

Random Thoughts 2009

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1. I can think of many wars since 1946 in which the U.S. military defeated the enemy. There have been only three; Grenada, the Cold War and Panama, that the US was allowed to claim victory by its own or by other bodies of power.
2. Business in the United States is divided into two parts, Management and Labor. When Labor (unions) wants something from Management and does not get it, it can strike. When Management wants something from Labor and can't get it, it can You know, I cannot think of a thing.
3. The American individual cannot be underestimated but the American mass is easily overestimated by optimistic conservatives, like me.
4. The medical dramas on TV today are about hypochondriacs who got lucky.
5. The only thing one can be sure of in a **Plan** is that something will go wrong before the goal is reached.
6. If you cannot imagine winning, you can't win.
7. I have decided to leave President Barak Hussein Obama out of my Random Thoughts for the term of his administration (as completely as I can) because I have NO random thoughts about him.
8. Today, I watched two eagles do a sky dance against bare trees and a drop-dead blue sky, for about a half an hour.
9. The Middle Class in the US is the economic situation between being comfortable and being uncomfortable.
10. Socialism is an economic system based on systematized and officially authorized theft.
11. As with any compass, a moral compass shows direction but does not proscribe the route.
12. When did capitalism become a passive, survival orientated economic system, instead of an aggressively creative system geared toward the future and profit?
13. "Always look for the simplest solution to any problem. It's when you start getting exotic that things begin to go wrong." **Belgarath the Sorcerer**
14. Liberals live in the present but not the real world. As a result, they have given up both the down and dirty and the Glory of living. The more liberal, the more ennui, followed by personalized boredom, what a way to spend 70 plus years.
15. "Only the Gods may look down the road we did not take." **The Conqueror** by Edison Marshall
16. I wish always to have the freedom to do good.

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17. It is always nice to profit from ones own misjudgments.
18. John Wayne said; "Don't apologize; it is a sign of weakness". Since his election (today's date is 6/8/09), Obama has been showing just how weak he is as the President of the United States, all over the planet.
19. The reason I do not like the current president of the US is that he is eroding my pride in my country.
20. This week three well-known people died; Farrah Fawcett, Ed McMahon and Michael Jackson. On the television, we have been subjected to the obituaries. There were two good ones but the Jackson coverage is a maudlin over do. I think Jackson wrote his own book, as did Farrah and Ed. Jackson's book is a warning and Ed and Farrah's are celebrations. Guess which I will read.
21. You may disapprove of my principals or of me having them but you may not disapprove or make me a criminal for having them.
22. A definition of a potentially "Great Man": a dyslectic who has given up on trying to be a *Normal*.
23. It is a good thing that Obama cut NASA's budget, because it will free up the entrepreneurial spirit of America to get into space and go into the solar system.
24. Fandom is the largest voluntary collective of random creativity on the planet.
25. The Democrats believe in; throw it away and get new, whether it be an item or a policy. The Republicans' on the other hand, would rather fix what kind of works and make it better.
26. The nation-state has no higher responsible than to survive War. *The History Channel 9/1/09*
27. Morgoth is dead, but Sauron lives in Obama.
28. I finally get it. Liberals think that the US fights wars to advance the nation: as has been true throughout human history. They do not understand that the US fights wars for the philosophy (creed) of the country, as adumbrated in the Declaration of the Independence, the Constitution and the Bill Of Rights.
29. The reason for the five (or 6, meaning intellect) human senses is that they are to act as a warning system. If the individual or the body politic cuts off its nose to spite its face, it is removing a natural safety protocol.
30. The nation is a train but the government is the wheels, not the engine.
31. The easiest way to attract attention is to make one's self a target.
32. The function of being an optimist is never to put one worry in front of another. Paraphrased out of, *It Happened On 5th Avenue* – 1947

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33. “There are only two types of animals on this planet: the gamblers and the extinct.” Ben Bova – *A Long Way Back*
34. The rudest thing that man ever created was the Berlin Wall and I practice trying to be as little like the Wall as I can be.
35. Mark Owings died on 12/30/09. With his passing, the civility of our community suffered a great loss. He was the gentlest person I knew in 65 years of living and his gift of calmness is now a fading whisper. The memory of him will never replace his presents and I am much the poorer for this reality.