**Giving = Receiving – Stories & Illustrations**

**People who eat alligators outnumber the alligators that eat people. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Just love and they will know you, they will sense it. The same thing holds true with animals, with every part of life. St. Francis and the wolf is a good example. The wolf was vicious, but St. Francis loved and quieted the heart of the wolf. *(Jack E. Addington)***

**A baker living in a small village bought his butter from a neighboring farmer. One day he became suspicious that the butter was not of the same weight as it had been at first. For several days he weighed the butter, and concluded that the rolls of butter which the farmer brought were gradually diminishing in weight. This angered the baker so that he had the farmer arrested. “I presume you have weights,” said the judge. “No, sir,” replied the farmer. “How then do you manage to weigh the butter that you sell!” “That’s easily explained,” said the farmer. “When the baker commenced buying his butter from me, I thought I’d get my bread from him, and it’s his one-pound loaf I’ve been using as a weight for the butter I sell. If the weight of the butter is wrong, he has himself to blame.” *(Christian Herald)***

**Here’s Dr. Woo, the vet. She volunteers at the shelter. She says, “It is in giving that we receive. And that’s the best medicine.” *(Patrick McDonnell, in Mutts comic strip)***

**What are the odds of this ever happening? During World War II, Americans donated 13.3 million pints of blood in Washington, D.C., and the donor had his life saved by his own blood. Harry Starner, who had been wounded near Tarawa during World War II, looked up from his hospital cot and saw his own name as the donor on the label of the plasma bottle. *(Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 224)***

**You’re aware many a saltwater sporting soul kills countless bluefish for the fun of it. Did you know bluefish likewise kill countless fish just for the fun of it? Jacques Cousteau said so. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Worker: “What do you mean, there isn’t going to be a bonus this year? Don’t you realize this is the season for giving?” Boss: “Oh? And what are you planning to give me?” *(Art & Chip Sansom, in The Born Loser comic strip)***

**A recent book about a multimillionaire written by a disgruntled employee comes to mind. The multimillionaire supposedly dismissed the book’s author with the comment “He was never that important to us anyway.” Perhaps that kind of attitude is why the employee left and wrote a scathing book. *(Laurie Beth Jones, in Jesus, CEO, p. 283)***

**Grandma: “I don’t know why you bought those cowboy boots. You’re not a cowboy. You’ve never been a cowboy.” Grandpa: “When’s the last time you played tennis?” Grandma: “Tennis? I don’t play tennis.” Grandpa: “Aha! And yet there you are wearing tennis shoes!” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Back in 1958 I returned to Washington, D. C., from a two-year stint in the Navy. As I expected, my old job with NBC radio was waiting for me. What I didn’t expect was a new boss. And for some reason he seemed to be out to get me. Pitted against him at every turn, I held my cool until he rescheduled “Joy Boys,” a comedy show I’d been doing with my friend and associate Eddie Walker. He gave us the worst possible slot on radio, eight-to-midnight. Eddie Walker and I took that terrible time slot, worked ourselves to the bone, and in three years made “Joy Boys” the No. 1 show in Washington. Even more important, I learned that I, too, had been wrong. In all my dealings with my boss, I had aggravated the problem. I knew he didn’t like me, and in response I was barely civil to him and dodged him as much as I could. But one day he invited me to a station party I couldn’t avoid. There I met his fiancee. She was bright, alive and down-to-earth. How could a woman like that care for anybody who didn’t have something to recommend him. Through her I was able to get new insight into my boss’s character. As time went on my attitude changed -- and so did his. In fact, we became good friends. I remained with NBC and eventually became, as I continue to be, the weatherman on the “Today” show. *(Willard Scott, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Six hundred years before Jesus’ Great Ministry, the Buddha in India also taught among his Sayings: “As we sow, so shall we reap.” The Law, unlike the tithe, is not restricted in its Universality. *(Jon Speller, in Seed Money In Action)***

**The bullet that found its mark after 20 years! In 1893 Henry Ziegland, of Honey Grove, Texas, jilted his sweetheart who killed herself. Her brother tried to avenge her by shooting Ziegland but the bullet only grazed his face and buried itself in a tree. The brother, thinking he had killed Ziegland, committed suicide. In 1913, Ziegland was cutting down the tree with the bullet in it - it was a tough job so he used dynamite and the explosion sent the old bullet through Ziegland’s head - killing him. *(Ripley’s Believe It Or Not!: Strange Coincidences, p. 11)***

**I saw a bumper sticker the other day that said, “May God Multiply On You What You Wish For Me!” I’ll tell you something, the man driving that car never realized how true that is. If I hate and resent you, it’s not in you. It’s in me. If I want to poison you and I take a drink of poison, who is going to be hurt? It’s not going to be you. It’s going to be me. And so it is multiplied 100 times in me. *(Christopher Ian Chenoweth)***

**Every student of history knows that during the War of 1812 the British burned the U.S. Capital and White House. But not every student knows that happened only after Americans burned a British parliament in Canada. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Grandpa says to the cat: “You think you’re pretty smart, burying my eye-glasses in your litter box, don’t you? Well, don’t look so smug, what goes around comes around. You know that catnip mouse you love so much? Guess what I did with it.” Grandma yells from the bathroom: “Earl! Get the plunger! Hurry! Something’s plugging up the toilet and it’s overflowing!” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Out for a little target practice, a young man was firing his shotgun at a towering saguaro in the Arizona desert. How could he know that the two shots he fired at the cactus would cause a 23-foot section to collapse on him, crushing him to death?” *(Kathy Wolfe, in Tidbits)***

**A motorist driving by a Texas ranch hit and killed a calf that was crossing the road. The driver went to the owner of the calf and explained what had happened, then asked what the animal was worth. “Oh, about $200 today,” said the rancher. “But in six years it would have been worth $900. So $900 is what I’m out.” The motorist sat down and wrote out a check for the rancher. “Here,” he said, “is the check for $900. It is postdated six years, from today.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**In 1428, the fourth Earl of Salisbury became the first man to use the cannon in battle. Unfortunately, he also became the first person to be killed by a cannon. *(Paul Stirling Hagerman, in It’s A Weird World, p. 112)***

**It was Andrew Carnegie who revealed that the truly great fortunes were not received through the worship of money for money’s sake. He said that there is “no idol more debasing than the worship of money.” Andrew Carnegie gave and received in his lifetime more than $350,000,000. *(Jon Speller, Seed Money In Action)***

**Boaters along the Illinois, Missouri and Mississippi rivers have reported dislocated jaws, facial cuts, broken ribs and serious bruises. The boaters are being whacked by silver carp, an import from Asia. The carp have a tendency to shoot out of the water when disturbed by passing motorboats. And they pack quite a wallop. The silver carp can grow to more than 50 pounds. They have exploded in portions of the Mississippi and its tributaries since they escaped from Southern fish farms in the 1980s. *(Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune)***

**Francesco delle Barche invented a giant catapult that could hurl a 3,000-pound missile. During the siege of Zara, Dalmatia, in 1346, he became entangled in the catapult and was hurled into the town. Unbeknown to him, his wife was in the town. He landed on her - and both were killed! *(Ripley’s Believe It Or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 243)***

**Grandma: “I bought you a new, expensive brand of cat food. It’s my way of saying ‘I love you.’” Cat: “I regurgitated on your bed. It’s my way of saying ‘I didn’t much care for it.’” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**Our choir director was preparing us for a concert. He stopped suddenly and said, “I’ve got to tell you that eight years ago I was directing another choir in this anthem, and they made the same mistakes you’re making.” It wasn’t long before a voice from the back called out: “Same director!” *(Ruth Grotjohn, in Reader’s Digest)***

**If you want to get more Christmas cards, just send a bundle to people you don’t know. So states Phillip R. Kunz, a Brigham Young University sociology professor, who mailed 600 cards during a recent holiday season to mid-western families he chose from city directories. Back came 117 cards to the Kunz family -- with letters about home, children and pets. Two “old friends” even asked about accommodations with the Kunz’s during forthcoming holiday trips. *(United Press International)***

**Winston Churchill exemplified integrity and respect in the face of opposition. During his last year in office, he attended an official ceremony. Several rows behind him two gentlemen began whispering. “That’s Winston Churchill. They say he is getting senile. They say he should step aside and leave the running of the nation to more dynamic and capable men.” When the ceremony was over, Churchill turned to the men and said, “Gentlemen, they also say he is deaf!” *(Barbara Hatcher, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Our son, Rob, loved using the saw and hammer, but never seemed to clean up afterward. One day I was in the garage, stepping over the sawdust, and my hand automatically reached for the broom and dustpan. Suddenly, my brain ordered my body to stand still and appraise the situation. Instead of leaving the work area clean, I propped the broom against the workbench with the following note attached: “As ye saw, so shall ye sweep!  Love, Mom.” *(Carnita Brandner, in Reader’s Digest)***

**As settlers came to Los Angeles, they found it hot and dry. They brought in water and planted groves of orange trees across the L.A. Basin. “That cooled the climate by several degrees,” says Art Rosenfeld, a physics professor at the University of California at Berkeley. In recent decades the orange groves have been cleared for buildings and blacktop, and the climate is now six degrees hotter. Says Rosenfeld: “Residents each year use up to two gigawatts of electricity to compensate for the extra heat, at an added cost of $2 billion.” *(Lowell Ponte, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Economists say a college education adds thousands of dollars to a man’s income--which he then spends sending his son to college. *(Earl Wilson, in Publishers-Hall Syndicate)***

**A reader wrote to columnist Mike Royko at the Chicago Tribune: “How long have you been writing a column? A friend told me it is about 25 years, but I don't see how anybody as stupid as you could do it that long. It would be impossible, because you are as dumb as they come.” Royko replied, “Actually, it is more than 30 years. But you have spotted the secret of my longevity. Stupidity. When I write, I never think. Thinking would just slow me down. By the way, you might buy yourself a typewriter and give it a try. Your letter shows considerable promise.” *(Chicago Tribune)***

**The essential dynamic of compassion is summed up in the golden rule, first enunciated by Confucius in about 500 B.C.E.: “Do not do to others as you would not have done to you.” Confucius taught his disciples to get into the habit of shu: “likening to oneself.” They had to look into their own hearts, discover what gave them pain, and then rigorously refrain from inflicting this suffering upon other people.*(Karen Armstrong, in AARP magazine)***

**Our new office computer system was down as much as it is was working. My co-worker Cathy decided to stay late one evening to catch up on the work that had accumulated. On her way home, a police office stopped her for speeding. “What a perfect end to an awful day!” she exclaimed. “Our computer is up, then down--up, then down. I stay late to catch up, and now this!” The officer was unaffected by Cathy’s griping, and he went to his car to prepare a citation. After what seemed an eternity, he returned with her license and registration. As he handed them to her, he smiled and said, “Our computer is down.” *(Joanne Arnston, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Dedication and Covenant: It being understood and agreed that the said Spirit of Truth shall render unto us an equivalent for this dedication, in peace of mind, health of body, wisdom, understanding, love, life and an abundant supply of all things necessary to meet every want without our making any of these things the object of our existence. *(Charles & Myrtle Fillmore, founders of Unity)***

**A lady moving into a strange town called a dentist recommended by a friend. She was the name on his certificate on the wall, and remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been a member of her high school class some 40 years before. A first glimpse of the dentist revealed a partly bald head, graying hair, and a deeply-lined face, and she decided that he was much too old to have been in her class. She did ask him, though, if he had attended her school. An affirmative answer brought the question: When did you graduate?” “In 1940,” he replied. “Why, you were in my class!” she cried out. The dentist looked at her closely with a blank expression and then asked slowly: “What did you teach?” *(Los Angeles Times Syndicate)***

**The cost of such perfection was high. Walt Disney had made Snow White for $1.5 million; the bill for Pinocchio soared to $2.6 million. But, as Walt once said, “If the show is good enough, the public will pay us back for it.” *(John Culhane, in Reader’s Digest)***

**A doctor who had devoted his life to helping the poor lived over a liquor store in the ghetto section of a large city. In front of the liquor store was a sign reading Dr. Williams Is Upstairs. When he died, he had no relatives and he left no money for his burial. He had never asked for payment from anyone he had ever treated.  Friends and patients scraped enough money together to bury the good doctor, but they had no money for a tombstone. If appeared that his grave was going to be unmarked until someone came up with a wonderful suggestion. They took the sign from in front of the liquor store and nailed it to a post over his grave. It made a lovely epitaph: Dr. Williams Is Upstairs*. (Bits & Pieces)***

**My friend's husband always teases her about her lack of interest in household chores. One day he came home with a gag gift -- a refrigerator magnet that read “Martha Stewart doesn't live here.” The next day he came home to find the magnet holding up a slip of paper. The note read “Neither does Bob Vila.” *(Renee P. Futrelle, in Reader's Digest)***

**Some years ago a famous artist had a dog that meant more to him than anything in the world. One day the dog broke his leg and the artist was panic-stricken.  He ran to the telephone and called an acquaintance, a famous surgeon. “It’s an emergency,” he yelled, “a matter of life and death. Come quick!” The startled surgeon dropped everything and rushed to the home of the artist, expecting the worst. When confronted with the dog, the surgeon, with masterful self-control, said not a word but proceeded to treat the dog with the same skill he would have used on a human being. Weeks passed, the dog got well, yet the artist never received a bill from the surgeon. The longer he waited the more guilty he felt. Surely he had lost the surgeon’s friendship forever. A few days later, therefore, he made his way to the surgeon’s office, intending to pay all that was asked. The surgeon would not accept his check. “You’re a painter, aren’t you?” he asked. “Certainly.” The artist, a good-natured man, was amused by the doctor’s clever idea of revenge. He smiled and started to work at once. But when the job was completed, instead of a coat of white paint, the panels of the surgeon’s cabinet bore two of the artist’s greatest masterpieces, worth thousands of dollars apiece. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Say your dog barks every time your phone rings. Why? Does the ringing hurt those canine ears? Researchers checked this out to learn that it only happened -- in their group sampling, at least -- where somebody jumped up and ran to answer. It wasn’t the ringing but the running. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Dr. Daniel J. Dire, an emergency room physician at Darnall Army Community Hospital in Fort Hood, Texas, has reviewed 2,000 dog bite cases treated at that hospital’s emergency room in the last five years. “I would say only one to two percent of the dog bites we see are what you would call maulings, or major injuries,” in which the victim is repeatedly bitten or chewed on, Dire said. Based on his research, Dire said he is confident 60% to 70% of all dog bite cases are children who provoked the attacks. *(John Accola, in Rocky Mountain News)***

**I was having a drink at a local restaurant with my friend Justin when he spotted an attractive woman sitting at the bar. After an hour of gathering his courage, he approached her and asked, “Would you mind if I chatted with you for a while?” She responded by yelling at the top of her lungs, “No, I won't come over to your place tonight!” With everyone in the restaurant staring, Justin crept back to our table, puzzled and humiliated. A few minutes later, the woman walked over to us and apologized. “I'm sorry if I embarrassed you,” she said, “but I'm a graduate student in psychology and I'm studying human reaction to embarrassing situations.” At the top of his lungs Justin responded, “What do you mean two hundred dollars?” *(J. Smodish, in Reader's Digest)***

**Takes seven seconds for an echo to bounce back in the world’s largest Gothic cathedral, St. John the Divine in New York City. Curiously, the Grand Canyon likewise has a seven-second echo delay. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A minister, rather noted for his close calculations, also operated a small farm in Vermont. One day he observed his hired man sitting idly by the plow, as his horses took a needed rest. This rather shocked the good man’s sense of economy. After all, he was paying the man 75 cents an hour.  So, he said, gently but reproachfully, “John, wouldn’t it be a good plan for you to have a pair of shears and be trimming these bushes while the horses rest?” “That it would,” replied John agreeably. “And might I suggest, your reverence, that you take a peck of potatoes into the pulpit and peel ‘em during the anthem.” *(Woodmen of the World magazine)***

**Human beings by nature seek ecstasy, a word that comes from the Greek ekstasis, meaning “to stand outside” the self. If we do not find ecstasy in religion, we turn to art, music, dance, sex, sports, even drugs. But such rapture can only be temporary. Religious leaders claim that the practice of the golden rule can give us an experience of ecstasy that is deeper and more permanent. If every time we are tempted to speak unkindly of an annoying colleague, sibling, or an enemy country we asked how we would like such a thing said of ourselves, and, as a result of this reflection, desisted, in that moment we would transcend our ego. Living in this way, day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment, we would enjoy a constant, slow-burning ecstasy that leaves the self behind. The late Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel once remarked that when we put ourselves at the opposite pole of ego, we are in the place where God is. *(Karen Armstrong, in AARP magazine)***

**Auschwitz, the Gulag, and the regime of Saddam Hussein show the fearful cruelty to which humanity is prone when all sense of the sacred has been lost. But none of these atrocities could have taken place if people were properly educated in the golden rule. *(Karen Armstrong, in AARP magazine)***

**An American staying at an English hotel asked for the elevator. The concierge was puzzled but then understood, “You mean the lift,” he said. “No," the American replied, “I mean the elevator.” “Over here we call them lifts,” the concierge answered. “Listen here,” said the guest, “someone in American invented the elevator.” “Right you are, sir,” said the conceirge politely, “but someone in England invented the language.” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**The Truth is not always honest. The captain of a ship once entered in his log, “Mate was drunk today.” When the mate found it out, he pleaded with the captain to cross it out.  He said it was the first time he’d ever been drunk and it wasn’t fair. But the captain said, “In this log we always write the exact truth.” The next week the mate kept the log. In it he wrote, “The captain was sober today.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Here is a purported to be true story someone found regarding exams at Cambridge University. It seems that during an examination one day a bright young student popped up and asked the proctor to bring him cakes and ale. The following dialog ensued: Proctor: “I beg your pardon?” Student: “Sir, I request that you bring me cakes and ale.” Proctor: “Sorry, no.” Student: “Sir, I really must insist. I request and require that you bring me cakes and ale.” At this point, the student produced a copy of the four hundred year old Laws of Cambridge, written in Latin and still nominally in effect, and pointed to the section which read (rough translated): “Gentlemen sitting examinations may request and require cakes and ale.” Pepsi and hamburgers were judged the modern equivalent, and the student sat there, writing his examination and happily slurping away. Three weeks later, the student was fined five pounds for not wearing a sword to the examination. *(Kathy Wolfe, in Tidbits)***

**An ambitious farmer, unhappy about the yield of his crops, heard of a highly recommended new seed corn. He bought some and produced a crop that was so abundant his astonished neighbors asked him to sell them a portion of the new seed. But the farmer, afraid that he would lose a profitable competitive advantage, refused. The second year the new seed did not produce as good a crop, and when the third-year crop was still worse it dawned upon the farmer that his prize corn was being pollinated by the inferior grade of corn from his neighbors’ fields. *(Ralph L. Woods)***

**My advanced-writing professor at Brigham Young University explained to us that the manner in which a question is asked affects the way it is answered. He then attempted to show the class what happens when a question becomes an attack. He asked a member of the BYU fencing team, “Why do you practice an archaic sport of swords and chivalry that died in the Dark Ages?” The student replied, “To become better acquainted with the graces and customs of your generation.” *(Phillip Larson, in Reader’s Digest)***

**James Madison was elected president in 1808 -- and re-elected in 1812, largely because he went along with hawks in Congress who wanted to fight the British for bullying U.S. merchant seamen. In the ensuing war, America invaded Canada and burned the governor's house in York, now Toronto. In retaliation, British invaders rolled up from the Chesapeake Bay and on August 24, 1814, torched the White House. Only the outer shell was saved by a downpour. *(Robert Shnayerson, in Reader's Digest)***

**When someone asked Charles Fillmore, “Will you send me a paper and wait until I can pay for it?” he replied, “It will pay its own way. If you do not feel before the end of the year that it has much more than paid its own way, you need not send us a cent, and you will never be dunned. No bills are ever sent out from this office. If you do not pay your bill freely and gladly, it is evident that you have not had value received, hence you owe us nothing.” *(James Dillet Freeman, in The Story of Unity, p. 116)***

**A man was speeding down the highway, feeling secure in a group of cars all traveling at the same speed. However, as they passed a speed trap, he got nailed with an infrared speed detector and was pulled over. The officer handed him the citation, received his signature and was about to walk away when the man asked, “Officer, I know I was speeding, but I don’t think it’s fair. There were plenty of other cars around me who were going just as fast, so why did I get the ticket?” “Ever go fishing?” the policeman asked the man.  “Um, yeah . . .,” the man replied. The officer grinned and added, “did you ever catch all the fish?” *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**I was driving to a job interview and running 45 minutes late when I saw a middle-aged woman stranded with a flat tire. My conscience made me stop. I changed her tire and headed to the interview, thinking I could just  forget about getting the job now. But I filled out the job application, nevertheless, and went to the personnel director’s office.  Did I get the job? Sure thing. The personnel director hired me on the spot. She was the woman whose tire I had just changed. *(Charles E. Harvey, Jr., in Reader’s Digest)***

**The flight from Sacramento to Los Angeles was a short one, but I still felt a pang of fear as I sat waiting for takeoff. On impulse, I asked a flight attendant to deliver this note to the cockpit: “Captain, please fly this thing carefully. My mother happens to think you’ve got valuable cargo on board.” A few minutes later the attendant returned, smiling, and handed back my note. On it the captain had penned: “Not to worry! My mother happens to think so too!” *(Jann Fling, in Reader’s Digest)***

**On a flight from New York City to Geneva, Switzerland, I sat next to a passenger who spent most of the time pestering and insulting the flight attendant.  Nevertheless, the latter efficiently complied with every request.  Suddenly my obnoxious seatmate said, “You’re the dumbest individual I’ve ever come across.” “And you are the most amiable I ever met,” the flight attendant calmly replied. “But it is just possible that we’re both wrong.” *(D.N., in Reader’s Digest)***

**Henry Ford shocked his fellow capitalists by more than doubling the daily wage of most of his workers in 1914, eleven years after he had established his first automobile factory. He knew what he was doing. The buying power of his workers was increased, and their raised consumption stimulated buying elsewhere. Ford called it the “wage motive.” *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 62)***

**Earl Laphrop, inventor of the world’s first forgery-proof machine, was later sent to prison for life for forgery. *(Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 94)***

**Lloyd C. Douglas, in his book “Forgive Us Our Trespasses,” uses an illustration. He describes a man as owing a debt that he is unable to pay.  The debtor says in effect, “I would gladly pay you if I could. But my debt to you is greater than I can possibly pay.  I know that you do not need what I owe, and yet I know that it is right that I should pay my debt.” The creditor in turn says, “Very well, if you will cancel the debts that others owe to you I will cancel your debt to me.” *(Ernest C. Wilson, in Progress magazine)***

**Ed McManus, who puts out The Jokesmith, a wonderful source of humor for speakers, speechwriters, comics, and others, not only can come up with a good joke, he can tell lovely, poignant stories. For example, he came back from Puerto Rico not long ago with this story that a priest used in a sermon: A woman is dying of AIDS. A priest is summoned. He attempts to comfort her, but to no avail. “I am lost,” she said. “I have ruined my life and every life around me. Now I’m going painfully to hell. There is no hope for me.” The priest saw a framed picture of a pretty girl on the dresser. “Who is this?” he asked. The woman brightened. “She is my daughter, the one beautiful thing in my life.” “And would you help her if she was in trouble, or made a mistake? Would you forgive her? Would you still love her?” “Of course I would!” cried the woman. “I would do anything for her! Why do you ask such a question?” “Because I want you to know,” said the priest, “that God has a picture of you on His dresser.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The free market is in accordance with the golden rule. We advance ourselves as we help others. The more we help others, the more we receive in return. *(Percy L. Graves)***

**Mahatma Gandhi beseeched his followers to love those who reviled them.  When his political rivals taunted him because he refused to call the British enemies, he said, “if we are just to them, we shall receive their support.” *(Leo Rosten, In Reader’s Digest)***

**A very pompous admiral prided himself on never changing course. One night in a blinding fog, he saw some lights coming right at him. He flashed the message, “Get out of my way. I’m a battleship.” Came the reply: “You get out of the way. I’m a lighthouse.” *(Claudia Ruster, in The Saturday Evening Post)***

**In St. Paul, Minnesota, a woman driving a neighbor to the hospital to have a baby was forced to pull over on the side of the road to unexpectedly give birth to her own child, the procedure being aided by the woman who was being driven to the hospital to have a baby. *(Bill Flick, 1993)***

**It took half a year for word to reach the Atlantic coast that gold had been discovered in California. The discovery was made in 1848, but John Augustus Sutter and James Marshall tried to keep it a secret. It wasn’t until President Polk, in December 1848, announced the discovery that the gold rush of ‘49 began. Neither of the men who started the Gold Rush of ‘49, Sutter and Marshall, discovered any gold worth mentioning, and both died poor men. *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 16 & 18)***

**James Autrey, in his book For Love and Profit, credits one of his staff members with teaching him a key leadership principle: the presumption of goodwill. He states that he watched her bring calm to warring parties and develop creative solutions to problems between people by opening her meetings with this sentence: “Now, let’s presume that everyone here has goodwill toward each other, and proceed from there.” *(Laurie Beth Jones, in Jesus, CEO, p. 268)***

**An itinerant preacher went to a neighboring parish to preach by invitation, taking his young son with him. As they entered the church, he saw a contribution box, and following his good instincts, he deposited a half-dollar. After his sermon was completed and the congregation had departed, the minister-host said, “We are not a very prosperous parish, and all we can pay is what is in the contribution box.”  So he opened the box and presented the visitor with the half-dollar, all that had been put in.  The visitor thanked him and went his way, if not rejoicing, at least resigned. They walked in silence for a distance, and then the wise young lad said, “Gee, Dad, if you had put more in you would have gotten more out.” Such is the great law of giving. *(Eric Butterworth, in Spiritual Prosperity, p. 179)***

**Robespierre, who urged the application of swift harsh measures under the Reign of Terror during the French Revolution, was himself summarily tried and executed in 1794. *(Paul Stirling Hagerman, in It’s A Weird World)***

**Ernest Hemingway gave to the Shrine of the Virgin in eastern Cuba, where he lived, Nobel Prize money he had won for the novel The Old Man and the Sea. “You don’t,” he said, “ever have a thing until you give it away.” *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 55)***

**A friend and I were driving to the mall when we came to a bridge under construction. The road narrowed to one lane, with a light at either end. We stopped at the red light on our side, and when it turned green, we started up again. Halfway through, we met another car coming toward us. The driver leaned out his window and shouted, “I don’t back up for idiots!” Putting his car into reverse, my friend called back, “No problem. I do.” *(John P. Rague, in Reader’s Digest)***

**When the immune system targets its chemical arsenal on these respiratory diseases, it sometimes destroys part of its own tissues in what scientists call an autoimmune response. *(Lowell Ponte, in Reader’s Digest)***

**As everyone knows the gift of irony is much more poisonous in women than in men, and giving you an example is the story of a recent accidental meeting of two famous actresses on Hollywood Boulevard in the nations film capital. “Gosh, but you’ve aged a lot in the past few years,” the first said to the second. “Isn’t it just too true,” sighed the other. “I would not have recognized you myself if it were not for your hat!” *(C. Kennedy)***

**A nurse who cared for a poor writer’s child was paid with a manuscript. Rudyard Kipling told the nurse his manuscript might be worth some money some day. Years later, she decided to take him at his word and sold The Jungle Book for money that allowed her to live in comfort for the rest of her life. *(Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 33)***

**Jesus never slammed a door or burned a bridge. He said, “Just knock on the door and I’ll open it.” *(Laurie Beth Jones, in Jesus, CEO, p. 283)***

**Bombay’s encroaching development into formerly wild areas has produced a string of leopard attacks that killed 12 people in June. Authorities in India’s business capital, also known as Mumbai, say they have captured three of the big cats, but their actions have done little to calm suburban residents living near an adjacent wildlife park. Wildlife officers have let loose pigs and rabbits to feed the big cats as attacks on humans continued to rise. Traps are being set outside the preserve, and a low-voltage fence is to be built to prevent the native leopards from leaving the Sanjay Gandhi National Park. *(Steve Newman, in Rocky Mountain News, July 5, 2004)***

**The taxi passenger gasped as the driver ignored a red light. “Not to worry,” said the driver. “My brother does it all the time.” A block later the driver stopped for a green light. “Why stop now?” asked the passenger. “Because my brother might be coming the other way!” *(A. H. Berzen, in Reader's Digest)***

**Little Bighorn Battle: Sitting Bull did not participate, but remained in the hills making medicine, while Crazy Horse took care of Custer. This famous Old West incident was also not an ambush either, but an attack by the soldiers on an Indian encampment. *(Bingo Directories, Inc.)***

**A woman who lived in the suburbs was chatting over the back fence with her neighbor. “We're going to be living in a better neighborhood soon," she remarked brightly. “So are we!" her neighbor replied. “What? Are you moving, too?” asked the first woman. “No,” was the reply. “We're staying here.” *(A. T. Quigg, in Catholic Digest)***

**Bill Marriott, Jr., chairman of Marriott, says “Good customer relations starts with good employee relations.” “Motivate employees, train them, care about them, and make winners of them. At Marriott we know that if we treat our employees correctly, they’ll treat the customers right. And if the customers are treated right, they’ll come back.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Louis B. Mayer, founder of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, once told about an experience in his childhood. He had a fight with another boy and lost. While his mother was bathing his black-eye, he told her how it was entirely the fault of the other boy that the fight had started. His mother said nothing, but when the bathing was completed, she took Louis to the back door of their home. Nearby were several hills that created a fine echo. She told him to call those hills all the bad names he could think of.  He did so and the bad names all came back to him. “Now,” she said, “call out, ‘God bless you.’” He did so and back came “God bless you.” Mayer said he never forgot that lesson. What you give to others you get back from them. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Famous actress Billie Burke, while enjoying an ocean cruise, noticed that a gentleman at the next table was suffering from a bad cold. “I’ll tell you just what to do for it,” she offered. “Go back to your stateroom and drink lots of orange juice. Take five aspirins. Cover yourself with all the blankets you can find. Sweat the cold out. I know just what I am talking about. I am Billie Burke of Hollywood. The man smiled warmly and introduced himself in return. “Thanks,” he said, “I am Dr. Mayo of the Mayo Clinic.” *(Catholic Forester)***

**What we sow or plant in the soil will come back to us in exact kind.  It’s impossible to sow corn and get a crop of wheat, but we entirely disregard this law when it comes to mental sowing. *(Orison Swett Marden)***

**I was the operator of our office's telex when we received several messages in French from Nigeria. I had learned a little of the language as a child and managed to send crudely phrased replies. One day a telex arrived from the Nigerian company in perfect English, and I asked them why they had never used English before. The response was: “Because you kept answering in French.” *(Janet Lacasse, in Reader's Digest)***

**A daughter rushed home to her father. “Dad, Bill asked me to marry him.” Father: “How much money does he have?” Daughter: “You men are all alike. He asked the same thing about you.” *(Joe Griffith, in Speaker’s Library of Business, p. 47)***

**A mouse got its revenge against a homeowner who tried to dispose of it in a pile of burning leaves. The blazing creature ran back to the man’s house and set it on fire. Luciano Mares, 81, of Fort Summer, New Mexico, said he caught the mouse inside his house and threw it on the burning leaves. The burning mouse ran to just beneath a window, and the flames spread from there. No person was hurt, but the home was destroyed. *(Associated Press, as it appeared in the Rocky Mountain News, January 9, 2006)***

**David and his brother, Michael, were complete opposites. Michael was a successful businessman while David took seasonal jobs at dude ranches, parks and resorts. Concerned for David’s welfare, Michael tried to entice him with the good life. He would send David photos labeled “My new sound system” or “My...” The campaign ended when Michael received a poster from his brother showing a breathtaking view of Wyoming’s Grand Teton National Park. On the back was David’s message: “My back yard.” *(Nancy Vitavec, in Reader’s Digest)***

**A husband’s constant nagging at his wife led her to separate from him and take their two children with her. He was devastated, but honest feedback from his peers in group counseling showed him that his constant negative comments were the cause of his wife’s leaving. He asked her for a reconciliation and, this time, concentrated on giving her and their children loving comments. He put a new cause into motion and of course was rewarded with a new effect, a positive one this time. The family is now back together. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 94)***

**A teacher sent a note to parents on the first day of school: “If you promise not to believe everything your child says happens at school, I promise not to believe everything he says happens at home." *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**Tales of attacks on people come about because when an octopus is molested it will latch on to the closest hard object. If you are trying to catch him, that object will be you. *(Betty Pratt-Johnson, in Reader’s Digest)***

**The Greek practice of ostracism or banishment was introduced and promoted by the Athenian statesman Clisthenes. According to legend, the first person to be ostracized from Athens was Clisthenes himself. *(Paul Stirling Hagerman, in It’s A Weird World)***

**One of Paganini’s favorite stunts was to play a whole piece on a single string of the violin, invariably arousing a frenzy of applause. The coachman who took him home after one of these exhibitions, charged him an exorbitant fare. “You are making so much money,” he explained, “there is no reason why I should not ask higher pay for my services.” “All right,” replied  Paganini, “I will pay your price but only on condition that you give me a ride in a carriage with a single wheel.” *(Nicholas Slonimsky, HiFi-Stereo)***

**As a painter and decorator, I pride myself on meticulous work. So I was horrified when, arriving at a job late one day, I found that my young partner had been hanging sheets of expensive wallpaper upside down. But since he had already done half the room, and time was short, we decided to continue the same way. Rather to my surprise, the owner of the house seemed delighted with the finished job. A few weeks later, however, when I received her check, every single word and figure was written upside down. *(E. Brown, in Reader’s Digest)***

**There is an inspired painting by a German artist, Rosenthal, entitled The Blessing of Work. It depicts a young boy carving a life-size picture of the Virgin Mary. The almost-completed figure towers above the young artist, and while he works intently carving the details of the feet, Mary looks down upon him with love and with out-stretched arms, blessing him. While he is giving himself in the creative flow, he is dynamically receiving immeasurably in return. The painting reveals much more: light is streaming through the open window, its rays bathing him with an aura of illumination. On a large plaque on the wall, a heavenly choir is singing paeons of praise directly toward him. By his side, there is what we assume is a picture of his mother which he is using for a model, and with hands clasped in devotion, she is blessing him. Thus the whole tone of the work suggests that the whole Universe is rushing, streaming, pouring into the boy, while he quietly gives himself in creative effort. It is a beautiful visual testimony to Jesus: “Give and you shall receive.” *(Eric Butterworth, Spiritual Prosperity, p. 177)***

**It was the late 1800’s and an important Member of the British Parliament was hurrying through the rain and fog of the bleak Scottish countryside to deliver a crucial speech. Still miles from his destination, his carriage was forced off the road, its wheels plunging axle deep in mud. Try as they might, the horse and driver could not move the carriage. So important was his speech that even the aristocratic Englishman, in his formal attire, gave a hand. But it was no use. The carriage would not budge. A young Scottish farm boy happened to be driving a team of horses past the distraught parliamentarian and volunteered to help pull the carriage loose. After much effort and considerable exertion, the carriage was finally pulled free. When the boy steadfastly refused to take any money for his help or for his clothes which were torn and dirty from the ordeal, the Englishman asked him what he wanted to be when he grew up. “A doctor, sir. I want to be a doctor,” was the reply. The gentleman was so impressed with the boy and so grateful for his kindness that he said, “Well, I want to help.”  And surely enough, he kept his word. Through his generosity, he made it possible for the young lad to attend the university. More than fifty years later Winston Churchill became dangerously ill with pneumonia while in Morocco. His life was saved by a new wonder drug called penicillin, which had been discovered a few years earlier by a Scottish-born physician, Sir Alexander Fleming. Fleming was the farm boy who helped the Member of Parliament on that dark and rainy night in Scotland half a century before. The Member of Parliament? None other than Winston Churchill’s father, Randolph. *(Richard & Mary-Alice Jafolla, in The Quest, p. 88)***

**Pesticides banned in this country but sold abroad without restraint by American companies are returning to haunt U. S. citizens in the form of poisonous residues on imported foods. *(Craig Varoga & the Associated Press editors, in It’s A Fact, p. 72)***

**Many a pioneer home was cold, so everybody wanted to hold the baby. That was because whoever did got to sit in the warmest spot, such was in front of the fireplace or the kitchen stove. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A young priest was injured and robbed by thugs in 1321 and nursed back to health by the prior of the Monastery of Thuet. “When will I ever be able to repay you?” the priest asked. “When you are pope,” the prior replied. Twenty-one years later, the young priest was crowned Pope Clement VI and he appointed the prior Archbishop of Toulouse. *(Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 241)***

**To receive a present handsomely and in a right spirit, even when you have none to give in return, is to give one in return. *(Leigh Hunt, in Essays by Leigh Hunt)***

**No particular man is necessary to the state. We may depend on it that, if we provide the country with popular institutions, those institutions will provide it with great men. *(Thomas Babington Macaulay, English historian)***

**A man noted for his tact was awakened one morning at four o’clock by his ringing telephone. “Your dog’s barking, and it’s keeping me awake,” said an irate voice. The man thanked the caller and politely asked his name before hanging up. The next morning at four o’clock, he called back his neighbor. “Sir,” he said. “I don’t have a dog.” *(Ruth Meyers, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Record at hand shows at least three people have been crushed to death after they saw fit to rock vending machines to vigorously. The machines fell on them. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**It was Julius Rosenwald who revealed that the truly great fortunes were not received through hoarding, but through circulating money -- giving and receiving freely.  He said: “I believe that under no circumstances should funds be held in perpetuity.” Julius Rosenwald gave and received in his lifetime more than $60,000,000. *(Jon Speller, in Seed Money In Action, p. 29)***

**Pianist Arthur Rubinstein never signed autographs, but a teenager once confronted him after a concert, held out a pad and pencil and said, “I know your fingers are tired, sir, but mine are, too -- from clapping.” He signed. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The rush-hour commute to my job in Atlanta is often nerve-racking, so I make it a point to be a careful and considerate motorist. One morning, as I occupied the left lane of Interstate 85, an 18-wheel truck was on my right. As we approached an entrance ramp, a compact car pulled slowly onto the highway and into the path of the truck. I reduced my speed, allowing the truck driver into the left lane ahead of me. After passing the slow-moving car, the trucker moved back into the right lane, and I resumed my speed. My day was made when, in response to a toot of its horn, I glanced back at the truck. The driver was holding a rose against the window. Attached to it was a large placard that read: “This bud’s for you!” *(Marlene Weber, in Reader’s Digest)***

**During a sales meeting, the manager was beating all of us on the sales staff for our dismally low sales figures. “I’ve had just about enough of your performance and excuses,” he began. “If you can’t do the job,” he added, “perhaps there are other sales people out there who would jump at a chance to sell the worthy products that each of you has the privilege to represent.” Then, pointing to our newly recruited, retired pro-football players, he said, “If a football team isn’t winning, what happens? The players are replaced--right?” The question hung heavy for a few seconds, but then the ex-football player answered, “Actually, sir, if the whole team was having trouble--we usually got a new coach.” *(Doug Lysen, in Reader’s Digest)***

**When we begin to treat people, individually and in groups, as spiritual beings, saluting the divinity within them, then we will give and receive and do business on the level of love and mutual trust. We will begin to expect far more of ourselves and of others. And we will treat people as if they already were what our faith reveals they can be. *(Eric Butterworth, in Unity magazine)***

**I’ve never seen a company that was able to satisfy its customers which did not also satisfy its employees. Your employees will treat your customers no better than you treat your employees. *(Larry Bossidy, CEO of AlliedSignal Inc.)***

**People eat more sharks than sharks eat people. *(Boyd’s Curiosity Shop, p. 245)***

**Shrapnel was invented by Gen. Henry Shrapnel, and he was the first man wounded by his own idea.  It happened in a premature explosion at the 1793 evacuation of Dunkirk during the French revolutionary wars. *(Ripley’s Believe It or Not!: Book of Chance, p. 94)***

**Back when Bernice Vines was better off, she had a chance to give. She thought about the time when her late husband had suffered a stroke and Social Security kept the family afloat, the bills paid and her children fed. Vines figured she should return the favor. She had read that Social Security was short of money, so she wrote two $1,000 checks and sent them to the U. S. government. “I got help when I needed it the most,” the 80-year-old woman said recently. “When they were in trouble, I thought I ought to help, too.” *(Mike Anton, in Rocky Mountain News)***

**Over 10,000 soldiers were killed by sudden avalanches in the Tyrol section of the Alps in one 24-hour period in World War I!  Troops had shelled the snowfields above the enemy to start massive slides. Between 1915 and 1918, an estimated 60,000 soldiers died in the freezing Alps! *(Ripley’s Believe It Or Not: Book of Chance)***

**After a spat over her husband’s driving habits, a woman proclaimed, “I’m the only woman alive who would put up with you.” “I’ll have you know,” he said, “that hundreds of women went out with me in my bachelor days.” She turned to him and with a straight face remarked, “I can understand the big turnover.” *(Southeastern Oil Review)***

**Any elected official, Democrat or Republican, has the responsibility to spend the taxpayers’ money as he would his own. *(Douglas Wilder, Governor of Virginia)***

**Two workmen watched with awe the performance of a huge steam shovel that took up tons of earth in one bite. Said one of them, “If it wasn’t for that blasted scoop, five hundred of us might be working with shovels.” “Yes,” was the reply of the other, “and if it wasn’t for shovels, a million of us might be working with spoons.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Maxwell White was a rather famous burglar in the Long Island area around the turn of the century. The newspapers made him famous by reporting on his daring thefts. The police were humiliated as he robbed homes of some of the most well known people in that wealthy community. A sort of status became attached to you if your home had been robbed by Maxwell White. After all, he only broke into the very best. Finally, he was caught and sentenced to 99 years in prison. He served 33 years. A few reporters remembered him and were there to interview him when he was paroled. They asked about his various exploits, and then one of them posed the question, “Max, from whom did you steal the most?” After a moment of reflection, the aging bandit replied, “I stole the most from myself.” *(Illustration Digest)***

**Convicted Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski, in a letter written 10 years ago, urged that a Tyco assistant controller convicted of fraud receive “the maximum term,” because stealing is “a particularly egregious crime.” Prosecutors may use the letter in their upcoming sentencing recommendation. Kozlowski faces 15 to 30 years in prison for stealing more $150 million from his company. *(The Wall Street Journal, as it appeared in The Week magazine, July 15, 2005)***

**Grandpa: “Those stitches aren’t close enough. Some of the seams look crooked, and that thread’s the wrong color.” Grandma: “Earl! I know what I’m doing! I don’t need your two cents worth!” Grandpa: “Good. Now you know what it feels like sitting next to you when I’m driving the car.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**I tell doctors in my marketing seminars that if they would send out flowers and get-well cards to their patients, they would not need malpractice insurance. People do not sue someone they feel really cares about them. *(Laurie Beth Jones, in Jesus, CEO, p. 282)***

**My friend, who hates to be asked “Who’s calling?” when he places a telephone call, also despises having his call answered with a phone number. But everything fell into place for him one morning. “211-8412,” said a secretary who was guarding her day’s supply of good-morning greetings. “May I speak to Mr. So-and-so?”  my friend asked. “May I tell him who’s calling?” asked the secretary.  “219-4512,” said the friend. *(Elizabeth Clarkson Zwart, in Des Moines Tribune)***

**Above each workbench on the production line of a television manufacturing plant: “Careful, this may be the one you get.” *(Gene Brown, in Reader’s Digest)***

**I don’t know why airline pilots have to tell us every little thing about the route. “I’m taking it up.” “I’m bringing it down.” “I’m making a left by St. Louis, a right by Alabama.” Do I go knock on the cockpit door? “I’m having the peanuts now. Just thought you might like to know.” *(Jerry Seinfeld)***

**“We’re like buddies,” actor Larry Hagman says of his relationship with his mother, Mary Martin. He remembers the time they were waiting for a cab in Las Vegas en route to a nightclub. A cabby pulled up and yelled, “Hey, J.R., get in! I got room just for you.” Hagman hopped in and, as the cab screeched off, shouted to his mother, “That’s show business!” Later, at the nightclub, Hagman was introduced and received a round of applause. Then Martin was asked to take a bow. The audience gave her a five-minute standing ovation. When she sat down, Martin leaned over to her son and declared, “And that’s show business too!” *(Marvin Scott, in Parade magazine)***

**Help others and get more done: There is a simple fix for your hectic, time-starved schedule, said Gareth Cook. “Spend more time doing things for other people.” It may sound crazy to add yet another task to your to-do list, but Harvard Business School professor Michael Norton says that how much time you have matters less than “how you feel about what you can get done.” In a series of experiments, he asked participants to devote time to others – by writing to an ill child, for instance – or to do something for themselves. Those who did a good deed consistently “felt like they had more time.” Even those who stayed late to complete tasks of kindness reported feeling less pressed for time later. The reason is rooted in the fact that “people are extraordinarily bad” at estimating how much time and effort a task will take. We frequently overestimate, which heightens stress. Doing something for someone else shows us “that we can get things done,” and makes us feel effective and in control. However busy we are, it turns out, we can break down our own “potent illusions” simply by lending a hand to others. *(The Week magazine, April 13, 2012)***

**When I became a licensed chiropractor, I moved back to my hometown and soon had a thriving practice. One morning I saw a new patient whom I recognized as my old high-school principal. “Gee,” I said nervously, “I’m a little surprised to see you here.” “Why?” he replied. “You certainly spent a great deal of time in my office.” *(D. C. Regitz, in Reader’s Digest)***

**In 1941 the British warship Trinidad was sailing in Arctic waters when a passing German destroyer was spotted. Immediately the crew fired a torpedo, but they neglected to account for what the icy waters would do to its steering mechanism. Speeding through the water at forty knots, the weapon began to curve slowly in an arc. The crew of the Trinidad watched, horrified, as the torpedo continued to curve until it began to head back toward the path of the Trinidad. Within moments of being fired, the torpedo slammed into the ship that had fired it. HMS Trinidad was damaged to such an extent that it never saw action again during the war. *(M. Hirsh Goldberg, in The Blunder Book, p. 130)***

**Trainmen enjoy the reputation of being especially friendly because they usually wave at children along the tracks.  Generations ago those trainmen learned that children, if so waved at, do not tend to throw rocks at the train. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A clothing store in a mid-western city set aside 200 umbrellas for the use of pedestrians on rainy days. Any person could walk in and ask for one without leaving a deposit. He simply left his name and address. At the end of eight months a count showed: umbrellas on hand, 197; storm casualties, one; stolen by the public, two; new accounts opened, many. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**As soon as Louisiana seceded from the Union in 1861, the Confederacy took over the U. S. Mint in New Orleans, latching onto all its contents, including a nice quantity of gold bullion. Meanwhile, the Union grabbed Robert E. Lee’s place in Arlington, Virginia just across the Potomac from the Capitol.  They didn’t give it back either, converting it eventually into Arlington National Cemetery. *(Donner & Eve Paige Spencer, in A Treasury of Trivia, p. 96)***

**Unity firmly believes that if it trusts God and gives good service its needs will be met and it will not constantly have to ask for money or to charge high prices. *(James Dillet Freeman, in The Story of Unity, p. 113)***

**Caution to newly-promoted executives - remember what the mama whale told the baby whale: “When you get to the top and start letting off steam, that’s the time you’re apt to be harpooned.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Edward Gross tells the classic story of an exchange between two writers, one of whom has just finished writing a book and is basking in the compliments of her peers. The second writer, nose more than a little out of joint, walks up and says, “I like your book. Who wrote it for you?” “I’m glad you like it,” she replies. “Who read it to you?” *(Sue Browder, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Georgiana Tree West gave a good illustration of how when we think we are getting something for nothing, we are self-deceived, how sometime, somewhere, we pay for everything we receive: A woman with numerous relatives loved to travel and boasted that she never paid a hotel bill in a city where she had relatives. “What are relatives good for if you can’t use them?” she often heard to say. Her method was to descend upon them bag and baggage, taking it for granted they would be glad to see her. She would often time chuckle over the fact that she was never called upon to return their hospitality because she lived in a single room in a hotel. The amount of money she saved on hotel bills in her travels was one of her favorite topics of conversation. But another frequent topic was the way people always tried to take advantage of her financially. She always had to pay top price for everything; sales people always overcharged her. Even fate seemed to be against her, for if she went downtown and purchased a dress for $35.00, that same dress would be put on sale the very next day for $22.50. Of course she was both astonished and indignant when told that she was violating God’s law of compensation, which required that we give generously for all that we receive. It was a new and not very welcome idea that there was a connection between the way she treated her relatives and the way other people treated her. *(A Synoptic Study of the Teachings of Unity, p. 89)***

**The worst defense against a menacing yellow-jacket wasp may be the squashing body blow. It could incite nearby wasps into frenzied attack. Entomologist Peter J. Landolt and chemist Robert R. Heath of the USDA’s research station in Gainesville, Fla., have discovered a chemical “alarm pheromone” in the venom of Southern yellow jackets. “If you smash a wasp,” says Landolt, “its venom sac breaks and the pheromone goes into the air. This can provoke guard wasps to attack from nearby nests.” *(New York Times)***

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