



Preface

If Jerry Seinfeld can have a show about nothing and Kramer can write a coffee-table book that turns into a coffee table, I can write a book about *WHATEVER!*

I am not a writer, and I am not a reader. I know I have missed so much in my career of life by not being a reader. On the other side, I guess I was doing something else instead of reading. I must have been doing something. But even doing nothing is something. I am just a regular Joe getting though this life that we live. I do have an empathetic attitude toward people or at least most people. I feel once we realize in this world that we live in that we are just people helping people. I tell this to my granddaughter, age seven, and now she often repeats back to me, “Granddaddy, sometimes people just may need some help.” I tell this to my granddaughter a lot, and now she repeats it back to me: at times, some people may need some help. It is the little things that matter, like when we take out the trash to make sure we place the can in a proper spot so the garbageman can get it easily and be able to do his job and help someone when in traffic and at least give them a wave of thanks. And if they don’t help you out or cut you off, as Jimmy Buffett said, “I didn’t get mad, I just wrote song about them.” One of his unknown best that says so much.

“You were born an a——hole.”

The list goes on and on.

WHATEVER is out there, you just have to embrace it whenever you see or hear it and make it work for you!!!!

Remember that your job can affect someone else’s job. What it comes down to it, everyone doesn’t think the same. Can you believe



Whatever

Everybody's got their "stuff" about stuff.

To quote one of the greats, George Carlin, "move your shit so I can put my stuff there."

Stuff can be material things, but mainly it's mental. How do you deal with your stuff? Deal with your stuff in a positive way. If it is negative stuff, then turn it around into a positive and learn from it. Don't create more negative stuff. Lean more toward the positive stuff. Druggies usually hang around other druggies. Remember, negative people hang around negative people. Positive people hang around positive people. Negativity spreads like a disease, but also positive attitudes can also spread like a disease. Hits bring on more hits in baseball as well as in life. The old saying tells us that if you give someone a smile, they will smile back. If you have a positive attitude toward stuff, your stuff won't turn into "shit." And this can be a positive for you. Other people's shit will turn into stuff, and then you might be able to help them with their stuff and not their shit.

Have a nice day.

"Shit happens," but you can make stuff happen.

Swing hard you may hit it.

SHIT. Ship High in Transit.

Sometimes it's not where you are now. It's where you want to be in twenty minutes! At times, it's not where you want to go to sleep but rather where you want to wake up.

Happiness is not the absence of stress. It's the ability to cope with it.

"Pain Is Temporary, Pride Is Forever," a song by Don Diablo.

Stack them high and let them fly.

Meetings are up and sales are down.

Jake: Do you want some cake?

Millie: I don't eat sugar.

Jake: Yeah, me either unless it's in, like, pies and cakes and stuff.

Millie: *Whatever*.

Jake: Yeah, *Whatever*.

Alan: As opposed to a set menu or buffet style.

Charlie: Sure, *Whatever*.

Did you get a haircut?

No, I got them all cut.

Yeah, *Whatever*, how many times have you heard that?

When you use the word *Whatever*, it can be derogatory or flattering. Well, maybe not flattering but not derogatory either, depending on the way you use it. Not to mention your tone of voice or your gestures. You should not prepare for *Whatever*. It just should flow from your speech in a natural way. DO NOT abuse the word, but on the other side, say it with dignity so you can express your true meaning.

Pickup lines:

Do you believe in the hereafter? Because if you're not here for what I am here after, then you will still be here after I am gone.

When I was talking to you, everyone else in the room just faded away. Yeah, *Whatever!*

Life without passion, you're dead.

—Shire Schmidt

Nice body, but she has a BUTTERFACE.
BUT-HER-FACE

Did you hear the one about the campfire girl
who fell in the fire and came out a brownie?

A guy walks into a bar, a second guy walks into a
bar, the third guy ducks.

Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how
I react to it.

—Charles Swindoll

Management is 90% people skills and 10%
knowing your job.

—Unknown

They could have been 5–0 or *Whatever*.

—Joe Morgan

I don't know Karate, but I know crazy, and I'm
not afraid to use it.

—James Bond

Whatever, I want to talk to my lawyer.

—*The Mentalist*

Whatever we won! Chill out. Good Lord.

—Sugar to Randy, *Survivor*

Once you let your grief become anger, it will never go away...

—*Lost*

My Father's Day present from my daughter was another year of not having to pay for a wedding.

One guy's fantasy is another guy's lunch.
For every good-looking woman, there is another man sick of her.

Sometimes it is better to beg for forgiveness, than to ask for permission.

If you don't like change, then you are going to watch.

Ask the next question such as "Where is the subway station?" "Which way are you going, uptown or downtown?" This is a good example that, at times, we should ask the next question for clarification, such as the example with "Where is the subway question?" Not only do you need to where the subway is; you need to know which way you are headed so as not to go down the wrong steps ending up on the wrong sides of the tracks.

You don't need to be faster than the bear. You just need to be faster than your friend.

What is your favorite place to go?
It is the next place I go to.

The entrepreneur always searches for change, responds to it, and exploits it as an opportunity.

Old aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and crackling, telling me, "You're next."

They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer you get to the end, the faster it goes, so have fun. "Good thoughts only," learn to laugh at yourself, and count your blessings.

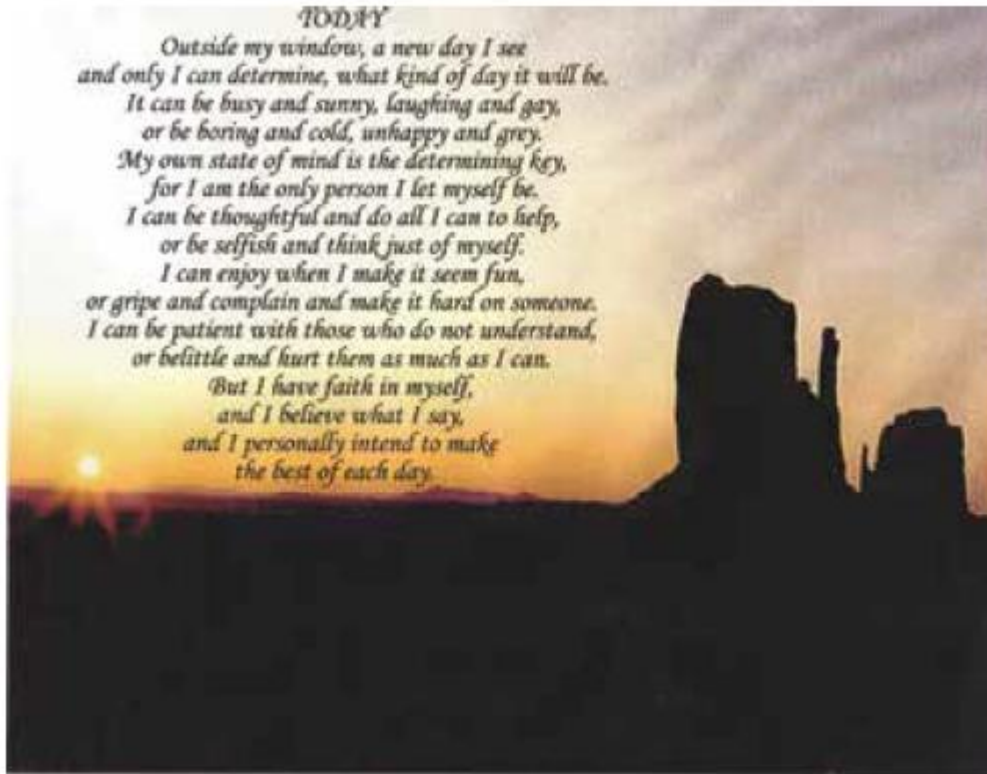
Rudeness is the weak man's imitation of strength.
—Eric Hoffer

National Parks now embrace the idea of America
itself.
—Abe Lincoln

True terror is to wake up one morning and discover that your high school class is running the country.
—Kurt Vonnegut

Most smiles are started by another smile.
Most yawns are started by another yawn.
—Roger Staubach

Sometimes we don't get to choose what happens to us but we do get to choose what we do about it.



TODAY

*Outside my window, a new day I see
and only I can determine, what kind of day it will be.
It can be busy and sunny, laughing and gay,
or be boring and cold, unhappy and grey.
My own state of mind is the determining key,
for I am the only person I let myself be.
I can be thoughtful and do all I can to help,
or be selfish and think just of myself.
I can enjoy when I make it seem fun,
or gripe and complain and make it hard on someone.
I can be patient with those who do not understand,
or belittle and hurt them as much as I can.
But I have faith in myself,
and I believe what I say,
and I personally intend to make
the best of each day.*

Jan LaValley

The man who fears not truth has nothing to fear
from lies.

—Thomas Jefferson

I only regret that I have but one life to lose for
my country.

—Nathan Hale

Let us tenderly and kindly cherish, therefore, the
means of knowledge. Let us dare to read, think,
speak and write.

—John Adams

and remember who was drinking in pints and who was drinking in quarts, hence the phrase “minding your Ps and Qs.”

One more! I bet you didn't know this! In the heyday of sailing ships, all warships and many freighters carried iron cannons. Those cannons fired round iron cannonballs. It was necessary to keep a good supply near the cannon. However, how to prevent them from rolling about the deck? The best storage method devised was a square-based pyramid with one ball on top, resting on four, resting on nine, which rested on sixteen. Thus, a supply of thirty cannonballs could be stacked in a small area right next to the cannon.

There was only one problem: how to prevent the bottom layer from sliding or rolling from under the others. The solution was a metal plate called a “monkey” with sixteen-round indentations. However, if this plate was made of iron, the iron balls would quickly rust to it. The solution to the rusting problem was to make brass monkeys. Few landlubbers realize that brass contracts much more and much faster than iron when chilled. Consequently, when the temperature dropped too far, the brass indentations would shrink so much that the iron cannonballs would come right off the monkey. Thus, it was quite literally, “Cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey.” All this time, you thought that was an improper expression, didn't you?

If you don't send this fabulous bit of historic knowledge to any and all your unsuspecting friends, your floppy is going to fall off your hard drive and kill your mouse.

Food is essential to life; therefore, make it good.

—S. Truett Cathy,
founder of Chick-fil-A.

If you don't believe in history, it's bound to repeat itself.

—Marv Levy

Beauty is only a light switch away.

—Perkins Library, Duke University

If life is a waste of time, and time is a waste of life, then let's all get wasted together and have the times of our lives.

—Amanda's Pizza, DC

Fighting for peace is like screwing for virginity.

No matter how good she looks, some other guy is sick and tired of putting up with her stuff.

—Linda's Bar and Grill, Chapel Hill

One man's fantasy is another man's lunch.

For every good-looking woman, there is another man sick of her.

At the feast of ego, everyone leaves hungry.

It's hard to make a comeback, when you haven't been anywhere.

Make love, not war. Hell, do both. GET MARRIED!

—Women's restroom

If voting could really change things, it would be illegal.

—Revolution Books, NY

If pro is the opposite of con, then what is the
opposite of progress? Congress!

—Men's restroom, House of
Representatives, DC

Express Lane: Five beers or less.

—Sign over urinals

You're too good for him.

—Sign over mirror in
women's restroom

No wonder you always go home alone.

—Sign over mirror in
the men's restroom

A Woman's Rule of Thumb:

If it has tires or testicles?

You're going to have trouble with it.

—Women's restroom, Dick's
Last resort, Dallas, Texas

Shopping math: A man will pay \$20 for a \$10 item he needs. A
woman will pay \$10 for a \$20 item she doesn't need.

Longevity: married men live longer than single men do, but
married men are a lot more willing to die...

Propensity to change: A woman marries a man expecting he will
change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she
won't change, and she does.

It is just another day...

For what?

Another mindless quote.

No one said it would be easy,
They just said it would be worth it.

An obituary printed in the *London Times*.

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned, but overbearing, regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teenagers suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition. Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they had themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent

to administer sun tan lotion or an aspirin to a pupil, but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault because you protected yourself and your own.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility and his son, Reason. He is survived by his four stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is to Blame, I'm A Victim. Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on.

Women need a reason to have sex. Men just need a place.

—Billy Crystal

While in all you're knowing, know yourself first.

A lady bought a screen door at a hardware store. As she was leaving the clerk said, "Do you need a

screw for that?” She said, “No, but I’ll blow you for that toaster.”

—Roger Miller

Golf: swing hard you might hit it!

Golf is like a good walk spoiled.

—Mark Twain

Why are there eighteen holes on a golf course?



Legend has it that golf started in Scotland in the fifteenth century. An eighteen-hole course was built in St Andrews in 1764. There are eighteen holes as there are eighteen shots in a fifth of Scottish whiskey, so you have a shot of whiskey after each hole. So now you will take eighteen shots, one after each hole.

OK, where were we? Oh yes here we are. Always be where you are, I say. And it’s always now, and that’s about it. The full significance of the moment is being realized now, thank you, let’s move on.

—Willie Nelson

When they throw a war and no one shows up, it will serve as a new beginning of peace on earth. Amen.

—Willie Nelson

The only normal people are the ones you really don't know very well.

—Alfred Adler

Is there water on the other side of that island?

The twist or the twirl? *Whatever!*

Robert Redford's favorite word: *possible*. Robert Redford's least favorite word: *Whatever!!!*

—*Inside the Actors Studio*
interview (2005)

I believe that sex is the most beautiful, natural, wholesome things that money can buy.

—Tom Clancy

Having sex is like playing bridge. If you don't have a good partner you better have a good hand.

—Woody Allen

Instead of getting married again, I'm going to find a woman I don't like and just give her a house.

—Rod Stewart

My girlfriend always laughs during sex, no matter what she is reading.

—Steve Jobs

People that think they are crazy enough to change the world are usually the ones that do.

—Steve Jobs

Sex at age 90 is like trying to shoot pool with a rope.

—George Burns

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

—Dr. Seuss

It's better to be decisive than right.

Most used worst word of 2012: *Whatever!!!*

I had all my medication and it's half past ten. I'm just sitting around waiting for something to kick in.

—Willie Nelson, song in progress

You have a clean slate every day you wake up.

You have a chance every single morning to make that change and be the person you want to be.

We all have personal maintenance every day. You just have to decide to do it. Decide today's the day. Say it: this is going to be my day. Do what you need to do, so you can do what you want to do!
