**Quantity**

**There is no such thing as paying too much attention to customers’ ideas and opinions. *(Ron Zemke & Dick Schaaf)***

**When you think or pray, remember you have the greatest listening audience in the world – the billions and billions of cells in your own body. (*May Rowland, former Silent Unity Director)***

**Prof. Sidney A. Gauthreaux, Jr., of South Carolina’s Clemson University, will never forget the night of September 28, 1977. Using radar and telescope he scanned a front across a path of migration and computed the number of birds that passed through it in a six-hour period. He got a peak count of 218,700 in one hour, more than a million in six hours, and estimates that 50 million birds were flying through the area over a 50-mile front. *(Allan C. Fisher, in Reader’s Digest)***

**For the first time in human history, overeating is now more of a global health threat than hunger. More than 3 million deaths in 2010 were attributable to excess body weight, three times the death toll due to malnutrition, according to medical journal The Lancet. *(The Times (U.K.), as it appeared in The Week magazine, December 28, 2012 – January 4, 2013)***

**According to matrimonial statisticians, gentlemen may prefer blonds but they tend to marry brunettes. Reality is there are just a lot more brunettes around. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Publishers release as many as 11,000 new business books a year, a strategy aimed at flooding the market rather than identifying what consumers want. “I usually tell people not to read business books at all,” says Bob MacDonald, author of books like Cheat to Win and Beat the System. “You’re not going to learn anything.” *(Bloomberg Businessweek, as it appeared in The Week magazine, August 3, 2012)***

**Too many captains may steer a boat up a mountainside. *(Korean proverb)***

**Whenever I hear about parents who have nine or ten children, the only thing I wonder is how they survive the birthday parties. *(George Carlin, in When Will Jesus Bring the Pork Chops?, p. 262)***

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**Come, and learn to get what you want: This is a very attractive clause, it**   
**is true. If we should answer this each Sunday by telling people how to get what they want, our church would not hold the crowds attending. *(Dr. Nona L. Brooks, in In the Light of Healing, p. 7)***

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**Corn prices have fallen sharply after U.S. farmers planted some 92 million acres, the second largest corn crop in nearly seven decades. If the harvest is strong, the abundant corn supply could eventually lead to a decline in food prices. *(The New York Times, as it appeared in The Week magazine, July 15, 2011)***

**It’s pretty hard to visualize 120 million land-based crabs. But that’s how many crawl up on Christmas Island for two weeks every November. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**There have been problems with a line of collectible dolls called Holiday**   
**Barbie. The Holiday line, introduced by Mattel in 1988 was successful through 1997. But oversupply of the dolls caused a market glut in late 1998, and retailers were still trying to unload them two months ago, the Wall Street Journal reported. *(Suzanne S. Brown, in Rocky Mountain News, July 1, 1999)***

**Albert Einstein attended a political banquet at which a number of windy speeches were delivered. Late in the evening, the principal speaker who was determined to speak longer than anyone who had preceded him, was introduced. Two hours later, he was still going strong although his audience was yawning openly. Einstein, bored like everyone else, turned to the man seated next to him and whispered: “Now I am beginning to comprehend infinity.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Replying more than one hundred times to the same piece of spam email will overwhelm the sender’s system and interfere with their ability to send any more spam. *(Noel Botham, in The Best Book of Useless Information Ever, p. 57)***

**One fish in a small aquarium says to the other: “You don’t have to say ‘Hi” every time we pass each other!” *(Catholic Digest cartoon)***

**In any two days, human beings create as much information online as it took our species to create in the 30,000 years between the dawn of cave painting and the year 2003. In another 10 years, that same amount of information will be generated in less than one hour. *(Reuters.com, as it appeared in The Week magazine, November 18, 2011)***

**No matter how much cats fight, there always seems to be plenty of kittens. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**Somewhere rummaging around in the backs of our brains is this fallacy that the longer I talk, the more convincing I’m going to be. *(Bill McGowan) 8152517***

**For many years, it was thought that it is a statistical probability that a million monkeys banging on a million typewriters will eventually reproduce the entire works of Shakespeare. Now, thanks to the internet, we know that this is not true. *(The PassTime Paper)***

**As Dennis picks up the hot dog, the weiner slides out of the bun and he says: “Oops! Too much mustard!” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)***

**No major nation in human history ever had its name wiped off the map in so short a time as the Soviet Union. While it existed, the Soviet Union was the biggest country in the world in size, and one of the most powerful, and yet it lasted only sixty-nine years. The Soviet Union was created in 1922 -- and it disbanded in 1991. *(Charles Reichblum, in Knowledge in a Nutshell, p. 96)***

**When my sister received her last phone bill she said in dismay, “I guess I reached out and touched too many people this month.” *(Christy A. Miller, in Reader’s Digest)***

**The more you say, the less people remember. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**A rooster isn’t unpopular because he wakes up early; it’s because he has so much to say about it. *(Merit Crossword Puzzles)***

**Nothing can be said after twenty minutes that amounts to anything. *(Bits & Pieces)***  
  
**Even with its 12 eyes, a scorpion is almost blind. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Can Obama escape the curse? Every re-elected president faces the “second-term curse,” said Dick Polman. Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan, and Bill Clinton all suffered major scandals after falling prey to hubris and weary cynicism, while George W. Bush misinterpreted his re-election as a mandate for privatizing Social Security and fighting on in Iraq. A similar fate now awaits Barack Obama, should he succumb to the temptation to interpret his re-election “as a mandate for sweeping change.” True, Obama won rather decisively, and now has the whip hand in his battle with Republicans over taxes and the budget. But in our still-divided nation, such ideological leverage is short-lived; at best, Obama has 18 months to push his agenda. His liberal base is clamoring for grand initiatives on issues like climate change, but by 2014, Republicans will have regrouped, and if history is any guide, Democrats will likely take a beating in the congressional midterms. Soon afterward, “everyone will be chattering about 2016, easing Obama further into lame-duck mode.” As Nixon once observed, “Second terms are almost inevitably downhill.” Obama could defy the odds – but only if he doesn’t overreach. *(The Week magazine, December 21, 2012)***

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**A spider has eight eyes and can’t see worth a hoot. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Everybody gets so much information all day long that they lose their common sense. *(Gertrude Stein, American author)***

**The Democrats assumed that Trump’s legal issues would politically neuter him. “A convicted felon is now seeking the office of the presidency,” Biden would say. But all the scandals and controversies that would have sunk a different candidate became background static. “The thing about the court cases is there were too many of them and this is one of Trump’s superpowers – he never just breaks the law a little bit; he does it all over the place, Sarah Longwell, a formerly Republican, anti-MAGA political strategist who regularly conducts focus groups, told us. “And as a result, there were so many court cases that it was just white noise to voters. They couldn’t tell them apart.” *(Ashley Parker and Michael Scherer, in The Atlantic magazine)***

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**Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority it’s time to pause and reflect. *(Mark Twain)***

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**In 84 percent of the 853 human societies studied by one team of scholars, it was normal practice for each man to have more than one wife. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**You can suffocate a thought by expressing it with too many words. *(Frank A. Clark, Register and Tribune Syndicate)***

**Vigorous writing is concise. A sentence should contain no unnecessary words, a paragraph no unnecessary sentences, for the same reason that a drawing should have no unnecessary lines and a machine no unnecessary parts. This requires not that the writer make all his sentences short, or that he avoid all detail and treat his subjects only in outline, but that every word tell. *(William Strunk, Jr., and E. B. White)***

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