**Knowing**

**As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father:**

**and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

***(St. John 10:15)***

**On that day you will know that I am in my Father,**

**and you in me, and I in you.**

**(*St. John 14:20*)**

**About a third of Americans know someone who has died of Covid-19, researchers estimate. Nearly all have someone in their social circle who's been infected. *(The New York Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, November 27, 2020)***

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**I found this in the classified ads of my local newspaper, The Monitor: “Complete set of Encyclopedia Britannica, 45 volumes; College Edition Webster’s Dictionary, like new; thesaurus, not used. All in excellent condition. No longer needed … recently married. Wife knows everything. *(Tracey Carter, in Reader’s Digest)***

**All we know so far is we are so far / From what we know. *(Amanda Gorman, poet)***

**Sean, my 25-year-old son, was riding his bicycle when he was hit by a car and injured. At the hospital, X rays showed a fractured cheekbone and a badly broken wrist, which could not be set without an operation. He was heavily sedated and temporarily settled in bed. Shortly, a pretty young nurse came into his room with a three-page form to fill out. My son answered her questions as best he could under the circumstances. Finally, the nurse asked, "Sean, is there anything else we should know about you that would be important?" He turned slowly to look at her out of his one good eye and mumbled, "Yeah. I'm single." *(Patrick M. Forkins, in Reader's Digest)***

**There are some people that if they don’t know, you can’t tell ‘em. *(Louis Armstrong)***

**People who think they know everything are a great annoyance to those of us who do. *(Isaac Asimov, science fiction writer)***

**Knowing what you cannot do is more important than knowing what you can do. *(Lucille Ball)***

**To know things as they are is better than to believe things as they seem. *(Tom Wicker)***

**The trouble with most folks isn’t so much their ignorance, as knowing so many things that ain’t so. *(Josh Billings)***

**If we were born knowing everything, what would we do with all this time on this earth? *(Nelly, in Fashion Rocks)***

**I’ve learned one thing – people who know the least anyways seem to know it the loudest. *(Al Capp, cartoonist)***

**The manager of a certain store, which offered plumbing fixtures, advertised a commodity on a sign in the store window: “Cast iron sinks.” One of the customers thought it fair to inform the manager, “Everybody knows that.” *(Kathy Wolfe, in Tidbits)***

**A censor is a man who knows more than he thinks you ought to. *(Laurence Peter, educator)***

**To know that we know what we know, and to know that we do not know what we do not know, that is true knowledge. *(Copernicus)***

**It isn’t what you know that counts, it’s what you think of in time. *(Quoted by Leo Aikman, in Atlanta Constitution)***

**He who truly knows has no occasion to shout. *(Leonardo Da Vinci)***

**Tourists at a natural history museum are marveling at some dinosaur bones. One of them asks a guard, "Can you tell me how old the dinosaur bones are?" The guard replies, "They are 65,000,011 years old." "That's an awfully exact number," says the tourist. "How do you know their age so precisely?" The guard answers, "Well, the dinosaur bones were 65,000,000 years old when I started working here, and that was 11 years ago. *(Source: haha.cafe)***

**A small town prosecuting attorney calls his first witness, an elderly woman, to the stand and begins questioning by asking, “Mrs. Jones, do you know me?” She responds, “Why, yes, I’ve known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you’ve been a big disappointment. You lie, cheat at cards, and talk about people behind their backs!” The lawyer is stunned, but continues. “Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?” Again she replies, “Why, yes I do. I used to babysit Mr. Bradley when he was a youngster. And he, too, has been a real disappointment. He’s rude, lazy, and selfish. He only cares about money and wouldn’t spare a cent to a charity.” The defense attorney sits at his desk in shock. At this point, the judge brings the courtroom to silence and calls both attorneys to the bench. In a very quiet voice, he says, “If either of you asks her if she knows me, you’ll be jailed for contempt!” *(Catholic Digest)***

**Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the most important thing in life is to know when to forgo an advantage. *(Benjamin Disraeli)***

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**If you would know what nobody knows, read what everybody reads, just one year afterward**. *(****Ralph Waldo Emerson****)*

**I hate quotations. Tell me what you know. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

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**Try to know everything of something, and something of everything. *(Henry Peter, Lord Brougham)***

**Knowing everything is too much like knowing nothing; without a story, it’s all just information. *(Jennifer Egan, novelist)***

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**Never utter these words: “I do not know this, therefore it is false.” One must study to know; know to understand; understand to judge. *(Apothegm of Narada)***

**Garfield: “There is so much in the world I don’t know about, but I do know where the food is, so . . . who cares?” *(Jim Davis, in Garfield comic strip)***

**I only know two tunes. One of them is “Yankee Doodle,” and the other one isn’t. *(Ulysses S. Grant)***

**No matter what happens, there’s always somebody who knew it would. *(Lonny Starr)***

**We explore because we are human and we want to know. *(Stephen Hawking)***

**The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions. *(Oliver Wendell Holmes)***

**The learned man knows that he is ignorant. *(Victor Hugo)***

**It's impossible to know anything for certain, not even what we've lived.**

***(Javier Marias, novelist)***

**The more you know about where you’re going, the less your journey is an adventure. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot Shots)***

**You know nothing for sure . . . except the fact that you know nothing for sure. *(John F. Kennedy)***

**You’re better off knowing what the rules are before you try to break them. *(Stephen King)***

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**I don’t know who my grandfather was. I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**One of Gutzon Borglum’s great works as a sculptor is the head of Lincoln in the Capitol at Washington. He had cut it from a large square block of stone in his studio. One day, when the face of Lincoln was just becoming recognizable out of the stone, a young girl was visiting the studio with her parents. She looked at the half-done face of Lincoln, her eyes registering wonder and astonishment. She stared at the piece for a moment then ran to the sculptor. “Is that Abraham Lincoln?” she asked. “Yes.” “Well,” said the little girl, “how in the world did you know that he was in that block of stone?” *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**Never say you know a man until you have divided an inheritance with him. *(Johann Lavater, poet)***

**By the time a bartender knows what drink a man will have before he orders, there is little else about him worth knowing. *(Don Marquis, humorist)***

**It is very difficult to know people. For men and women are not only themselves, they are also the region in which they were born, the city apartment or the farm in which they learned to walk, the games they played as children, the old wives’ tales they overheard, the food they ate, the schools they attended, the sports they followed, the poets they read, and the God they believed in. You can know them only if you are them. *(W. Somerset Maugham, in The Razor’s Edge)***

**Most men know what they hate, few what they love. *(Charles Caleb Colton, English author)***

**He who knows only his side of the case knows little of that. *(John Stuart******Mill****)*

**The atheist does not deny God so much as he denies himself. A book is more enjoyable when we know its author. A symphony is more stirring when we know its composer. A painting is more meaningful when we know the artist. A poem is more personal when we know the poet. Life is more purposeful when we know the Creator. *(William Arthur Ward)***

**In that wonderful movie, Oh, God! George Burns (playing God) gives John Denver a message of encouragement to deliver to a fearful world. When John’s faith waivers, God tells him, “You have the strength that comes from knowing.” *(Alan Cohen)***

**To know one’s self is wisdom, but not to know one’s neighbors is genius. *(Minna Antrim, writer)***

**The next-best thing to knowing something is knowing where to find it. *(The Ensign)***

**Linus: “Do you think Charlie Brown really could get nominated for president?” Lucy: “What do you mean, nominated? Don’t you know anything? First you have to become a prince … then you get to be president!” Linus: “It’s frightening when I realize how little I really know about governmental affairs!” *(Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)***

**He who knows nothing, doubts nothing. *(Italian proverb)***

**If you only do what you know you can do, you never do very much. *(Tom Krause)***

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**God is none other than the Saviour of our wretchedness. So we can only know God well by knowing our iniquities. Therefore those who have known God, without knowing their wretchedness, have not glorified Him, but have glorified themselves. *(Blaise Pascal, French mathematician)***

**The last thing one knows is what to put first. *(Blaise Pascal)***

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**The less we know, the longer our explanations. *(Ezra Pound)***

**The printing press of a large daily newspaper came to a sudden halt. After hours and hours, the newspaper’s engineers could not get it started again. Money and prestige hung on getting the presses rolling. The publisher called in an expert and flew him in on a chartered plane. The expert looked at the block-long press, and after one minute, tapped a small screw. The roar of the press was heard again. The expert presented the publisher with a bill for $10,000. The publisher whistled. He said to himself, “Ten Thousand Dollars for a minute’s work. If I ask him for an itemized statement, maybe I’ll shame him into cutting the bill down.” The expert submitted his itemized statement: $.10 for tap + $9,999.90 for knowing where to tap = $10,000. *(Celestial Seasonings tea box)***

**A Japanese research study found that the top managers know just four percent of the problems in a company, while supervisors know 74 percent. According to the same study, however, workers in the trenches know 100 percent. Whether these figures are precise or not, most companies recognize that their most valuable resource is the knowledge and ingenuity of the people on the front line. *(David Maize, in Reader's Digest)***

**Most of the things that are really worth knowing cannot be taught. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care. *(Theodore Roosevelt)***

**We are made of star stuff. We are a way for the cosmos to know itself. *(Carl Sagan)***

**I know I can be strong and healthy! I know I can lose this weight! I know I can exercise everyday! Knowing something doesn’t “make it so,” it just makes it seem more “real.” *(Todd Siler, in Truizms)***

**It’s important that people know what you stand for. It’s equally important that they know what you won’t stand for. *(Mary G. Waldrip, in Dawson County, Georgia, Advertiser and News)***

**What a man knows at 50 that he did not know at 20 is, for the most part, incommunicable. The knowledge he has acquired with age is not the knowledge of formulas, or forms of words, but of people, places, actions – a knowledge gained not by words but by touch, sight, sound, victories, failures, sleeplessness, devotion, love – the human experiences and emotions of this earth and of oneself and other men; and perhaps, too, a little faith, a little reverence for things one cannot see. *(Adlai Stevenson)***

**Strange how much you’ve got to know before you know how little you know. *(Duncan Stuart)***

**It never occurs to teenagers that someday they will know as little as their parents. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**If you would thoroughly know anything, teach it to others. *(Tryon Edwards)***

Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience. Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence. *(Hal Borland, American writer)*

The world’s major trouble spots these days were formerly known only to crossword-puzzle fans. *(Val Tupy)*

**It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you; it’s the things you know that ain’t so. *(Mark Twain)***

**I was reared in a home with a mother and father who really loved each other, so I know what love is. I have seen both a son and a daughter safely through the trials of their tempestuous teens, so I know what satisfaction is. I have had by my side for more than 25 years the gentlest, kindest, most considerate human being I have ever known, so I know what happiness is. I have prayed and my prayers have been answered, so I know what faith is. And because I have known all these things, I know what wealth is. *(Abigail Van Buren)***

**I had a dream while believing I had a long way to go, a long road, a burdened path in my search for God. In my dream I was in a tunnel filled with rocks and ledges, but always a clear stream running through the center. As I climbed the first boulder I saw a glimmer of light and I knew, I just knew, that I would continue in whatever way I must go, no matter how long or how burdened the path. Suddenly the tunnel emerged into a beautiful garden, and again I knew that the path is short when you only know. *(Rev. Anne Kunath)***

**Why can’t life’s big problems come when we are twenty and know everything? *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**I am not young enough to know everything. *(Oscar Wilde)***

**I love taking about nothing. It is the only thing I know anything about. *(Oscar Wilde)***

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We know next to nothing about virtually everything. It is not necessary to know the origin of the universe; it is necessary to want to know. Civilization depends not on any particular knowledge, but on the disposition to crave knowledge. *(George F. Will, in Newsweek)*

Women as a rule know more about pure mind on its own plane than men, because they trust their inner faculty of pure knowing called intuition more fully than men. The medical wise of the world today cannot comprehend how a quiet little person who knows nothing about physiology or medication can sit down beside their dying patients and bring them back to health without apparently doing anything . And they never will know until they delve behind a knowledge of externality and learn mind to mind the workings of Spirit. *(Charles Fillmore, in Atom-Smashing Power of Mind. p. 88)*

**The word know derives from the Latin nocere, also meaning to know: The words gnosis, cognition and note come from the same source. There are many definitions of knowledge, but in our work, a definition that has proven useful is “the capacity for effective action.” This is an unusual definition for those familiar with such “intellectual” notions of knowledge as “accumulated information.” By our definition, a statement such as “We know all about our competitors’ new products and we’re not worried,” does not represent knowledge. “Knowing about” concerns information. Whether or not it leads to effective action depends upon people’s capacity to interpret the information, generate meaningful options for action and implement an action that leads to desired results. As the biologist Humberto Maturana says, “All knowing is doing. All doing is knowing.” Westerners, in particular, tend to consistently confuse information and knowledge because knowledge is not linked to action, even by “knowledge management” experts. *(Peter Senge, Art Kleiner, Charlotte Roberts, Richard Ross, George Ross and Bryan Smith, in The Dance of Change: The Challenges to Sustaining Momentum in Learning Organizations)***

**You really have to know a lot before you know how little you know. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**You’ve got to go there to know there. (Zora Neale Hurston)**

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