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**A LIBERAL EXPLAINS:**

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**NO MATTER WHAT A BUSINESS OWNER BELIEVES, CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOT BE DENIED SERVICE BECAUSE THEY'RE GAY.**

**THEY SHOULD BE DENIED SERVICE BECAUSE THEY'RE CONSERVATIVE.**

**COLORADO BAKERY CASE**

**RED HEN RESTAURANT INCIDENT**

**Maudie's Naughties**



**The Atheist and The Bear**

An atheist is hiking through the Red River Gorge. "What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he says to himself.

As he is walking alongside the river he hears a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turns to look. He sees a huge male bear charging towards him. He runs as fast as he can up the trail. He looks over his shoulder and sees that the bear is closing in on him. He looks over his shoulder again, and the bear is even closer. He trips and falls on the ground. He rolls over to pick himself up but sees the bear right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant the Atheist cries out: "Oh, my God! . . ."

Time stops. The bear freezes. The forest is silent. As a bright light shines upon the man, a voice comes out of the sky: "You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist, and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looks directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask You to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps . . . could you make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well," says the voice. The light goes out. The sounds of the forest resume. And then the bear drops his right paw, brings both paws together, bows his head and speaks: "Lord, bless this food, which I am about to receive . . ."

**Identifying Bears**

Q: How do you visually tell the difference between a black bear and a grizzly bear?

A: When you see the bear, climb a tree. If it climbs up the tree and kills you, it's a black bear. If it knocks the tree down and kills you, it's a grizzly bear.

**More Bear Identification**

In light of the rising frequency of human/grizzly bear conflicts, the Alaska Department of Fishing and Gaming is advising hikers, hunters, and fishermen to take extra precautions and keep alert of bears while in the field. The department has posted the following notice:

We advise that outdoorsmen wear noisy little bells on their clothing so as not to startle any bears.

We also advise outdoorsmen to carry pepper spray with them in case of an encounter with a bear.

It is also a good idea to watch out for fresh signs of bear activity. Outdoorsmen should recognize the difference between black bear and grizzly bear feces. Black bear feces is smaller and contains lots of berries and squirrel fur. Grizzly bear feces has little bells in it and smells like pepper.

**Bears in Needmore**

"Pa," says Junior. "I know why they haven't caught that bear that attacked the man in the Gorge. He's changing colors."

"How's that," asks Pa.

"Well, it was a brown bear that attacked the man, but they say the bear was spotted in Lee County."

"Pa," says Little Julie. "How come we don't have bears up here in Needmore."

"Well," says Pa. "Bears eat berries and table scraps from the garbage. We like berries, so we pick them all. And folks around Needmore don't leave enough scraps to keep a mouse alive, let alone a bear."

**Prayerful Encounter**

An Arctic explorer comes face to face with a polar bear. Afraid of being eaten, he falls to his knees and starts praying. When the polar bear kneels down beside him and starts praying too, the man shouts, "It's a miracle!" The polar bear opens one eye and says "Don't talk while I'm saying grace."

**Bear Tales**

A papa polar bear, a mama polar bear, and a baby polar bear get stranded on an ice-floe and drift out to sea. They decide to tell stories to pass the time. Papa tells his favorite story about the time he outwits a hunter. Mama tells a story about the time she tricks a seal into coming for lunch.

Then Papa turns to the baby bear. "What's your story, son?" he asks. The baby bear shivers. "My tail's cold!" he replies.

**The Checkup**

An 80-year-old man is having his annual checkup, and the doctor asks him how he is feeling.

"I've never been better!" he boasts. "I've got an eighteen year old bride who's pregnant, and having my child! What do you think about that?"

The doctor considers this for a moment, then says, "Let me tell you a story. I know a guy who is an avid hunter. He never misses a season. But one day he goes out in a bit of a hurry, and he accidentally grabs his umbrella instead of his gun."

The doctor continues, "So he is in the woods, and suddenly a grizzly bear appears in front of him! He raises up his umbrella, points it at the bear, and squeezes the handle."

"And do you know what happened?" the doctor queries.

Dumbfounded, the old man replies "No."

The doctor continues, "The bear drops dead in front of him!"

"That's impossible!" exclaims the old man. "Someone else must have shot that bear."

"That's kind of what I'm getting at . . ." replies the doctor.

**Attention Veterans** KDVA SERVING KY VETS

The Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the **Estill County Public Library**, 246 Main Street in Irvine, on Thursday, July 5th and normally the first Thursday of each month. The hours are 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Veterans and their dependants will receive assistance filing for Federal and State veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free within Kentucky, 1-866-376-0308, to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

**Church News**

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**Saturday, July 7th @ 6:00pm**

**Gospel Singing at Pine Hill**

Pine Hill Baptist Church on Barnes Mountain Road at Doe Creek, will be having a Gospel Singing this coming Saturday, July 7, 2018, starting at 6 p.m.

Featured group will be the Robert Mays Jr. Singers. There will be refreshments afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

**NOTICE**

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**Seeds of Hope**

Religion is an illusion of the emotions," declared Sigmund Freud the psychiatrist, "and its funeral is at hand." Frederick Nietzsche one day announced, "God is dead!"

No doubt that their gods died with them but our God is alive! Proclaimed the Psalmist in Psalm 97:1, "The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad!"

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," wrote Moses. And He never abandoned nor cast aside His role in controlling it. He continues to be the source and sustainer of all its life, the strength in all of its movements and the power behind its journey.

The earth spins like a top at a speed of 1,000 miles per hour without ever speeding up or slowing down so that we might have a predictable number of hours for each day and night. It is tilted at a specific angle that causes our seasons. And these two facts are simply the beginning of the marvelous miracles of our earth. And why is this so? To demonstrate the fact that "The Lord reigns."

Our sun maintains a temperature that is warm enough to sustain us but never hot enough to burn us intentionally or freeze us to death when winter arrives. Why this consistency that we never question? "The Lord reigns."

Wherever we look and whatever we study we see a pattern of consistency and continuity, predictability and potential. God does reign. God does rule. And because He does, we can rest assured in His love and salvation.

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