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Where Are Malaya And Greta?

by 'Musafir'



If you remember, a few years ago two teenage girls, Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan and Greta Thunberg of Sweden grabbed the headlines for their social activism. They were two young girls who were made poster children for girls' literacy and Climate Change awareness respectively. The Pakistani girl, Malala was awarded the Nobel peace prize in 2014 while Greta has been nominated for the prize twice.

In October 2012 while Malala was returning home from her school with her friends, the Taliban who are opposed to educating girls, attacked Malala and shot her in the head. She was treated and underwent surgery in England. Her father decided to leave Pakistan and moved to England with his

family. Malala was noticed by the human rights group which chose her as the face of human rights advocacy, especially the education of women and children in her native homeland. On her 16th birthday, she spoke at the U.N. Youth Assembly. Her birthday was declared as 'Malala Day.' While I appreciate Malala's courage, the question is why her alone? There are thousands of girls like Malala who are subject to the same kind of treatment in the Muslim world every day. Why Malala's friends, Shazia Ramzan and Kainat Riaz, who were also shot along with Malala, are not celebrated in the same way?

Malala is now married and leads a comfortable life in England. Unlike Gandhi

who returned to India, she has no plans of returning to Pakistan to work for women's education or upliftment there. She didn't even manage to visit Pakistan when half of Pakistan was drowning due to a flood last year. Instead, she spends time attending meets and greet and taking pictures with celebrities. In 2021, Malala struck a multi-year programming pact with Apple TV+ for a streaming service.

Malala and her parents are now multi-millionaires. They are joint shareholders of a company and have more than 3 million U.S. dollars in the bank. (Source: Images).

The other activist another young girl, Greta Thunberg, a seventeen-year-old climate activist became the poster child for climate change in 2019. Within a year, she addressed the United Nations, became Time magazine's "Person of the Year," spoke to world leaders at Davos, and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.



The Greta phenomenon is puzzling. How can an erstwhile high school student be accorded the status of an internationally recognized expert on a topic so complicated as global warming? Is there a shortage of opinionated teenagers? Hardly, there are

tens of thousands of high school debaters that could be just as effective.

The reason is the ambition of her attention-hungry rich father, Svante Thunberg, a Swedish actor, and author. He filled Greta's mind with pessimism about the effects of climate change when she was in elementary school. "She cried at night when she should have been sleeping. She cried on her way to school. She cried in her classes and during her breaks, and the teachers called her home almost every day. She had disappeared into some kind of darkness and appeared to stop functioning" (Ernman, Parenting, March 16, 2020).

Greta later was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome and obsessive-compulsive disorder and started perceiving the world as

threatened by calamities. If this is not child abuse then what is?

Greta, unlike Malala, is still active in bringing awareness to climate change. Greta has also written two

books, "The Climate Book" and "Our House Is on Fire." They are available on Amazon. Although she claims that she doesn't charge for speaking, you can hire her for speaking by calling her toll-free number.

Commentary

Who's Afraid of AI?

Anil Shrivastava 'Musafir'



The fear of Artificial Intelligence (AI) possessing human life was magnified after the application of ChatGPT In November 2022 by Microsoft in its Search Engine. The world was taken by the storm by its astounding capabilities. ChatGPT, a chatbot from Microsoft's OpenAI allows users to converse with it in a way that mimics natural conversation with a human. ChatGPT was explained in my earlier article on this subject. Within five days of the launch of ChatGPT, the intuitive and user-friendly tool drew one million users and is

now threatening traditional search engines like Google or Bing.

Integration of Chat GPT by Microsoft in its search engine can generate text, images and videos in a way that they cannot be distinguished from human creations. In educational campuses across the world, teachers are having a hard time because students are using it to write their assignments, and the outcome is indistinguishable from human generated responses. It is also called a hi-tech plagiarism.

Now the AI can carry on a normal conversation with a human on any subject, produce and summarize text, write poetry, analytical reports or philosophical articles and even can write self-learning programs software codes for apps. According to Goldman Sachs, "this may cost humans some 3000 million jobs globally, including the jobs of programmers, analysts and report writers, teachers, lawyers, etc. It has the potential for automation of more than a thousand occupations." The scariest part is that AI can perform astounding tasks, like producing images, realistic pictures of made-up people, creative art, video and film, audio outputs like songs and music compositions –almost all tasks that require superlative intelligence.

We all have already experienced a cognitive loss of direction. Most of us can't even go places without the help of GPS. What's next? Are we going to lose our ability to think creatively? And what happens if the trade-off does not work the way we design it, what if the tool becomes so powerful that it starts controlling our emotions for us?

Language affects our understanding and action to a large extent. Mark Antony, Churchill and Roosevelt used the power of language to change people's opinions, prepare countrymen for wars and to mitigate our anxieties. Imagine what can happen if AI is given that role. This can be devastating to our natural intelligence.

Previous tools like the printing press and radio helped spread the cultural ideas of humans, but they never created new cultural ideas of their own. AI is

fundamentally different. AI can create completely new ideas, completely new culture. It can completely annihilate our social, cultural and political world.

It is up to us to decide how much control we want to give to AI. We can stop it from controlling and enslaving us. It's time to tame AI now before it starts taming us.

Not Doing Anything By Ashok Lal

When I don't take a decision,
They call it procrastination,
But they should know
No decision is also a decision

When I don't do a thing
They call me lazy
I call them crazy
Inaction is also an action

When I don't eat food,
They call this hunger strike,
Not eating is a plan,
To get attention span.

By not doing anything,
I am doing something,
Which is not nothing,
But doing something.

HUMOR

This Is Me And I am IT

Musafir

I am good at coming up with one-liners such as, “Just do it,” “Do what you can’t,” “That was Easy,” “Save money, live better,” and “Have it your way.” The problem is that my catchphrases become so popular that they are pirated and used as taglines by big corporations.

Someone owes me a lot of money for all those phrases that I coined. Yeah, ad agencies look them up on my Instagram account and rob me of my glory in broad daylight.

You’ve heard people say, ‘It is what its is’. That’s one of mine too. Earlier it used to take longer for my slogans to spread because you’d have to wait for one friend to tell another friend who told another friend and so on. It’s a lot faster now because of the Internet.

Don’t believe me? “Let me give you an example. I am, right now, going to say,” This is me and I am it.” It’s ironic, you know? I am bragging but acting like I am trying to keep it humble at the same time. This reminds me of my old slogan, “Keep it real”, and you know how popular that was. Just wait for a month and You’ll see everybody’s

going to be using” This is me and I am it.” It’ll be like the new way to say you get what you see. Anyway, you just witnessed history being made. You were there when it got started. I mean my new slogan.

After all, I need to leave my mark and let the world know I had more to offer than simply exist. I am a trendsetter and influencer. I post my slogans on Instagram

and other social media too. Thus, it not only reaches a lot of people, it provided a trail of ownership too. I can point to my posts and say, “Look, here’s the first time I used ‘It is



what it is' and now the rest of the world is using that."

I am gonna add a hashtag to my new slogan, [#ThisIsMeAndIAmit](#). Now I'll go on Twitter, LinkedIn, and Facebook and will write," I may not be immortal but my name will. [#ThisIsMeAndIAmit](#).

Next, I am going to take a selfie wearing a Kashmiri hat and sporting a Groucho Marx mustache. I am going to post that on social media with the caption "Simple joys. [#ThisIsMeAndIAmit](#)." I have no doubt that my Instagram followers will see "[#ThisIsMeAndIAmit](#)" and will start using it in their own messages. They would pass it on to their followers, who would pass it to their own followers. In matter of weeks my new slogan will become popular and then will be pirated by some big corporation without giving me any credit for this.

Wait a second, who is this woman Fify? She is using my hash tag, [#ThisIsMeAndIAmit](#). I immediately send Fify a message asking her why she is using my slogan as her own. Look I immediately get a reply from Fify, "I work for the city of Iamit located in the country of Borginia. We've been using that hashtag for a long time. This is our slogan. Please don't mess with Borginia.

Well, as for me, this news is a double punch to my self-esteem. Not only are the big corporations stealing my slogans, even countries are now doing the same without giving any credit to me. Why can't they not leave me alone?

Happiness Is A State of Mind

by Anil Shrivastava 'Musafir'



A New York-based agency called “Sustainable Development Solutions Network” brings out an annual World Happiness Report, whose 2023 version has ranked India at 126th position out of 136 countries, much below strife-torn countries like Palestine (ranked 99), Iran (101), Sri Lanka (112), Myanmar (117) or Ethiopia (124), many of which ruthlessly suppress the civil liberties of their people. Their rankings depend on six parameters: per capita income, social support, life expectancy at birth, freedom to make life

choices, charity, and perceptions of corruption.

The first thing that came to my mind was who gave them the right to be pontiff to the world and why people accept their politically biased judgments. I don't. I lived in India and often visit my old country. I find Indians living there quite happy despite their positioning on Maslow's Pyramid. The ranking by the West reflects their own cultural, racial, or civilizational bias without bearing an iota of truth, and is intended to

generally demonstrate the so-called superiority of the West which is now slowly decaying politically, morally, and also economically over the rest of the world.

Let's analyze happiness. All human beings, men and women, young and old, rich and poor, well and unwell, want to be happy, so much so that happiness has been equated with the meaning and essence of life, the reason for our existence, our ultimate destiny. According to the Hindu Holy Book, Gita, "One who is not in transcendental consciousness can have neither a controlled mind nor steady intelligence, without which there is no possibility of peace. And how can there be any happiness without peace? (Bhagavad-Gita 2.66)"

When I was growing up in India, we didn't have many amenities and the poor among us led a meager existence. However, most of us were happy. Thanks to the social and family structures. "It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness."-Charles Spurgeon".

I don't claim that we were always happy. The problem is that the mind cannot be permanently in an equilibrium state. As a matter of fact, it is ever-changing. Hence happiness cannot be a constant state of euphoria, but rather a balance of emotions that somehow brings a sense of meaning, purpose, and fulfillment. Happiness is often equated or confused with well-being which is produced by the interplay of a number of extraneous factors like income, health, education, basic liberties, choices available, relationships, physical and social security, etc. But even then, it is a subjective sense of

well-being, which is neither measurable nor quantifiable.

Coming back to Sustainable Development Solutions Network's report, it is the wealth of a nation that provides happiness and hence will always favor rich nations over poor ones. So, the richer you are, the happier you are; in other words, income is synonymous with happiness, an assumption not validated by facts, just as happiness cannot be equated with success in material terms.

How about positive experiences like joy, inspiration, or love, positive traits like gratitude or compassion, and positive institutions? Aren't they sources of happiness? Should wealth be the only measure of happiness? To avoid such possible confusion, Aristotle had said much earlier, "Happiness depends upon ourselves." Without trying to define.

Yes, events outside our control, like natural calamities, disruptive technologies, global financial crises, mental health issues, etc. can completely overtake us, ejecting us out of our orbit of happiness. There is no linear pathway to happiness that can insure against all insecurities. But the reality is that many people who have suffered devastating financial or emotional catharsis, have overcome their losses and their fears of uncertainty, and learned to live simpler, balanced, and fulfilling lives. Happiness is a state of mind.



The courage to Be Free

Author: Ron DeSantis

Publisher: published by Harper Collins in 2023 (256 p.)

I was more impressed by the character of Ron DeSantis than the content of his book, 'The courage to Be Free.' DeSantis strikes as being an all-round American boy belonging to a middle-class family, who excelled in academics, got degrees from Harvard and Yale, was a star baseball player, married the woman he loved, served in the Iraq War, became a U.S. Congressman and now is a two-term governor of Florida.

The 256-page book reads like DeSantis' autobiography. However, he has tried to distance himself from Trump by barely mentioning him save the crucial endorsement of President Donald Trump in June 2018 during DeSantis' first run for governor.

Much of the book is organized around his dislikes: woke corporations, mainstream news outlets, and the federal bureaucracy. Each get their own chapter, plus one on the COVID-19

pandemic that largely revolves around his disdain for established medical experts.

DeSantis writes in the book's opening page. "A governor who is right on the issues, but who lacks the courage to lead, will be an

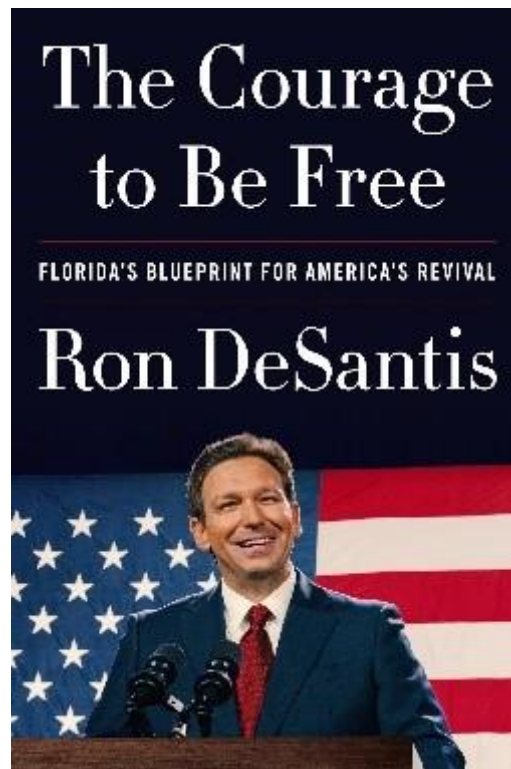
inadequate chief executive." DeSantis explores the concept of individual states being laboratories of democracy. In other words, we can test policies at a state level to get an idea of how they might work out at a federal level.

DeSantis is not shy of accounting for his achievements as the Florida's governor. He cites historic investments in Florida's education system, expansion of school choice options for students, protecting and restoring Florida's environmental resources, good governance, rush of

people moving to Florida and many more.

I hope he runs for President in 2024.

-Reviewed by Musafir



Escaping Gravity My Quest to Transform Nasa and Launch a New Space Age

Since I have been profoundly interested in space flights since the day the first Sputnik was successfully launched by the Russians on October 4, 1957, I chose to read Escaping Gravity by Lori Garver, the former NASA Deputy Administrator. Garver recounts her attempts to modernize the agency by enlisting the efforts of private businesses to cut costs and innovate.

Garver took many key decisions and persuaded even President Obama to implement her ideas that shaped NASA to concentrate on environmental issues and let private companies handle space flights.

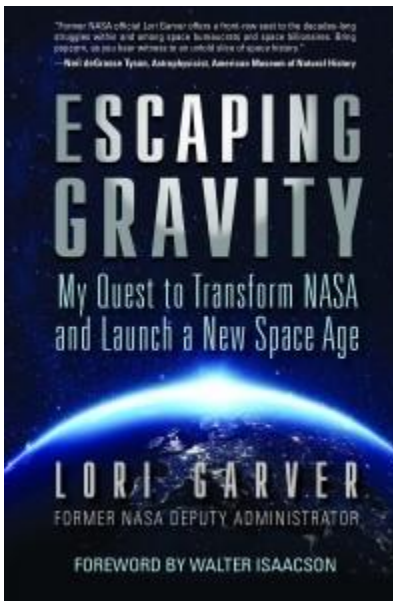
In the first chapter, the author chronicles how she opposed extending the space shuttle program. She cited the cost, the failure of the program to fulfill the goal of 40 to 50 missions annually, and the loss of two full astronaut crews.

Her vision created tremendous animosity in the NASA ranks. Later she was assigned to lead the NASA transition team in the event of Obama's election. She accepted the offer, eventually winning the post of deputy administrator to astronaut Charlie Bolden.

Author: Lori Garver

Publisher: Diversion Books 2022 (249 pages)

In her new position, she found herself up against the NASA establishment—the “cup boys,” named for their coffee cups bearing



their military call signs. She also displeased some members of Congress who wanted NASA to handle key space projects rather than assigning those to private companies.

In a hard-hitting text, Garver details the backroom deals she fought against and portrays NASA as an egregious example of the military-industrial complex. Nonetheless, she managed to smooth the way for emerging “space pirates” such as Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos,

and Richard Branson, whose reusable commercial rockets promise to allow NASA to shift to its real missions rather than spending taxpayer dollars to develop launch vehicles.

Her vision paid off. The US space industry has been transformed to become the envy of the world and is ushering in a new space age, Escaping Gravity offers a blueprint for how to drive productive and meaningful change.

-Reviewed by Anil Shrivastava ‘Musafir’



In Your Face

Anil Shrivastava 'Musafir'

Twitter is the most influential social media platform there is. This can change opinions, bring revolutions and create illusions in the masses. While checking its user list, I came

across such formidable, commanding, and autocratic names as President Biden, President of Russia, PMO (Prime Minister's Office) India, CCP (Chinese Communist Party), Ebrahim Raisi (Iranian President) Emmanuel Macron, Rishi Sunak (U.K's Prime Minister), Prime Minister of Israel and United Nations.

Since the start of the 21st century, we have seen how digital political marketing has grown in support of political campaigns. The means of obtaining political information

have changed since the emergence of technology and the electronic revolution. Most folks (not all) who have access of social media, get their news and opinion

from platforms such as Twitter and Facebook that act as the enablers of Group Think.

Twitter is the dominating forum for political parties, politicians, and journalists to express ideas,

shape public opinion, and exchange points of view in today's world. It is now easier to reach out to the masses for political support in order to energize voters. People were not as active in sharing their views, ideas, and opinions in the last century as they are now.

In order to make sure that people vote for a specific party, political advertisers use



different types of advertising, issue-based and image-based, etc. Issue-based advertising focuses on burning issues, welfare, economy, and foreign policies whereas image-based advertising tries to project the humane face of its leaders.

Opposition parties use these platforms differently. They may market those elements of the government in power that are controversial like pointing out shortcomings in the ruling party in order to persuade people that they are unfit to lead the government because they cannot properly develop and carry out policy decisions.

Digital political marketing has become the platform from where the voters get their information as more and more people are abandoning conventional media, such as TV news and newspapers. Political parties, candidates, and government officials can

lead the opinion of the masses in the desired direction in order to generate desired results more effectively because voters tend to take digital platforms more seriously than traditional forms of media.

Digital Political marketing has become more effective and influential than ever before. Some examples I can think of are Arab Spring, Occupy Wall Street, and Ukrainian Revolution.

The irony is that despite having free access to all information, the public is drawn into the tactical attempts of digital political advertisers to achieve desired political outcomes. It can be very intimidating when a world leader is talking to you in your face.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Mr Trump And the Past Presidents Anil Shrivastava 'Musafir'

Former U.S. President Donald Trump has been indicted by a grand jury in New York in the case of hush money paid to adult film actor Stormy Daniels in 2016. According to the experts, the charge in the indictment is expected to be a falsification of business records, but that is only a misdemeanor (bad behavior toward others) offense in New York, not a felony (a very serious crime such as armed robbery).

There have been more serious charges against past U.S. presidents than what Mr. Trump is accused of although the past presidents were not indicted by any court of law.

I must first mention Ulysses Grant. While never personally charged with crimes or formally accused of wrongdoing, Grant as president thwarted a corruption case prosecuted by his own administration. The

man on trial was Grant's personal secretary in the White House.

In 1875, an investigation launched by Treasury Secretary Benjamin H. Bristow resulted in hundreds of arrests in a scheme known as the Whiskey Ring, in which

distillers, revenue agents, and fellow conspirators diverted millions of dollars in liquor taxes to themselves.

To avoid the spectacle of the president appearing in court, attorneys questioned Grant under oath at the White House. A transcript of his

testimony was later read in court in St. Louis.

The next president who comes to my mind is Andrew Johnson, the first American president to be impeached.

Johnson had been elected vice president to Abraham Lincoln in 1864. He assumed the presidency after Lincoln's 1865



assassination. From the White House, Johnson called for pardoning Confederate leaders and opposed extending voting rights to freed Blacks, infuriating congressional Republicans.

Johnson's impeachment trial began in the Senate on March 5, 1868. It ended more than two months later, with senators just one vote short of removing Johnson from office.

In 1974 Richard Nixon resigned from office rather than face impeachment for his administration's cover-up of its involvement in a break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington.

The bungled burglary at the Watergate office building resulted in the indictment of seven men, including two former White House aides. Five of the Watergate defendants pleaded guilty; two were convicted in criminal trials. The House Judiciary Committee in 1974 approved three articles of impeachment accusing him of obstruction of justice, abuse of power, and contempt of Congress. Nixon resigned after losing support from key congressional Republicans.

Bill Clinton spent more than half his presidency under scrutiny in investigations that ranged from failed real estate deals to the Democratic president's affair with a White House intern. Investigators took a lengthy look into Bill and Hillary Clinton's investments in the troubled Whitewater real estate venture.

Starr's 1998 report packed with lurid details of Clinton's affair with intern Monica Lewinsky proved far more damaging. While

being questioned in a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by former Arkansas state employee Paula Jones, Clinton had denied having "sexual relations" with Lewinsky.

Starr concluded that Clinton had lied under oath and obstructed justice. That led to the House voting to impeach Clinton on Dec. 19, 1998. He was acquitted by the Senate, allowing him to remain in office until his term ended in January 2001.

Coming to Donald Trump, to prosecute Mr. Trump for a felony, the onus is on Manhattan District Attorney (DA) Alvin Bragg to not only link the falsified bookkeeping to Mr. Trump directly but also to show that the business records in question were falsified to cover up an entirely different crime. "Mr. Trump may not be liable under federal campaign finance laws, which require monies received as campaign donations to be disclosed transparently and be subject to specified legal limits. However, a federal investigation into this matter was closed in 2019, which suggests that the weight of the evidence here may not have been compelling at the time."(Politico, 4/3/23).

This is a weak case that is politically motivated with the purpose of creating a spectacle. This is bound to boost Mr. Trump's chances to grab the Republican nomination for the 2024 presidential election and show the Democrats in a bad light.



Summer Tips for Idiots

Anil Shrivastava 'Musafir'

Cheer up. It's summertime again. I am glad that we still have 4 seasons despite the fact that the world will end soon and we all will be swallowed by the rise in sea level due to global warming. While you are still here, follow my tips to make your last summer on Earth memorable.

Helpful tips for the workplace: It is natural to feel lethargic in summer. Folks in warmer

action against you in the name of religion. If your employer is unreasonable, just don't go to work.

A shot of whisky is recommended before napping. All you have to do is put a teabag in your whisky so that you can day drink without being caught. You may also pour wine into your mug and blow on it to convince others that it's tea or coffee.



In case you get

countries are famous for taking afternoon naps also known as siesta in many parts of the world. If you ever get caught napping at work, simply raise your head and say, "In Jesus' name Amen." No one can take any

slightly drunk and hit a door, sue the company for not displaying the "Open the door before entering" sign. Do this

immediately before they take any action against you.

Helpful tips for home: With inflation so high and bread and eggs being out of reach of common folks, it is advisable to sleep until lunchtime to save on breakfast money.

If you are retired and your kids are unemployed, live in a mobile home. The kids won't move back home if they can't find you.

Don't wear headphones while vacuuming. You won't know if your vacuum cleaner was working. This is a great tip to save on electricity. After all, a penny saved is a penny earned especially when a penny actually costs 3 cents to mint.

Social Work: Advise youngsters you hate to follow their passion. They'll spend years searching for their passion, wasting valuable time and money. No matter what

they say, passion isn't something you're born with; it's something you develop. Have fun while they are trying to figure it out.

Give unsolicited financial advice to your friends and relatives. Ask them to buy low and sell high. A friend of mine bought Microsoft stock for \$208 in 2009 and sold it for \$382 in 2014 following my advice. Today its stock is trading above \$ 2,000. Tell them, "I told you so. the stock market is a gamble." You'd look like a wise man without doing any good to anybody.

Some bonus tips: Never trust an electrician with no eyebrows. Smile while you still have teeth.



Disappointed

by Musafir

The phone rang again.

“Ello?” I answered.

It was Banjo who calls me every morning like an alarm clock.

“Hey, buddy! How are you dealing with

Karuna today? Banjo asked.

“Banjo, first of all, Karuna is my aunt’s name and



secondly if you meant Coronavirus, give it some respect and pronounce it kə' rōnə and not kə' rōō na,” I corrected him, “I am doing just fine. Thanks for asking.”

Banjo seemed disappointed. He, perhaps, expected to hear a sob story from me. He certainly wanted me to appear miserable.

“Have you checked your investment today? The Dow fell 2,997 points. People are losing their underpants, you know!” Banjo wanted

to spread misery again.

“It’s a losing shirt, not

underpants,” I reminded him, “moreover, I don’t check my investment every day. It will eventually come back,” I replied.

“But it may not come back during your lifetime,” Banjo reminded me of my mortality.

“Listen Banjo, how do I care? There will be enough left for my funeral expense, anyway,” I was really agitated with him.

“Hey, I am relieved. That’s good to know.”
Said Banjo.

“Is everything ok between your wife and you”

“Why do you ask that?”

“Well, Otto was telling me that you guys went to see a shrink together!” Banjo continued.

“Well, our relationship is weird and unnatural. That was the basic reason,” I replied.

“How come?”

“We love each other too much and never fight. We have been married for over ten years now and our love is getting stronger every day. The shrink thinks this is unnatural.” I explained.

“yes that is certainly unnatural,” Banjo confirmed.

Finding himself of no avail, Banjo fired a weather salvo, “I heard there was a snowstorm and power outage in Michigan. Hope you’re not affected by that.”

“Yes, Banjo, we had some inclement weather last week, but you know what, it’s winter and we are supposed to get an occasional snowstorm in this season.” I fired back. “And you should also know that it gets warm during summer. And you know what? Our trees shed leaves in the fall. Don’t blame that on global warming though.”

“Why are you mad at me? I ain’t responsible for your miseries.”

“Well Banjo, let me give you some more bad news. I have Alzheimer's disease and I don’t know who you are anymore.” I ended the conversation.

tête-à-tête

An Idle Conversation

Musafir

Ever since I retired, I don't fill up my tank. It so happened that I was driving with my retired buddy, Gunther when my car suddenly stalled. As luck would have it, I was out of gas.

"Do you run out of gas quite often?"
Gunther asked.

"Not as often as you are thinking," I answered while trying to start the car thinking that it might roll to the next gas station.

"You gotta be more responsible at this age," Gunther remarked adding fuel to fire.

"They need to come up with a car that will send an electric shock through the steering wheel to indicate low fuel," I replied.

"Have you considered keeping the tank full?" Gunther asked me.

"Not on my meager pension with inflation reaching my a1c level." I was getting agitated now.

"Have you considered not buying milk and eating your cereal with water? That may spare you money for gas. There is always a way around every problem." Suggested

Gunther.

"I'll never do that. I'd rather take a chance on getting out of gas than eat my cereal with water. Eating

cereal and milk is a fundamental right of all Americans. It's in the Bill of Rights."

"Have you ever read the Bill of Rights?" asked Gunther.

"I don't have to but it's there I know this. By the way, have you read the Bill of Rights?" I was adamant.

"No I haven't read that but I know that cereal was not even invented in 1791."



“Doesn’t matter. Fundamental or nonfundamental, it’s our right to eat cereal in any way and form we desire. Period.” I decided to protect my right at all costs.

“So, how are we going to go to the mall? We are heading nowhere,” asked Gunther.

“You have two choices in front of you. Either you walk to the gas station and get a can of gas or walk to the mall and back home alone. Which one would you rather choose?”

“I prefer that you walk to the gas station and fetch gas because this is your car and you are responsible for the ride,” Gunther said in a forceful tone.

“That’s atrocious. Because you are sitting in my car doesn’t necessarily mean that you deserve a ride,” I replied.

Suddenly, a state trooper slips up behind me and asks, “Is there a problem?”

“Yes, officer! We are out of gas”, I answered.

“Turn down the radio. By the way, what song was that?”

“Boss Bitch by Doja Cat,” I answered.

“Wow! You guys look too old to know that song.” I was offended by that age-discriminating remark but decided to keep quiet.

The cop asked for my registration and driver’s license and returned to my window after 10 minutes. “Sir, do you know that you are expired?” He asked.

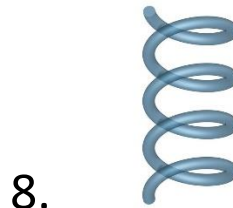
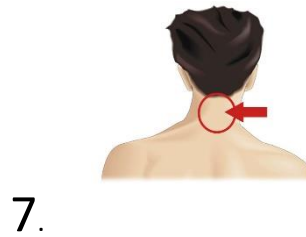
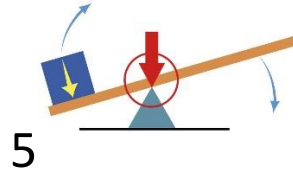
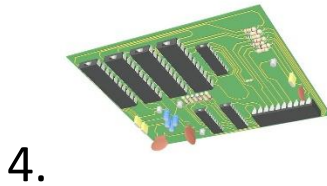
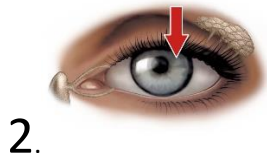
“I don’t think so officer,” I said after checking my pulse.

“Both your registration and license expired a year ago. You can’t drive. Get down from your car. Your car will be towed at your expense.”

Gunther and I got down from the car and walked to the mall.

QUIZ

Name the Objects:



Answers" 1. Fulcrum 2. Gnomon 3. Iris 4. Protractor 5. Circuit Board 6. Winglet 7. Nape 8. Helix 9. Filament