

The Sour Can Be Sweet Later!

Poems and Thoughts from a Philosopher, Educationist and Entrepreneur

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Abstract

This article presents some of the parodies of this world both in verse and prose. Insightful observations are presented as to how our world is full of contradictions and conflicts and yet the human race is a preserving & innovative & will continue on despite all odds.

Key words: parodies of the world, contradictions, conflicts, jobs, hope, cash, bill

HAVE MONEY, NO MONEY

The MAN:

No money, keeps pigs;
Have money, keeps dogs.

No money, rides bicycle to work;
Have money, rides gym bicycle to nowhere.

No money, wishes to be married fast;
Have money, wants to be divorced faster.

No money, wife becomes secretary;
Have money, secretary becomes wife.

No money, acts like rich man;
Have money, acts like poor man.

No money, eats at home;

Have money, eats at restaurants.

No money, prays to God when sick;
Have money, see specialist, forget God.

No money, prays very hard to God;
Have money, no God.

No money, talks soft & gentle;
Have money, talks loud & proud.

No money, very spiritual;
Have money, 'out of this world'.

JOBS, HOPE, CASH & BILL

America had 3 famous personalities who had gone to eternity:

The Third Apple - Steve Jobs

The 1st Apple was the Adam's Apple (*the Apple that got Adam into trouble & explained why all men today has the Adam's apple protruding from their throats – to remind them of the first misadventure*), the 2nd Apple dropped on Newton's head & got us the theory of gravity, and the next Apple, the 3rd came from Steve Jobs – making a lot of money for himself & his company – bringing a lot of fascination & creativity to many for their iPod, iPad & iPhone & a few more inventions to come, possibly the **Itv**.

Bob Hope

This colourful & flamboyant comedian, actor, writer & businessman lived a long life. I played at his golf course at Palm Springs, California & stayed at his resort about 20 years ago. It was very expensive but worth the money for the day. I remember it was then the Chinese Lunar New Year. Not a soul played at the course except us that day. This man became a well-known personality by singing for the American troops at their military bases.

Johnny Cash

This gentleman sang so well. I loved his gospel songs. He had that baritone voice that resonated with gentleness & sincerity. He still personified country music to the world. I am always

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reminded of an album of him in the cowboy suit carrying a guitar. He reminds me of the good old America.

THOUGHTS

The irony is that today, the Americans are having problems with their **Cash, Hope & Jobs**.

And interestingly, the man who is now the in charge of his own charity, the **Bill Gates Foundation**, is still one of the richest men in the world. His name reminds the Americans about their ever mounting **Bills**. One bill adds upon another, and we soon have a mountain of bills. His name is of course, **Bill Gates**.

The European & Americans may take all their bills & simply burn them. They can refuse to pay.

That will be another chapter of the world's history.

Some will return to bartering.

The human race is a preserving & innovative & will continue on despite all odds.

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ENGLISH IS SO LOVELY

AND

CAN BE FUNNY

IF WE TAKE EFFORTS
TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR WORDS
AND TRY TO USE THEM
LIKE WHAT I JUST DID
BY WRITING ABOUT
JOBS, CASH, HOPE & BILL.

ADD FUN & PLEASURE
TO ACQUIRE
THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE'S SUPREMACY.

IT IS THE INTERNATIONAL LINGUA FRANCA
THE PASSPORT
TO BUSINESS COMMUNICATION ANYWHERE
THE SIMPLEST TO LEARN & MASTER.

ANYONE WHO COULD NOT READ OR UNDERSTAND

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SWEETER VOICES

Momma, tomorrow is tomorrow. Today is today.

My wife & I visited our elder son, Joshua & family in Canberra, Australia & our younger son, Jonathan & family in Sydney, Australia (April 5 – 16, 2014).

It was a bonding & beautiful time as we were able to spend quality time with our grand kids, the youngest being Keziah who is now 8 months old.

I must document the following events so that my grandkids could reflect on what I wrote & perhaps, discuss with me in latter years (as Eden & Evan did on my last night in Canberra, as I read some chapters of my current book with them):

JEMIMAH (3 years old)

She loves to sing, dance, paint and of course, laugh.

She plucked a single red chilli from a community garden at the adjacent condo for me prior to our visit. She was delighted that I ate it. She then took me to the garden to pluck more, all the green chilli (like the chilli padi of the tropics). I told her not to touch the chilli as they can be very hot. So, she directed me to pluck the chilli as she dared not touch them. We collected about 15 chilli.

Thereafter, each time I have meals at home, she would remind me about the chilli in the fridge, and she would watch me eating them, wondering why grandfather could eat such hot stuff!

On 9 April 2014, when my wife was trying to help her wear her warm clothes (as it was quite cold in the evening of about 12 – 15 degrees C), Jemimah commented: '*Grandma, sometimes, you must allow us children to do things by ourselves!*' We were surprised by her maturity.

She was so chatty, and persistent.

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When I got back to Sydney from Canberra carrying with me some Easter Eggs Chocolates, she wanted to eat one of the largest eggs, and she asked me permission. I told her that she should ask her mum, Ka Mun. She did, and Ka Mun told her that she could not eat the egg chocolate as she just ate a piece of chocolate. She was persistent, and Ka Mun finally said, 'OK, Jemimah, you can eat it tomorrow'.

To my pleasant surprise, Jemimah pleaded: 'Momma, tomorrow is tomorrow. Today is today. Please let me have it now?'

Ka Mun, finally agreed that she could have a little piece. I broke a small piece for her. She took it, and did not ask for more. She abided by what she promised.

KEZIAH (8 months old)

Although she could not speak as yet, I can see that she is trying very hard, at times at the top of her voice.

When she smiled, it was very charming.

She is growing fast & her dark luxuriant hairs are indeed very unique for such a young lady.

Her voice is loud & sharp. And when she cried, it was with full gusto. Quite a lady indeed.

I see that she enjoys pulling her sister, Jemimah hairs. And then smiled. I do not know what was transpiring in her thoughts at this tender age!

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ETERNITY

When one dies,
One becomes just a body,
A body ready to be cremated or buried;
Our identity simply disappears
Like the sun appearing in the early morning & gone by the evening.

Upon death we become just a memory
Only a memory.

All things on earth are also temporary

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Tagged with a timeline; guaranteed expiry.

There is eternity within
No timeline; always infinity
Infused with hidden energy & authority.

As life is temporary
Let us do our best with God's help
To be kind, sweet & ever ready
Easing others into the eternity
Of goodness, peace & bliss;
As friends of our Creator
Gladly do His bidding.

God is never wrong

An advisor often reminds his King about the goodness of God: *'Oh Majesty, never be discouraged in anything. God will not make mistakes.'*

On a hunting trip, a wild animal attacked the King; he survived but lost a finger.

The same advisor again remarked: *'Oh Majesty, never be discouraged by this incidence. God never make any mistakes. Be thankful that you are alive.'*

The angry King retorted: *'Why God should caused my finger to be lost if He makes no mistakes. I am now one finger less!'* He dismissed the advisor from his job.

On another trip out his Kingdom, he was captured by a band of cannibals. They were about to have him dissected & to be placed in the boiling pot, when they found that a finger from him was missing. It was taboo to them eat any living thing with a finger less. They quickly & respectfully released the King, fearing punishment from Heaven.

On his return home, he quickly called back his advisor to apologize & to reinstate him to a higher position.

He was puzzled & further remarked: *'If God makes no mistakes, why did He allow me to dismiss you?'*

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The quick witted advisor said: *'Praise God, Your Majesty. Had I not be dismissed, I would have followed you. They would have eaten me as I have all my 10 fingers intact. God is never wrong. I am thankful & did not blame you for dismissing me. I know there is always something good behind the action.'*

Always be thankful
And try not to complain or blame God.

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