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Romanov Bones and The Russian Orthodox Church

An on going refusal to except the bones of the last imperial family.

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Some of you may remember that a while back I wrote about the movie 'Anas
once about the Romanov family and that would be that. But in honor of it ha
being found, I thought I would bring the topic of whether the church is going to accept the bones as belonging to the Tsar.



Let me start with the night of July 17th, 1918. Around one in the morning, a Bolshevik guard knocked on the Imperial physician's door to tell him that there are riots in the street that could be unsafe for the family to be on the first floor. He was ordered to wake everyone up and tell them to dress.

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As soon everyone was up and dressed, which was around 1:30, the guards took all seven members of the Last Imperial Family and their four servants to the basement. The former Tsar was carrying his son, Alexei, who happened to be ill at the time. His wife, Alexandra, was always in pain and could not be on her feet for long. When the prisoners got downstairs, there were no chairs. Alexandra had asked the guards to get chairs, so they brought two; one for the former Tsarina and one for the former Tsarevich.

The leader of the execution team, Yakov Yurovsky, came in around two in the morning. He told the family that he had come down to execute them. The former Tsar only had time to say "What?" Before being shot a few times. I promise I won't go any more into detail about how they died than I have too. Yurovsky meant to execute them much earlier than he did, but he had to wait for the trucks to put them into after the task to arrive. Of course, the truck was late and did not arrive until after one in the morning.

After the execution, the bodies were thrown into a truck, and taken deep into woods just outside of Ekaterinburg, the city in which they were executed in. The bodies were burned and thrown into an old mine. After fifty eight years, Gueli Riabov, and his team found the bones of the Last Imperial Family. They had been searching for decades and finally came across them. Of course, they couldn't say anything about it to anyone, or take them to test them because in 1976 the Soviet Union was still around.

In 1991, when the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics finally did fall, Riabov went back with his team and was able to test the bones. The problem was, eleven people were killed that night. The bones they found were only belonged nine of the bodies. The other two were found in 2007. They belonged to the Tsarevich and one of his sisters, either Maria or Anastasia.

In August of 2000, before other two bodies were found, the Russian Orthodox Church canonized the Romanov Family as saints. Genealogists compared the DNA of the bones to those of Alexander III. The church did not accept the results. There are still debates about if Tsar Alexander III had been exhumed. This is one of the reasons the church will not except the bones as the Romanovs. Supporters of Anna Anderson, only one of the many imposters of Anastasia, say that the church is right for not excepting them. Of course this is only because they believe that Anastasia or other members of the family did not die on that night.

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Of course, if you believe that Anastasia survived or that the church should not except the bones, I respect that. This is just my view.

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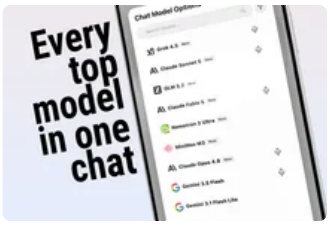
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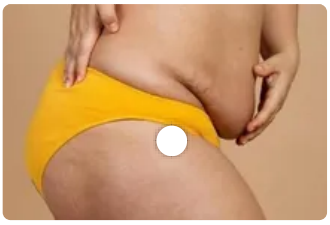
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by Ivan Nikolic

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In an age where artificial intelligence can mimic the voice of Freddie Mercury or reimagine pop hits as synthwave ballads, a new frontier has emerged — one that blurs the line between innovation and erosion. While AI offers undeniable benefits in technical domains, its intrusion into creative arts, especially music, raises urgent questions. Not just about copyright, but about culture, education, and the very soul of artistic expression.

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Every Girl Needs To Listen To 'She Used To Be Mine' By

These powerful lyrics remind us how much good is inside each of us and that sometimes we are too blinded by our imperfections to see the other side of the coin, to see all of that good.

by Emma Enebak

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The song was sent to me late in the middle of the night. I was still awake enough to plug in my headphones and listen to it immediately. I always did this when my best friend sent me songs, never wasting a moment. She had sent a message with this one too, telling me it reminded her so much of both of us and what we have each been through in the past couple of months.

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Why Your Astrological Sign May Not Match Your Perso

We are all more than just one sign.

by Nina Schlosberg

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Zodiac wheel with signs and symbols surrounding a central sun against a starry sky.

What's your sign? It's one of the first questions some of us are asked when approached by someone in a bar, at a party or even when having lunch with some of our friends. Astrology, for centuries, has been one of the largest phenomenons out there. There's a reason why many magazines and newspapers have a horoscope page, and there's also a reason why almost every bookstore or library has a section dedicated completely to astrology. Many of us could just be curious about why some of us act differently than others and whom we will get along with best, and others may just want to see if their sign does, in fact, match their personality.

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20 Song Lyrics To Put A Spring Into Your Instagram Cap

"On an island in the sun, We'll be playing and having fun"

by Carter Bowman

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Person in front of neon musical instruments; glowing red and white lights.

Photo by Spencer Imbrock on Unsplash

Whenever I post a picture to Instagram, it takes me so long to come up with a caption. I want to be funny, clever, cute and direct all at the same time. It can be frustrating! So I just look for some online. I really like to find a song lyric that goes with my picture, I just feel like it gives the picture a certain vibe.

Here's a list of song lyrics that can go with any picture you want to post!

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An open letter to the good-hearted people.

by Anthony Tartaglia

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Chalk drawing of scales weighing "good" and "bad" on a blackboard.

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Being a good person does not depend on your religion or status in life, your race or skin color, political views or culture. It depends on how good you treat others.

We are all born to do something great. Whether that be to grow up and become a doctor and save the lives of thousands of people, run a marathon, win the Noble Peace Prize, or be the greatest mother or father for your own future children one day. Regardless, we are all born with a purpose. But in between birth and death lies a path that life paves for us; a path that we must fill with something that gives our lives meaning.

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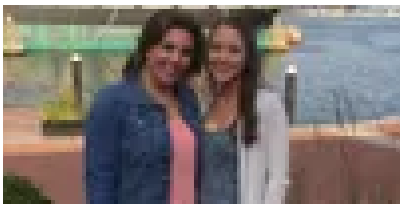


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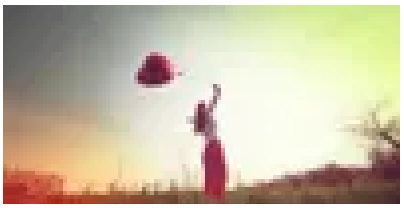
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