



"What Are YOU Listening For????"

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A grandfather and his teenager were walking downtown, on Michigan Ave. near The Water Tower. It was during the noon lunch hour and the streets were filled with people. Cars were honking their horns, taxicabs were squealing around corners, sirens were wailing, and the sounds of the city were almost deafening. Suddenly, Grandpa said, "I hear a cricket."

The teenager said, "What? You must be crazy. You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all of this noise!"

"No, I'm sure of it," Grandpa said, "I heard a cricket."

"That's crazy," said the teenager.

Grandpa listened carefully for a moment, and then walked across the street to a big cement planter where some shrubs were growing. He looked into the bushes, beneath the branches, and sure enough, he located a small cricket. The teenager was utterly amazed and said,

"That's incredible, you must have super-human ears!"

"No," said Grandpa, "my ears are no different from yours, it all depends on what you're listening for."

"But that can't be!" said the teenager, "I could never hear a cricket in this noise."

"Yes, it's true," came the reply. "It depends on what is really important to you. Here, let me show you."

Grandpa reached into his pocket, pulled out a few coins, and discreetly dropped them on the sidewalk. And then, with the noise of the crowded street still blaring in their ears, they noticed every head within twenty feet turn and look to see if the money that tinkled on the pavement was theirs.

"See what I mean?" asked Grandpa, "It all depends on what's important to you."What is important to you? What do you listen for? Some people say that there is no G-d, or that He never speaks to us anymore. But perhaps they can't see or hear Him because they are not listening for Him. They are living for themselves, not for G-d.

If you are in tune with G-d, you will be able to notice Him, at work, in your life and in the world. And you'll also be able to hear Him when He speaks, and "drops a few coins" for you to pick up.

Some interesting thoughts about life, that have been around for a long time, and are still applicable today, enjoy.

Noah's Ark: Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark. 1) Don't miss the boat. 2) Remember that we are all in the same boat! 3) Plan ahead, it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark. 4) Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big. 5) Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done. 6) Build your future on high ground. 7) For safety's sake, travel in pairs. 8) Speed isn't always necessary, the snails were on board with the cheetahs. 9) When you're stressed, float awhile. 10) Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals. 11) No matter the storm, when you are with G-d, there's always a rainbow waiting....hmmm..

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On behalf of ALL your Chaplains, May G-d bless you and keep you safe.

Have an enjoyable, safe, and blessed summer.

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