

From Rain to Sunshine

Karen Levine

Can you imagine what a difficult time an American would have in a foreign country, if his only means of communication was the English language? This person probably has mixed emotions of what to expect. His heart must pound furiously, fearing what's in store. If you can sympathize with this American, then you will understand what it feels like to leave home.

I write this to you to prepare you for a different life style. I've never traveled throughout a foreign country, but I have experienced all the insecurities of entering the unknown. My anticipation of the future began with an acceptance letter I received from Montreat-Anderson College (located in North Carolina). Since I was presently living in Florida, I had to mentally prepare myself for the move.

Throughout the summer, I slowly purchased all the materials I would need. All the important papers were signed and in the mail. In addition, I received a notice of who my roommate would be for the 1985 school year. Everything was neatly falling into place. My next step was arriving to Montreat on time.

August 23, at 10:00 sharp, my family and I entered the welcoming gate's of Montreat. We were greeted by friendly, warm smiles along with several firm handshakes. The kindness displayed by the welcome committee eased the tension I was feeling. Although I was momentarily content, I dreaded the reality of leaving my mother.

All my life, from the time I was born, my mom has catered to my needs. She made sure I had enough food, clothing and comfort. When my soiled, grimy clothes yearned for their original brightness, Mom brought out the "Shout". When I needed someone to wipe away my tears, Mom was there with the Kleenex. Now as one advances to a new stage in life, these seldom thought of factors become visible. I was rudely awakened by the reality of having to become my own mother.

Another reason for writing this is to help you realize that college is a big step but it doesn't have to be a scary, unpleasant one. When I left home for college, fear capsized my entire body. I felt like a tiny worm waiting to be squashed by a giant. I lost my self-confidence. I convinced myself that my grades would definitely displease me. I made college seem like a climb up the steepest mountain during an ice storm. I gave all my fears and anxiety over to the Lord and He salted the pathway for me. Now I stand on top of the mountain.

The Purpose of Education

Michelle Swart

Many writers have expressed their views on education. Mark Twain said: "Training is everything. The peach was once a bitter almond; cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education." Robert Frost stated: "Education is...hanging around until you have caught on." Since I would like to become a writer, I'll share my ideas on the purpose of education now instead of keeping you in suspense until I become famous.

There are three basic purposes of education. The first is to be able to support oneself and contribute to family income. Second, an education enables one to serve others and help

those in need. Most importantly, education helps one to glorify God, which is "the chief end of man."

Supporting oneself is important in today's world. Dependency on others is unwise, as 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 says: "Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life...and to work with your hands...so that you will not be dependent on anybody." Education helps one to secure a good job.

Serving others is another purpose for education. It enables one to contribute to the material needs of others and help them through one's abilities. As an aspiring journalist, I believe that by communicating the truth, I

can better the lives of others.

The most important purpose of education is glorifying God. A well known advertisement says: "Be all that you can be-join the army." One could say: "Be all that you can be" for God's glory. Reaching our potential and using our talents for His honor brings Him glory. Growing in our knowledge of His truth, whether in math, science, or from His Word, is another means of bringing Him glory. Finally, effectively communicating the truth honors Him.

In conclusion, the purpose of education is to enhance one's life, serve others effectively, and glorify God.



Problems of the Eighties

Andy Pearson

As America enters the mid-1980's there are a multitude of serious problems our generation faces. I wish to call your attention to one of the most important and controversial issues ever to be discussed in modern society. This issue is how do we get rid of that terrible yuck that collects around the mouth of the ketchup bottle. This isn't totally new to most of you, and I'm sure there's a special place deep inside all of you that yearns to know how this "Black Plague" of 20th century can be brought to its knees.

Let's say you're at Aunt Edna's annual picnic. After Edna makes her usual speech about her secret recipe in the chicken, you immediately reach for the ketchup. After opening the bottle you find that the tantalizing smell of tomatoes has been ruined by the sight of moldy, month old tomato paste clinging to the rim of the bottle. Of course you don't want to throw the bottle down in disgust, that would simply crush dear old Edna. In desperation, you try to salvage what little courage you have and calmly wipe the mouth of the bottle with your napkin. However you find this doesn't work so well. There are shreds of napkin now stuck to the neck of the bottle and you have nothing to wipe your hands with. Needless to say it is not a pretty sight.

Luckily, most of us don't have to worry about those get-togethers more than once or twice a year. So what about the rest of the 360-some-odd days of the year? Our own refrigerators are dens of filth when it comes to America's number one problem, as rated by the "Better Homes

and Hoagies Magazine". We run to the market weekly and buy tons of bottles and jars of everything imaginable, including ketchup, and then leave them abandoned in the frig. to rot.

The problem is there, but how do we solve it? Probably the most sensible answer to this problem is this: Use the whole bottle of ketchup at one time. This may solve the problem but your grocery bill may become impossible to live with. There is undoubtedly a better answer, but I'm not sure what it is.

Perhaps the problem is in the pouring of the ketchup itself. There have been many people to try the "twist of the wrist" approach. This is where you pour the ketchup slowly and then give the bottle a twist and a turn upward with a slight pivoting motion. However, we are dealing with a bottle of ketchup and not a bottle of fine imported chablis. This may only be used in your finer dining affairs.

If you're a regular kind of guy like me you're not worried about what to do with a new bottle of ketchup. Instead you're worried about what to do with the old one that has already been contaminated. If all else fails, there's always the trusty "chisel method". However, trying this could be hazardous. Kids, please don't try this at home. Those ketchup chips are sharp!

This question may never be answered. I need your help. If you have any creative or even down right practical ideas just submit them to the Aletheia box located in the front office. Who knows, there might be a Nobel Prize in it for you.

Facts

About 28% of all Americans are on a weight-loss diet at any given time, according to a recent survey by the Wheat Industry Council.

Alcohol is implicated in at least two thirds of all homicides and suicides and half of all automobile fatalities.

An "enriched" food can actually be relatively nutrient-poor. Commercial white bread is a good example: of the 20 or so nutrients depleted by processing, only four are usually put back into the enriched bread.

Popeye was wrong. Spinach isn't a particularly good source of iron because the absorption of its iron by the body is blocked by other substances in it.

The Lighter Side

Karen Robertson

Have you been down lately? Need a little cheering up? Have a laugh on me and your fellow Montreat students as you read the newest question of the week...

If you caught your boyfriend/girlfriend going out with _____, what would you do? P.S. _____ is his/her parents!!

Rebecca Burke- "I'd let it slide, just this once."

Randy Mallard- "Get mad and leave."

Melinda Taylor- "Discuss with him whether we should date around instead of being serious."