Needs

**And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, Manna-ho? (What is it?) For they did not know what it was.**

**And Moses said to them,**

**“This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.”**

***(Exodus 16:15)***

**True affluence is not needing anything. *(Gary Snyder, in Turtle Island)***

**We need joy as we need air. We need love as we need water. We need each other as we need the earth we share. We are blessed that there is within our reach enough of all we need. *(Maya Angelou)***

**Ziggy says to the waitress at Mom’s Diner: “Honest, I don’t need a booster chair!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**The normal average human being breathes about 700,000 cubic inches of air every day. *(Bernie Smith, in The Joy of Trivia, p. 4)***

**Surprising information on common product:**

**\* Typical CD-ROM - printing information would use 17 trees.**

**(*World Features Syndicate)***

**To fuel its economic growth and soaring demand for electricity, China this year will mine and burn 50 percent of the coal produced throughout the world. *(TheOilDrum.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, July 23, 2010)***

**Children, I came to understand, need you around even if they ignore you. In fact, they need you around so they can ignore you. *(Ruth Reichl, writer)***

**If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need. *(Cicero)***

**In places where crocodiles are considered sacred and are fed or in lakes that swarm with fish, they almost never attack. But whenever the crocodile's natural prey has been largely depleted, it soon requires a taste for human flesh. *(The Editors of Reader's Digest, in The Living World of Nature, 180)***

**The cemeteries of the world are full of indispensable men. *(Charles de Gaulle)***

**The distinction between needs and wants seem largely lost in our affluent, advertising-driven society. Television, radio, and print ads assure us that we will be happier, handsomer, and more fulfilled as soon as we acquire the latest model car, the newest anti-wrinkle cream, or a complete digital entertainment system. *(Ben Franklin’s Almanac, p. 346)***

**But materialism is nothing new. The Greek philosopher Sophocles, well-known for his simple lifestyle, was at the market one day, closely examining the many goods for sale. A friend asked him why he came to the market at all, since he never purchased anything. Sophocles explained, “I am always amazed to see how many things there are that I don’t need.” *(Ben Franklin’s Almanac, p. 346)***

**On game day, Cowboys Stadium consumes more electricity with its air conditioning, massive scoreboard, and other power-sucking amenities than Liberia, a nation of $3.7 million people. *(The Wall Street Street Journal, as it appeared in The Week magazine, September 27, 2013)***

**Real equality doesn’t mean everybody getting the same, but each of us getting what we need. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**Somewhere in government warehouses, the records show, are 3 million pounds of feathers in case we need them in time of war. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**Necessity never made a good bargain. *(Benjamin Franklin)***

**Buy what thou hast no need of; and e’er long thou shalt sell thy necessaries. *(Ben Franklin)***

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**We need old friends to help us grow old and new friends to help us stay young. *(Letty Cottin Pogrebin, in Among Friends)***

**There is a sufficiency in the world for man’s need but not for man’s greed. *(Mohandas K. Gandhi)***

**God never planned that you'd look to Him for your "spiritual" needs and to be on your own to take care of the others. He had planned all along that He'd provide for you completely, everything spiritual, physical, and emotional, and every other kind of need you might have. Your job is to determine your needs; God's job is to meet them. *(Russ Johnston with Maureen Rank, in God Can Make It Happen, p. 32)***

**One day a group of scientists got together and decided that man had come a long way and no longer needed God. So they picked one scientist to go and tell Him that they were done with Him. The scientists walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point that we can clone people and do many miraculous things, so why don't you just go on and get lost." God listened very patiently and kindly to the man. After the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well, how about this? Let's say we have a man-making contest." To which the scientist replied, "Okay, great!" But God added, "Now we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam." The scientist said, "Sure, no problem" and bent down grabbed himself a handful of dirt. God looked at him and said, "No, no, nol. You go get your own dirt!" *(Pulpit Helps)***

**When a gopher runs backward in its tunnel it uses its tail the way a cat uses whiskers, to sense the whereabouts of what’s close. Am told a gopher minus its tail does not go swiftly in reverse. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A sand grouse needs to eat from five thousand to eighty thousand seeds a day to survive. As such, it is the fastest eating bird, consuming several seeds a second. *(Don Voorhees, in The Perfectly Useless Book of Useless Information, p. 158)***

**Each year insects eat a third of the world’s food crop. (*Uncle John’s Bathroom Reader: Extraordinary Book of Facts, p. 84)***

**The classic short story by Leo Tolstoy titled “How Much Land Does a Man Need?” tells the tale of a man who was offered a great opportunity. For 1,000 rubles, he could have as much land as he could pace off from sunrise to sunset. There was just one condition: He had to return to the exact spot where he started before the sun set, or he would lose his money. At sunrise, the man set out, marking the edges of his land as he went. The farther he went, the better the land seemed, and he hurried on, growing hot and tired. By the time he headed back to the starting point, the sun was beginning to set. He began running and was soon exhausted and dying of thirst. He pressed on, his heart pounding in his chest, his lungs straining. Finally, just as the sunset, he reached his goal – and collapsed, dead. The man’s servant buried him on the spot. As we strain to acquire more, we would all do well to remember Tolstoy’s conclusion to this story: “Six feet from his head to his heels was all he needed.” *(Ben Franklin’s Almanac, p. 25)***

**I've become more convinced than ever that God finds ways to communicate with those who truly seek him, especially when we lower the volume of the surrounding static. I remember reading the account of a spiritual seeker who interrupted a busy life to spend a few days in a monastery. “I hope your stay is a blessed one,” said the monk who showed the visitor to his cell. “If you need anything, let us know, and we'll teach you how to live without it.” *(Philip Yancey, in Christianity Today)***

**Many consumer goods thought of as luxuries 10 years ago are now considered necessities, a Pew Research Center study found. Among them: cell phones, home computers, and microwave ovens. “The more of these goods you have and the more available they are,” says Pew’s Paul Taylor, “the more you feel you need.” *(USA Today, as it appeared in The Week magazine, December 29, 2006)***

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**McDonald’s is the largest single purchaser of American beef, buying nearly 1 billion pounds per year. *(Uncle John’s Bathroom Reader: Extraordinary Book of Facts, p. 253***

**McDonald’s buys three out of every four potatoes grown in the United States. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**The Saturn V moon rocket consumed fifteen tons of fuel per second. *(Noel Botham, in The Book of Useless Information, p. 190)***

]**Everyone needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in where nature may heal and cheer and give strength to body and soul alike. *(John Muir, naturalist)***

**A man is stranded in the desert without water. As he crawls across the burning sands, he meets a salesman, who attempts to sell him a necktie. “You must be crazy,” the man rasps. “I'm dying of thirst, and you want to sell me a necktie?” The salesman shrugs his shoulders and continues on his way. Late in the afternoon, the parched traveler looks up and can hardly believe his eyes. There in the middle of the barren wastes is a modern cocktail lounge, neon lights and a parking lot filled with cars. He crawls to the door, “Please, I've got to have something to drink,” he says, near collapse. “Sorry,” says the doorman. “No one's admitted without a tie.” *(Alex Thien, in Milwaukee  Sentinel)***

**Pandas spend 10 to 15 hours a day feeding. A panda needs to eat about 20 pounds of bamboo every day and may eat as much as 100 pounds. *(Jeff Harris, in Shortcuts)***

**Fans threw an estimated 50 tons of shredded paper down on the New York Yankees as they drove along Manhattan's "Canyon of Heroes" to celebrate their World Series victory last week. When some office workers ran out of paper, they threw intact files, pay stubs, and other documents containing people's Social Security numbers, salaries, and other confidential information. *(The New York Post, as it appeared in The Week magazine, November 20, 2009)***

**Be the person you needed when you were younger. *(Ayesha A. Siddiqi, editor, the New Inquiry)***

**It takes 100,000 cows to satisfy Pizza Hut’s daily need for dairy products. *(William Ecenbarger, in Reader’s Digest, May, 1986)***

**In North America, pizzas are consumed at a rate of about 95 pies per second. Around three billion pizzas are sold in the U.S. each year. *(Jeff Harris, in Shortcuts, 2000)***

**What we need to realize above all else is that God has provided for the most minute needs of our daily life and that if we lack anything it is because we have not used our mind in making the right contact with the super mind and the cosmic ray that automatically flows from it. *(Charles Fillmore, in Prosperity, introduction)***

**During the great Yukon gold rush about a century ago, you couldn’t cross into Canada without 1,500 pounds of flour, bacon and whatever other provisions were needed to keep you alive for a year. The Mounties enforced this one. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A raccoon in the wild needs about five acres to eke out a living. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**What we really need most is to realize how little we really need. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**In winter, reindeer scrape away the thick layer of snow to find green lichen, or "moss," underneath it. Reindeer need more than 20 lb (9 kg) of this food every day to stay alive. *(The Diagram Group, in Funky, Freaky Facts, p. 55)***

**Baby robins can eat up to fourteen feet of earthworms per day. *(Valmarie Carson, in Tidbits)***

**When you need salt, sugar won’t do*. (Yiddish saying)***

**The “sandwich generation” is what the middle-aged have been called. They’re trying to cope with the needs of both their parents and their children. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A university of average size is said to use a million sheets of bond and letterhead every month. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**After nourishment, shelter, and companionship, stories are the thing we need most in the world. *(Philip Pullman)***

**Four million tons of hydrogen dust are destroyed on the sun every second. *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts, p. 174)***

**It takes about 10 pounds of meat a day to keep a caged tiger tame. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**WANTED!: More to "improve", fewer to "disapprove". More "doers", fewer "talkers". More to say "it can be done", fewer to say "it can't be done". More to inspire others with confidence, fewer to throw "cold water" on anyone taking even one step in the right direction. More to get into the thick of things and "do something about it", fewer to sit on the sidelines merely finding fault. More to point out "what's right", fewer to keep harping on "what's wrong". More to "light a candle", fewer to "curse the darkness". *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The average human can live for about 30 to 40 days without food, but can only last for a few days without water. Signs of dehydration include dry eyes, headache, drowsiness, loss of concentration and muscle cramps. Doctors recommend that you don't wait until you feel thirsty before you reach for the H2O; you should be sipping it throughout the day. After all, our blood, kidneys, heart and lungs are made of more than 80% water. Muscle tissue, the spleen, the brain, intestines, and skin are about 75% water. *(Tidbits)***

**Daily, that baby blue whale drinks 60 gallons of mother’s milk. And it’s exceedingly rich, whale’s milk is. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**A ton a day is how much humpback whales eat. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Civilization no longer needs to open up wilderness; it needs wilderness to open up the still largely unexplored human mind. *(David Rains Wallace, in The Dark Range)***

**Thousands have lived without love, not one without water. *(W. H. Auden)***

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