**Being Consistent**

**From the rising of the sun to its setting**

**the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

***(Psalm 113:3)***

**Keep my steps steady according to your promise.**

***(Psalm 119-133)***

**And the Lord shall guide thee continually.**

***(Isaiah 58:11)***

**Keep doing this in remembrance of me.**

***(St. Luke 22:19)***

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.  
*(Hebrews 13:8)***

**Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above,**

**coming down from the Father of lights,**

**with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.**

***(James 1:17)***

**Airline procedures really haven't changed much in the past 85 years. On their historic flight Orville got a seat -- and Wilbur was on standby. *(Robert Orben, in 50 Plus)***

**Despite the invention of printing and typing, that alphabet has undergone relatively few important changes in 3,000 years. *(Richard B. Manchester, in Amazing Facts, p. 23)*Contemporary legend has it that the first cosmonaut related to Kruschev that he saw angels everywhere on his trip into outer space. The premier replied, “I was afraid of that; don’t dare tell anyone.” Later, in an interview with the Pope, the cosmonaut was asked if he saw any angels in outer space and the cosmonaut, as he was told, said, “I didn’t see a thing.” The Pope replied, “I was afraid of that; don’t dare tell anyone.” *(Phil Barnhart, in Seasonings for Sermons, p. 67)***

**Harry Williams, master horse trainer, taught Gunther Gebel-Williams, wild animal trainer, that unending patience was the secret of success in training any animal. Never strike a horse, Williams explained.  Instead constantly repeat instructions, using rewards for accomplishments and mild rebukes for failure. Gunther also learned the value of consistency--presenting yourself every day to an animal the same way. *(John Culhane, in Reader’s Digest)***

**President Chester Arthur gave his wife a bouquet of flowers every day of their married life. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Before enlightenment, chop wood and carry water. After enlightenment, chop wood and carry water. *(Buddhist saying)***

**The problem with cats is that they get the exact same look on their faces whether they see a moth or an ax murderer. *(Paula Poundstone)***

**America’s own home-grown version of Nostradamos is the well-known “Sleeping Prophet,” Edgar Cayce. This meek, unassuming farm boy, born in 1877 near Hopkinsville, Kentucky, dropped out of school in the seventh grade and grew up to become the most famous prophet and psychic of his time. Yet for all his mystic powers, he remained a simple country sort, fundamentalist who remained a simple country sort, a fundamentalist who read his Bible daily and taught Sunday school for most of his life. *(James Finn Garner, in Apocalypse Wow!, p. 50)***

**A reporter interviewed Sir Winston Churchill. “What do you say, Sir,” he asked, “to the prediction that in the year 2000 women will be ruling the world?” Churchill smiled his wise old cherubic smile. “They still will, eh?” *(Delia Sellers, in Abundant Living magazine)*  
The clam has survived virtually unchanged for hundreds of millions of years and is truly a wonder of nature. *(Ann Adams, in National Enquirer)***

**Bil Keane's comic strip The Family Circus was an ode to childhood and the joys and struggles of growing up -- except that his characters, based on the author's own family, never aged. During the half-century that Keane wrote and drew the cartoon, its themes remained frozen: The children would play with their pets, track dirt through the house, and wear out their loving but long-suffering "Mommy." That consistency, Keane believed, was the key to the strip's success. "It's reassuring, I think, to the American public to see the same family week after week," he said in 1995. *(The Week magazine, November 25, 2011)***

[**Recently, a friend of mine told me about an elderly lady who had worked as cook for a family since she was a young woman. The lady of the house noticed that practically every day during the long summer months, after the noonday luncheon dishes had been washed and put away, Auntie Bea made her way to a chair in the back yard to sit with eyes closed, facing the sun. One day, becoming a little concerned, her employer walked out to her and asked, “Auntie Bea, are you asleep?” The little old lady raised her soft brown eyes and smiling contentedly said, “No, Ma'am, I'm just sittin’ here lettin’ God love me.” *(Freda K. Routh, in Between Us)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**On a planet like ours where so many species are here one millennium and gone the next, it’s comforting to know that some creatures have successfully resisted the pressures of change for very long periods of time. The clumsy, shovel-shaped horseshoe crab, for one, has been scuttling through the seas for at least 360 million years without feeling the need to update itself. *(Bartleby Nash, in Mother Nature’s Greatest Hits, p. 135)*  
Cracker Jack was created by F. W. Rueckheim at the Chicago World’s Fair in 1893. The recipe has never changed. Cracker Jack got its name from a popular expression of the day. People used to say “crackerjack” to mean “great.” Sailor Jack on the box was modeled after Rueckheim’s grandson and his dog Bingo. The toy prize was added to Cracker Jack boxes in 1912. *(Charles Reichblum, in Knowledge in a Nutshell, p. 171)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The first American dictionary was published by Noah Webster in 1828, and while it has been continually up-dated over the years, it has never gone out of print. *(Quentin Compson, in Amazing Facts & Trivia, p. 79)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The total quantity of energy in the universe is constant; energy cannot be created, and it cannot be destroyed. One form of energy can be converted into another, or transported from one place to another. But that is as much as can be done. When energy is used, it doesn’t disappear; it merely goes elsewhere or is changed into another form. *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 108)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**My wife was not an exercise person. In fact, my morning sit-ups seemed to irritate her. Once, as I was finishing my routine, she snapped, "Look at you! What does all that exercise do, anyway? You look exactly the same as you did ten years ago." *(Bill Barras, in Reader's Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**We stay who we are no matter how old we get. *(Sally Field)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The world’s oldest national flag is the flag of Denmark, which has remained unchanged since about the year 1219. *(Paul Stirling Hagerman, in It’s a Weird World, p. 24)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Don't be "consistent," but be simply true. *(Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr., physician and poet)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Replacing the old-time small-town hotel near the depot, where the trains kept you awake all night, with the modern highway motel where the big trucks do the same is, we guess, progress of a sort. *(Detroit News)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Consistency is contrary to nature, contrary to life. The only completely consistent people are the dead. *(Aldous Huxley)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The Icelandic language has remained unchanged since the 12th century.   
*(Denver P. Tarle, in A Treasury of Trivia, p. 30)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**If we had our way, most of us would choose the front of the bus, the back of the church and the center of attention. *(Arnold H. Glasow, in The Wall Street Journal)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

**Success isn’t always about greatness. It’s about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come. *(Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, actor)***

[**Only a mediocre person is always at his best. *(W. Somerset Maugham)*Rabbits have changed very little since they first appeared on earth some 60 million years ago. *(Quentin Compson, in Amazing Facts & Trivia, p. 9)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**My son arrived back in the United States after fighting with the First Marine Division in Iraq. But I still couldn’t help reacting like a mom when I saw him on the base running over to some buddies to return a bayonet. “Kevin!” I shouted halfway across the base, before I could stop myself. “Don’t run with that knife in your hands!” *(Pam Hodgskin, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Consistency requires you to be as ignorant today as you were a year ago. (*Bernard Berenson, art historian)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**I was trying to get my teenagers to stop dropping the "g's" in such words as walkin', goin', seein'. Apparently I was doing a good job. One day the phonerang and my daughter answered. "It's for you," she said. "It's your cousing." *(Bonnie Wear, in Reader's Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The sun has changed little since its nuclear furnace was first lit, and likely it will change little for the next five billion years. *(Kenneth F. Weaver, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**The trouble with Sunday drivers is, they don't drive any better during the week. *(Rocky Mountain News)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**There has never been an age that did not applaud the past and lament the present. (*Lillian Eichler Watson, in Light from Many Lamps)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**In times like these it helps to remember that there have always been times like these. *(Bits & Pieces)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**Nothing really changes. In 1920, TV was just a dream. And in 1981, it still puts people to sleep. (*Orben's Current Comedy)*  
Introduced in the U. S. in 1949, the ‘Beetle’ or ‘Bug’ was invented in 1934 by Ferdinand Porsche (who also created the famous sports car of the same name). He succeeded in his goal to make a reliable, no-frills vehicle. The VW remained virtually unchanged through 1981 with the manufacture of the 20-millionth Bug. *(Jeff Rovin, in I Wish I’d Thought of That!, p. 96)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**What’s more, it’s amazing how many of these people keep their frugal habits after they’ve made it big. Sam Walton, the Wal-Mart billionaire who died in 1992, continued to drive around in a beat-up Chevy with dog-teeth marks on the steering wheel. *(Peter Lynch & John Rothchild, in Reader’s Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

**There is the same quantity of water on Earth today as there was 4 billion years ago. (Don Voorhees, in The Essential Book of Useless Information, p. 143)**

[**Consistency is the last refuge of the unimaginative. *(Oscar Wilde)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**See if you can guess when the following was written: “What is happening to our young people? They disrespect their elders, they disobey their parents. They ignore the laws. They have wild notions. Their morals are decaying. What is to become of them?” You might be surprised to learn it was written by Plato -- more than 2,000 years ago. *(Charles Reichblum, in Knowledge in a Nutshell, p. 129)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

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