

# Planet Aloha

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"Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought." ~ JFK



HAWAII  
Valentine?

FOR \$130,000  
I'LL KEEP  
QUIET ABOUT  
ALL THIS

## ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

**N**o English dictionary has been able to adequately explain the difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. However, in a recent linguistic conference held in London and attended by some of the best linguists in the world, a Guyanese, **Samsundar Balgobin**, was the clear winner.

His final challenge was this: "Some say there is no difference between COMPLETE and FINISHED. Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand."

He answered: "When you marry the right woman, you are COMPLETE. But, when you marry the wrong woman, you are FINISHED; and when the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are COMPLETELY FINISHED!"

His answer was received with a five-minute standing ovation, and he won a trip around the world and a case of 25-year-old Scotch, which I assume he "completely finished...."

"A woman loves a man who makes her complete, but it's a big bonus if he can also make her finish." ~ Scott Baradell



## SAY WHAT?

### PLANETEER, PAL AND PROFESSIONAL PEER

**P**at Fraley writes: "So enjoyed your latest Planet, Phil, which inspired me to share a story about age with you. My wife, **Renee**, and I are 68. We met when we were 18; and over the years, I've developed a bad ear and have a habit, which I enjoy, of repeating something someone said, knowing it's wrong.

"For example, I might say, 'Did you say the elephant peppered the red bush?'

"Renee has never found this as amusing as I, and recently she said something which I didn't hear correctly, so once again I suggested what she might have said, and she retorted angrily: 'You need to get your hearing checked!' I pointed to my bad ear and said, 'It's only this ear,' and she leaned toward me and said, 'No – it was LAST year.'"

*"Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape."*

~ Anonymous

## JUST ASKIN'

**W**HAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A dyslexic, an insomniac, and an agnostic? Someone who lays awake at night wondering if there is a dog. What do you call a dog with no legs? It doesn't matter; It's not going to come. Why don't blind people skydive? Because it scares the hell out of the dogs. What did the Buddhist ask the hot dog vendor? "Make me one with everything." The Buddhist pulls out a gun. "Whoa," the vendor exclaims. "I thought you guys were about inner peace!" The Buddhist replies, "This is my inner piece."

What's a foot long and slippery? A slipper. You heard the rumor going around about butter? Never mind, I shouldn't spread it. Anyway, what happened when the ship carrying blue paint and the ship carrying red paint crashed into one another? The sailors were marooned. How many Germans does it take to screw in a lightbulb? One – they're very efficient and not very funny. Want to hear a word I just made up? "Plagiarism."

Why does a chicken coop have two doors? If it had four doors it would be a chicken sedan. Why do cows wear bells? Because their horns don't work. How do you find **Will Smith** in the snow? Just look for the fresh prints. How

do you think the unthinkable? With an "itheberg." What's green, fuzzy and if it fell out of a tree, would kill you? A pool table. And you know why you never see elephants hiding up in trees? Because they are really good at it. Two drums and a cymbal fall out of a tree: Ba-dum-tssss!

*"You can't laugh and fear at the same time!"*

~ Stephen Colbert's mother



## RETURNING THE RETURN

**T**HE IRS SENT BACK A TAX RETURN TO A man in Kansas City after claiming that he had incorrectly answered the question "Do you have anyone dependent on you?"

The man had written: "Yes. 7.1 million illegal immigrants, 1.1 million crack-heads, 4.4 million unemployable scroungers, 80,000 criminals in over 85 prisons, plus 450 idiots in Congress and a group that call themselves politicians."

And since they'd written that this response was unacceptable, the taxpayer wrote back, asking: "Who did I leave out?"

*"I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle."*

~ Mark Twain

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## FATHER KNOWS BEST

**A** FARMER DROVE TO A NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE, knocked at the door and a young boy, about 9, opened it. "Is your dad or mom home?" said the farmer. "No, they went to town," answered the lad. "How about your brother, Howard? Is he here?" And the boy said, "No, he went with mom and dad." The farmer stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other, mumbling to himself, until the young boy asked, "Can I give dad a message?"

"Well, 'fraid not," said the farmer uncomfortably. "I really need to talk to your dad about your brother Howard getting my daughter Suzy pregnant."

The boy thought for a moment, then says, "I know he charges \$500 for the bulls and \$150 for the pigs, but I'm sorry, I have no idea how much he charges for Howard."

*"The life I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and that in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place my touch will be felt."*  
~ Frederick Buechner

## DOGGONE

**H**. LEE KAGAN SAYS, "I don't recall if I ever sent you the story **Buddy Hackett** used to tell about the time as a child of 6 or 7, he was walking with his grandfather along 6th Avenue in Manhattan when they happened upon two dogs in the midst of vigorous intercourse.

"Buddy said he turned to his grandfather and, pointing to the natural wonder unfolding on the sidewalk in front of them, asked, 'Zeyda, what are those two dogs doing?' The flustered and very embarrassed grandpa sputtered with his heavy Yiddish accent, 'Ah, de doggie on de bottom is sick, and de doggie on top is pushing him to Sinai Hospital.'"

*"Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less."* ~ Marie Curie

## TOUGH LOVE

**I** TOLD MY GIRLFRIEND SHE DREW ON HER eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised. Then she accused me of being immature, so I told her to get out of my fort! Women call me ugly until they find out how much money I make; then they call me ugly and poor. I went to a really emotional wedding the other day. Even the cake was in tiers. And parallel lines have so much in common; it's a shame they'll never meet.

A blind man walks into a bar. And a table. And a chair. A hot blonde ordered a double entendre. The bartender gave it to her. A Freudian Slip is when you say one thing and

mean your mother. I took the shell off my racing snail, thinking it would make him run faster. If anything, it made him more sluggish. I have the heart of a lion – and a lifetime ban from the zoo. The first rule of Alzheimer's Club is – don't talk about Chess Club!

Someone stole my Microsoft Office; and they're gonna pay – you have my Word! And to the handicapped guy who stole my bag – you can hide but you can't run. And I just heard that, someone in London gets stabbed every 52 seconds – the poor bastard. God said to John, "Come forth and you shall be granted eternal life;" but John came fifth and won a

toaster.

*"Opinions are like sphincters. Every asshole has one."*  
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts



## CONSOLATION

Something for the runner up.

## DON'T ASK

**A** JEWISH FATHER WAS VERY TROUBLED BY the way his son turned out and went to see his Rabbi about it. "Rabbi," he said, "I brought him up in the faith, gave him a very expensive Bar Mitzvah and it cost me a fortune to educate him. Then he tells me last



week he's decided to become a Christian. Where did I go wrong?"

"Funny you should come to me," says the Rabbi stroking his long, gray beard. "I, too, brought up my son in the faith, sent him to a fine university which cost me a fortune and just the other day, he calls me up and announces he's to become a Christian."

"I'm so sorry, Rabbi," the man said. "What did you do?"

"I turned to God for the answer," the Rabbi replied. "And what did God say?"

"God said – 'Funny you should come to me...'"

*"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained."*

*~ Marie Curie*

## IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS

**A** YOUNG MAN WANTED TO PURCHASE A Valentine's Day gift for his new squeeze, and after careful consideration he decided a nice pair of gloves would strike the right romantic note. Accompanied by his sweetheart's younger sister, he went to an upscale department store and bought a pair of expensive white gloves while the sister purchased a pair of panties for herself. But during the wrapping, the clerk mixed the items up so that the sister got the gloves and his sweetheart got the panties. Without checking the contents, the young man sealed the package and sent it off to his girlfriend with the following note:

"My Dear, I chose these because I noticed that you are not in the habit of wearing any when we go out in the evening. If it had not been for your sister, I would have chosen the long pair with the buttons, but she wears short ones that

are easier to remove. These are of a delicate shade, but the saleslady I bought them from showed me a pair she had been wearing for three weeks, and they were hardly soiled. I had her try yours on for me, and she looked great.

"I wish I was there to put them on for you the first time, as no doubt other hands will come in contact with them before I have a chance to see you again. When you take them off, remember to blow in them before putting them away as they will naturally be a little damp from wearing.

"Just think how many times I will kiss them during the coming year. I hope you will wear them for me when I see you next and please note, the latest style is to wear them folded down with a little fur showing! ~ Happy Valentine's Day, Sweetie."

*"Nothing is as beautiful as something you don't expect."*  
*~ David Yazbec*

## SIT! STAY! SLEEP!

**A** MAN SENT A LETTER TO A SMALL HOTEL IN a Midwest town: "Dear Manager," he wrote, "My dog is my best friend and he's been by my side for many years. I am looking to book a room at your establishment and would very much like to bring my dog with me."

An immediate reply came back in the next mail: "Dear friend," the hotel manager began, "I've been operating this hotel for many years, and in all that time, I've never had a dog steal towels, bed clothes, silverware or pictures off the walls. I've never had to evict a dog in the middle of the night for being drunk and disorderly. And I've never had a dog run out on a hotel bill. Yes, indeed, your dog is welcome at my hotel.

"And, if your dog will vouch for you, you're welcome to stay here, too."

*"In my many years, I have concluded that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm and three or more is a government."* ~ John Adams



## IF YOU'RE LIVING IN 2018

1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.
3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
4. You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.

5. Your reason for not staying in touch with friends and family is that they don't have e-dresses.
6. You pull into your own driveway and use your cell to see if anyone can help carry the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a website at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell (which you never owned for most of your life) is a cause for panic.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways like this : ) to smile.
- 12 You're reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no No. 9 on this list.
15. You actually looked back up to check that there wasn't a 9 on this list.

"You get ideas from daydreaming. You get ideas from being bored. You get ideas all the time. The only difference between writers and other people is we notice when we're doing it."  
~ Neil Gaiman

## ALOHA

**T**his orbit originates on Maui at the Westin Resort in Ka'anapali where **Melinda** and I shared our first week with our adopted daughter, writer **Phoenix Daniels** (right, with Mel), who launched her new chronology, *The Cage Chronicles*, from here as well.

And as always, I couldn't have done it without contributions from **William McIntyre**, **Michael Salla**, **Barry Pearl**, **Lance Rucker**, **Joan Allemand**, **William Wilhite, Jr.**, **Victor Kopcewich**, **James Palka**, **Jim Brice**, our house-and-kitty sitter **Sue Gisser** and our Yale '62 secretary **Christopher Corey**, who gave me an enthusiastic mention in the online class notes, titled "Influencing Today's Comedy":

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CLICK WORDS TO OPEN

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BASIS

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CAT'S UP

GIANT RAT

At around the age of 9, he quotes me as saying, *because I was playing with my food, making pirate skull and crossbones with mashed potatoes and string beans, a teacher dragged me onto the stage to eat lunch by myself. Of course, I got laughs playing with my food.*

"That's how Phil Proctor says he's been from the early start of his career as a stage, radio, film, record, voice-over and TV actor, comedian, and lately, blogger. He hurtles through his hyperactive professional life in his new autobiography, *Where's My Fortune Cookie?*, co-written with the polymedia author **Brad Schreiber**, dropping quips and photos and show biz names like a baker stuffing a fruitcake and telling warm stories, especially about his five-decade collaboration with **Peter Bergman** '61...and the history of the legendary, surrealist, much-honored **Firesign Theatre** troupe, which one knowledgeable reviewer declares, 'influenced so much of today's comedy.'" [READ IT HERE](#)

"If Republicans promise to stop telling lies about Democrats, we will promise not to tell the truth about Republicans." ~ **Adlai E. Stevenson**



"It's the substances that enlarge consciousness and open the mind's eye that worry our government, not the ones that draw down the blinds." ~ **Tom Robbins**

"Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching." ~ **C.S. Lewis**

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