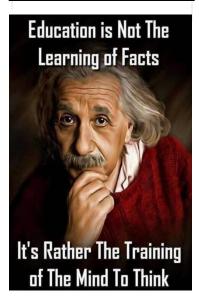


Someone posted on FB: Marriage is hard. Divorce is hard. Choose your hard. Obesity is hard. Being fit is hard. Choose your hard. Being in debt is hard. Discipline is hard. Choose your hard. Communication's hard No communing is hard Choose your hard. Life will never be easy. It will always be hard. But we can choose our Hard. Pick wisely.







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# ......Does My Life Count...?

When I read this post o in the left column, it made me rebel.... If life was this difficult, we would *all* be suicidal-in 2020! When I first read this post, it made me furious. It has **no** hope!

Yet, life is harder for some folks than others. For sure. Abuse and neglect or poverty are cruel masters and can make abandonment or being an orphan look better to some. I felt that as a child.

However, I learned a few things over my lifetime. Like, attitude determines altitude in your personal life! I had great mentors-and I found some of them at the library. I used libraries to escape abusers They were open a lot, and were safer than the streets to me! I say this so you can know that, I know what is 'hard...'

Life is hard in 2020 for many people. It's been a tough year, and people are eager for the new year – hoping the next one has *promise!* 

If I reread that post, I think of the innocence of little babies, puppy dogs and kittens. They bring out laughter and play in most people. Or the refreshing of water falls and spring rains. It reminds us that there is something beyond us .... A Creator perhaps.

Too many people can't see these things at all. They're too engrossed in the present and their own problems...nor can they see any future.

What is *this*...? It is a <u>mindset</u>-imprisoned by their *thinking*.It's a common phenomenon in today's society.

That's why I always say... Brains Matter.

It is shocking if you look into it - how people ignore the brain. Education is largely based on feelings today. Even higher education is now without deductive reasoning or critical thinking.Ideas are not welcomed at colleges anymore – while *this* was the reason 'why' people went to college!

The worth of ideas should be heralded...

Why? Think autos, cell phones, telephones, lightbulbs airplanes, NASA, medical devices, computers, laptops, software, heart transplants radios, microwaves, etc. ALL were IDEAS in people's mind at some point...

Brains DO Matter.-God gave you emotion a mind and a will. But use your Mind today!

**BreakEveryChain**on your mind! You cannot do this without the power of Jesus' Name, and an experience with God. It **can** happen to <u>YOU!</u> ....It is what happened to my mind too! You can be free of fear & depression,

But... How can you know you need freedom? Is your future outlook dismal? Do you have friends that support you, or you care about? Are you free to give your real self to others -

Can you be yourself around others? Then - your aren't free if you answered 'no'.

And, it is <u>all</u> in your Mind. I lived rejected until I was 48 yrs old.



Don't misunderstand this. I'm not perfect.... But I'M totally FREE to li Live and Love my life, surrounded by family and the dearest friends! And Jesus did it all...!

I responded to the previous post like this:

Life is not this HARD... Being single is wonderful To be retired is wonderful Living within my means is peaceful.

Being content with all I have is joyful. Having a grateful heart

helps me appreciate God and others. Knowing I have choices empowers my life....

How about you? Does Your Life Count? How can you measure it? (This topic is backside!)

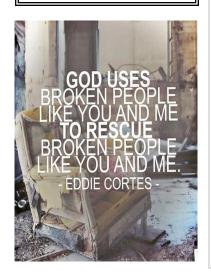
However, I want to ask you questions.
Have you discovered people yet? Or is your world 'all about you?' Have you discovered that God is good and can do a better job of guiding your life than YOU can do?That this is the original sin of doing our own thing "each to our own way"y and why Jesus died for you, Dear One.1

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Life is a Process and Your **Participation** Required.

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**Just Show UP** 



### Just Show UP....!

People today too often live in apathy. Especially Americans ... and believers too. They are asleep at the wheel of life... oblivious to what is really going on in their world.

Why? They aren't really involved unless with their circle of friends... friends are often like-minded too. Many Christians attend church several times weekly, leaving no time to really serve **God**! The first word of the Great Commission is to "GO"...

It's great to be with like-minded people - I love it - but, I have a question for readers. Why are we Here? For our own selves to satisfy all our wants? That's IT ...?

Are you a good steward of the Freedom we all enjoy? Do you teach your offspring about history and to Love America? They won't learn it in schools today! Are you involved in the world your child lives in? "

'God invites us to be people who make a difference. The most effective way to do that is by recognizing the power of prayer" A .Jackson, WOC

You may say "I just don't pay any attention to spiritual stuff. I can't even pronounce the names of some of those prophets...and what about Revelation?... That book is scary! I just focus on the main thing! How to get to heaven, & not go to hell."

If you can't figure this dilemma out, you're simply wandering the path of Life that God so graciously gave you! Getting to heaven means of "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." 2

That statement was made by Jesus. Saying a sentence prayer at an altar sounds holy, but this is the day you say Yes to Jesus, and *No to sin! If* it is a valid surrender.

Then, you are a new creation!3 The old has passed away and the new has come...a change of mind and disposition.4 You lose your taste for old behaviors, and really want to please and live for God! If that hasn't happened to you... you'd better be afraid. Very afraid.

Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life." People who are *alive* - get hungry! Don't let the world or "things" crowd out hunger for God's Word or spiritual growth! Stop being passive. Wake Up! You only have **one** life-Live it Now! "Each of you should use whatever gift you've received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's Grace.6

If you help & encourage others, you have found how to love God! I meet strangers regularly to give out Blessing Bags, and I feel the love God coursing through me for them! They often pray for me...! The love of God <u>is</u> shed abroad in our hearts.7 You'll never be more alive than when you realize you are serving a Living God....

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You Can't Change Your World, and Be Like It...!



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If you use a daily Devotional, 365 Bible Scriptures will be written on your heart each year...

## Ask Agatha — How Does God See YOU...?

Dear Agatha: Have you ever wondered what God sees in us? Amy

Dear Amy: Per His Word, God wants a family. He took the care to make us in His image & likeness. He portraved that Father & Son. Since He made us, we are His creation.

People can live their whole lives w/o acknowledging this! He gives them that option...but the end is not good. He wants from 118 acknowledgement... Paul was concerned by his Jewish brothers'

attitude - "they have a zeal for God, but not according to *knowledge* 

For being ignorant of the righteousness God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. Christ is the end of the law to everyone who believes."

These were religious zealots who didn't want to conform to the path that God had already making own. This defines every false religion and cult ...

Surprise will be their fate at the end! Are you enlightened? How does God see You, Dear One?

He sees you in HELL!

### Unless

You take the path He has carved out and submit to it! You are <u>not</u> God on any day of the week! Jesus did this for You

