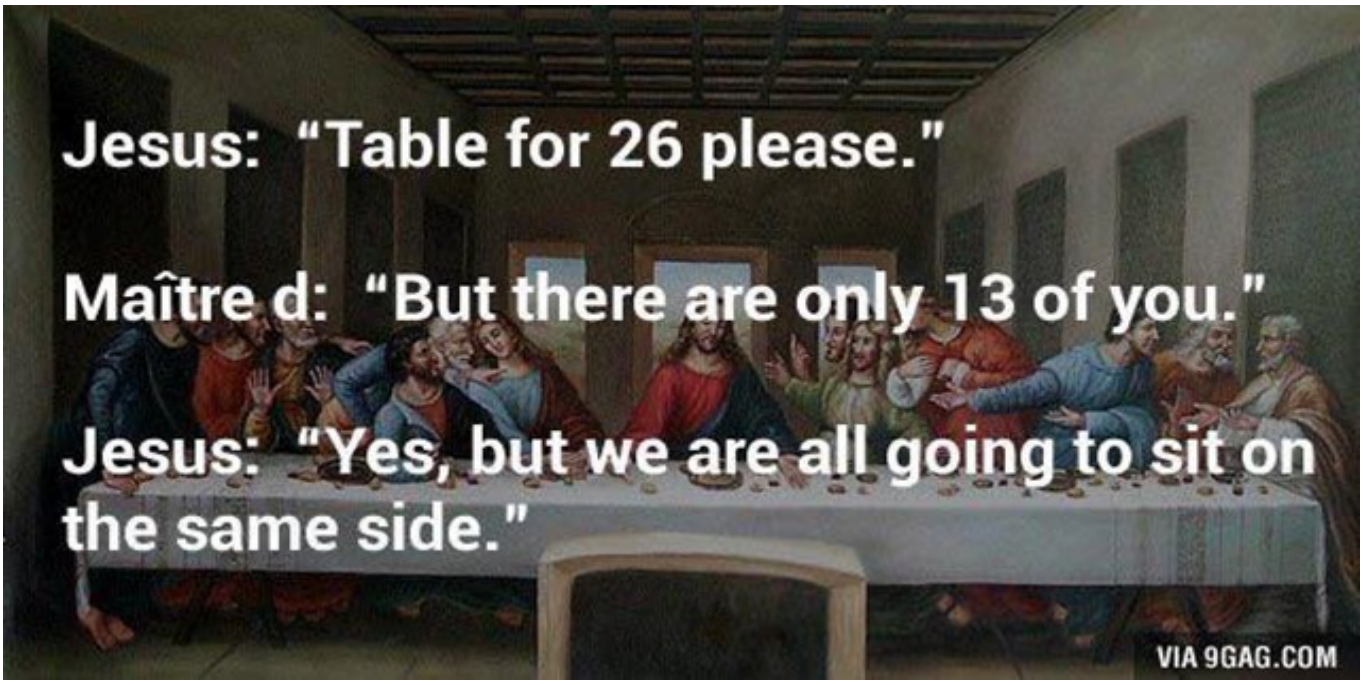
This just in. Donald Trump has been arrested for trying to force a woman in a head scarf to register before being granted admission to the US.

Said the woman, "We are not amused."

Actual CNN head line Friday : **Donald Trump Defends Size Of His Penis**. Whisky Tango Foxtrot !

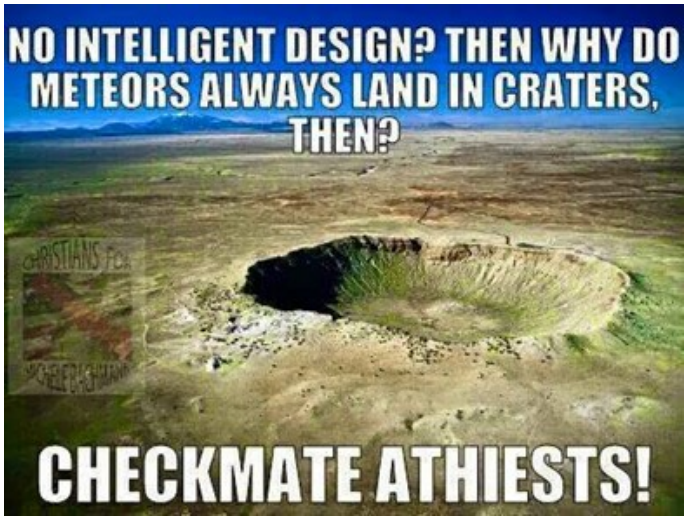
SNICKERS AND GUFFAWS




Jesus: "Table for 26 please."
Maître d: "But there are only 13 of you."
Jesus: "Yes, but we are all going to sit on the same side."
VIA 9GAG.COM

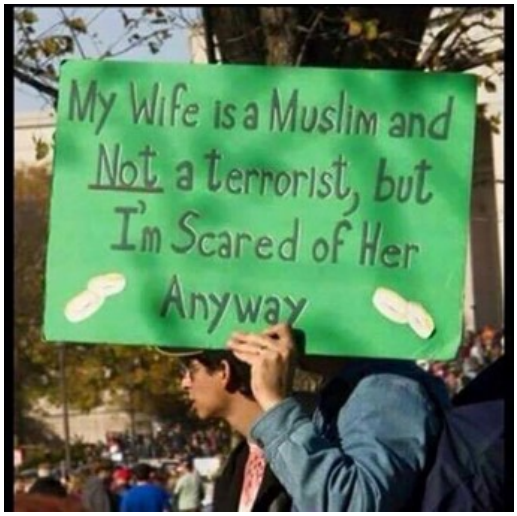
FOUR GREAT RELIGIOUS TRUTHS
1. Muslims don't recognize Jews as God's chosen people
2. Jews don't recognize Jesus as the Messiah
3. Protestants don't recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian world
4. Baptists don't recognize each other at Hooters

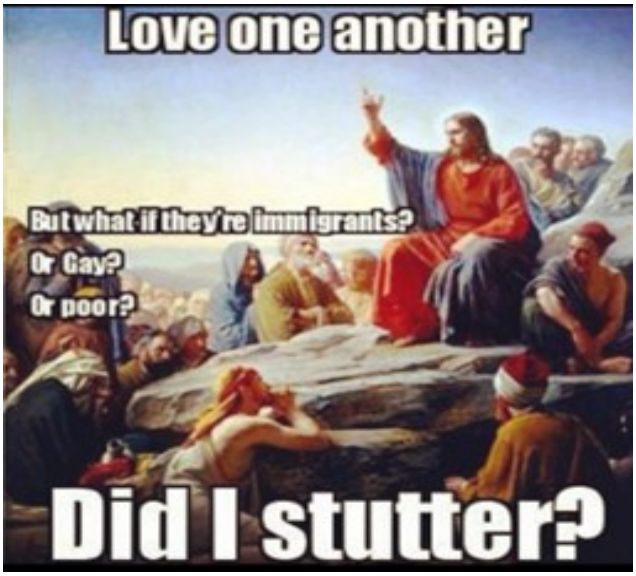
Dear God
Please send clothes to those poor ladies on Daddy's Computer.



ATHEISTS

WE'LL NEVER GET ANY RESPECT UNTIL WE COME UP WITH OUR OWN SILLY LITTLE HAT





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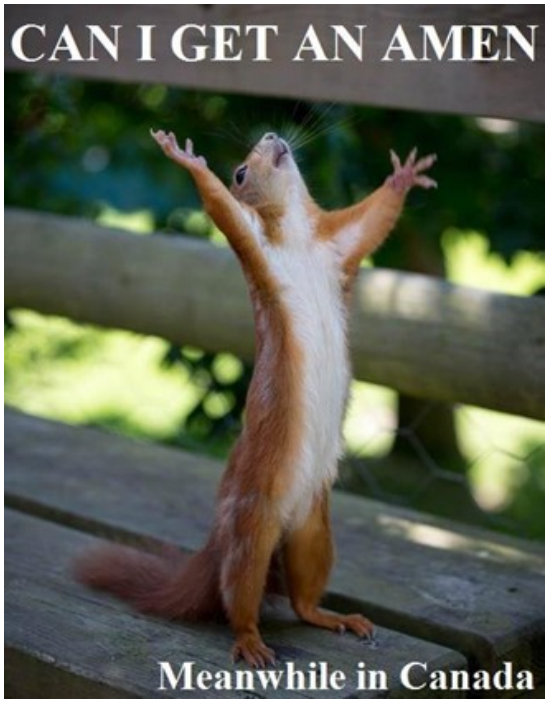
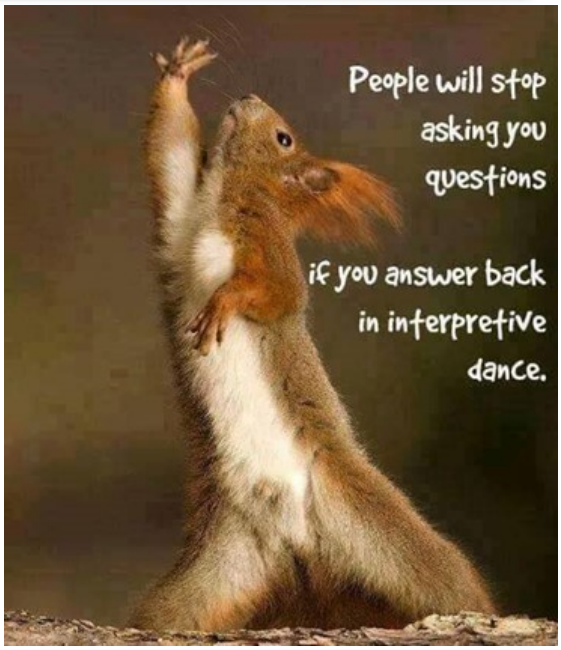
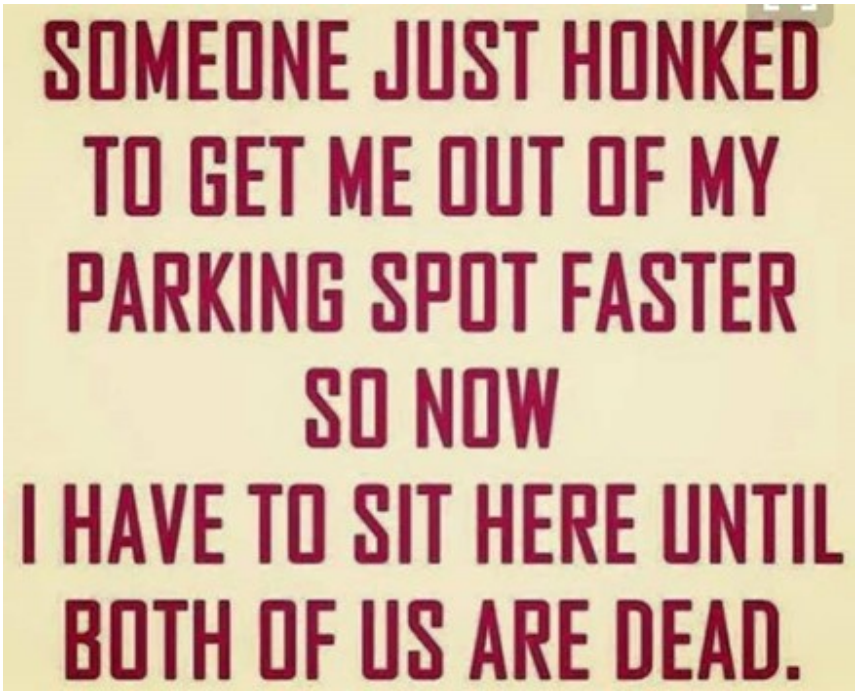




Your Gyro Friendship thought of the week:

And the last word:



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