

Everyone is familiar with the saying “It’s more fun than a barrel of monkeys”, but how many times have you heard “You’re as loud as a murder of magpies”? Here are the official collective names for various groups of critters:

A congregation of alligators	A covey of partridges
A shoal of bass	An ostentation of peacocks
A smack of jellyfish	A colony of penguins
A gaze of racoons	A bevy of quails
A clowder of cats	A business of ferrets
A cackle of hyenas	A wisdom of wombats
A troop of kangaroos	A flamboyance of flamingos
A leap of leopards	A rhumba of rattlesnakes
A fall of woodcocks	A gang of elk
A romp of otters	A tower of giraffes
A prickle of porcupines	A tribe of goats
A crash of rhinoceroses	A band of gorillas
A troubling of goldfish	A bloat of hippopotamuses
A pond of whales	A richness of martens
A charm of finches	A labor moles
An exaltation of larks	A pod of seals
A murder of magpies	A drove of sheep
A watch of nightingales	A dray of squirrels
A parliament of owls	An ambush of tigers

God is more concerned about your response to a problem than He is about removing the problem.

Credit is what keeps you from knowing how far past broke you are.

It’s easier to acquire a good reputation than to lose a bad one.



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IT’S NOT THE
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Our lifestyle, language, attitudes, and manner of dress reflect on His name. He leads us in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. Unless you are honestly convinced that the thing in question will bring glory to God, then don’t do it.
-Dr. Curtis Hudson

*Come thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing
Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise,*



*Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount I’m fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.*

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah’s Ark.

1. Don’t miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When your 600 years old someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don’t listen to critics. Just get on with the job that needs done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn’t always an advantage. The snails were on the same boat as the cheetahs.
9. When your stressed, float awhile.
10. The ark was built by amateurs. The titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm when you are with God there is always a rainbow waiting.

What About the Hymns



“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” was written by twenty-three-year-old Baptist pastor, Robert Robinson. Robinson was just a young boy when his father passed away and without a father to guide him, he fell in with bad companions. At the age of fourteen, Robert’s mother sent him to London to learn the trade of a barber. This proved to be of little value to him. As a seventeen-year-old hoodlum, he attended a meeting where the noted evangelist George Whitfield was preaching from the text in Matthew 3:7 “*O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*”. His purpose for attending this meeting was to laugh and mock those poor deluded Methodists, but he ended up accepting Christ as his Saviour. A few years later, in 1775, he wrote this hymn that expressed his joy in his newfound faith.

Years later Robert did wander away from God. In a backslidden condition he was traveling in a stagecoach one day. The only other passenger was a young woman that was unknown to him. In the providence of God and the young lady not realizing to whom she was speaking, she began to quote the lyrics to this wonderful hymn and say what an encouragement it was to her. Try as he might, Robert could not get her to change the subject. She eventually asked what he thought of the hymn. He responded, “Madam, I am the poor unhappy man that wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them, to enjoy the feelings I had then.” She gently responded “Sir, the streams of mercy are still flowing.” As a result of that he repented and his fellowship with the Lord was restored.

The music for this hymn was first named “Hallelujah” and was composed in 1813 by John Wyeth. John was born in 1770 in Cambridge Massachusetts. As a boy he was apprentice to a printer. At age twenty-one, he became the manager of a printing company in Santa Domingo. In 1792 he returned to America and settled in Harrisburg Pennsylvania where he became involved in the publishing business and co-owned the newspaper, *The Oracle of Dauphin*. After a year there President George Washington appointed him postmaster, a job he held for five years.

Satan disguises submission to himself under the ruse of personal autonomy. He never asks us to become his servants. Never once did the serpent say to Eve, “I want to be your master.” The shift in commitment is never from Christ to evil; it is always from Christ to self. And instead of His will, self-interest now rules and what I want reigns. And that is the essence of sin. -Dennis F. Kinlaw

DID YOU KNOW?

If you are of average weight, in 24 hours:

You heart will beat 103,680 times.

Your blood travels 168,000 miles.

You breath 23,040 times.

You inhale 438 cubic ft. of air.

You eat 3 ¼ lbs. of food.

You drink 2.9 pts. of liquid.

You perspire 1.43 pts.

You give off, in heat, 85.6 degrees.

You generate in energy 450 ft. tons.

You turn in your sleep 25-35 times.

You move 750 major muscles.

Your nails grow .000046 in.

Your hair grows .01714 in.

You exercise 7 million brain cells.

Truly as David said, “I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”