

Master of the Obvious

by ken moots

WHY WE LIKE IT: *The author cites George Carlin as one of his influences and 'Master of the Obvious' certainly has the feel of standup improv counterculture comedy. It's also a blackly funny 'Rule of Reform' for the socially damned and voluntarily idiotic. The author's acid tongue is the perfect vehicle for these gallous barbs and if you don't learn from them, then buddy. you're smokin' the wrong stuff. Quote: It isn't an accident that nostalgia rhymes with nausea.'*

- 1) Don't set yourself on fire.
- 2) Saying, "My God has a bigger dick than your God" will not get you laid.
- 3) Evacuate your bowels at least once a day, preferably while sitting on a toilet.
- 4) Keep your swearing to a minimum, especially while in church.
- 5) Don't confuse someone listening to you with that person actually respecting you.
- 6) Catching darts with your face is not a useful skill.
- 7) Every bath or shower you walk away from without drowning is a good bath or shower.
- 8) Learn to overcome disappointment. You can't spell failure without L-I-F-E.
- 9) It isn't an accident that nostalgia rhymes with nausea.

- 10) Bragging about your bottled-up rage during the job interview isn't going to land you the job.
- 11) Most people are idiots; no sense getting upset about it, they're still going to be idiots.
- 12) Asking your wife if she wants a peanut butter and penis sandwich will not be met with applause.
- 13) When voting in an election, choose the candidate whose bullshit you believe in the most.
- 14) There's a fine line between optimism and delusion.
- 15) Don't spice up your morning commute by driving with your eyes closed.
- 16) It's ass paper, not toilet paper.
- 17) There are two kinds of people who want everyone to like them: politicians and idiots.
- 18) Don't trim your toenails with your teeth.
- 19) If you're disappointed with the way life has worked out for you, get in line with the rest of us.
- 20) Saying, "Open the door, please" will yield more positive results than saying, "Open the door, fuckhead."
- 21) Live your life like *this is it*, and behave like God and your lost loved ones are watching over you.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: *I wanted to write something observational that had a George Carlin edge and a David Sedaris insight. I'm a fan of artists and films who don't break a sweat in making me*

laugh, such as Mark Twain, The Coen brothers, Network, Casablanca, Carrie Fisher, Jerry Seinfeld and Woody Allen (before he became weird).

BIO: My short stories 'Grocery List, 'Toothbrush', 'What happens After You Die' and 'Suicide Notes Are a Bitch' were published in *Empty Sink Publishing, Livid Squid Literary Journal, Weirderary* and *Toad Suck Review*. Additionally, *Gold Man Review* has just published my most recent story, 'The First Time I Dropped Acid'. I have also written two novels and seven screenplays, one of which was optioned by an independent studio.