



American Weekly Inspiration

Some of you did not receive the message sent on 3-12-08 until 3-18-08. We apologize for the delay.

Thoughts for today and every day:

“The time to win a fight is before it starts.”

Frederick W. Lewis

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“If you create an act, you create a habit. If you create a habit, you create a character. If you create a character, you create a destiny.” Adre Maurois (1885-1967), novelist and essayist

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“Don’t make friends who are comfortable to be with. Make friends who will force you to lever yourself up.” Thomas J. Watson, Sr. (1874-1956) founder of IBM

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“I don’t think change is stressful. I think failure is stressful.”

Bob Stearns, Venture capitalist

American Update:

We are just a few days away from Easter weekend. There are some unusual facts regarding Easter this year that you can read below. It is something to share with your family this weekend as many of you enjoy time together and celebrating the reason for the season.

Our **National/International Championship** is just 10 days away and we look forward to welcoming over 130 teams including Australia Drill-Dance Team from Adelaide. We hope many of you will want to attend and see some of the fantastic performances.

Some of you are already thinking ahead to contest season 2009. If you would like a copy of our **2009 Contest Dates** sent by e-mail, simply reply to this e-mail with your request. It will also be linked to our web site.

It is not too early to plan for summer camps. See the camp locations, dates and prices on our web site. If you would like a PDF copy of our **2008 Summer Camp brochure**, simply reply to this e-mail and request that it be sent to you by e-mail. The camp brochures will be in the mail within the next two weeks.

Inspiration of the Week:

Interesting facts about this year's Easter Date

Easter this year is: Sunday, March 23, 2008.

Easter is always the 1st Sunday after the 1st full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar.

Found out a couple of things you might be interested in! Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare.

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see the rest of our lives! And only the most elderly of our population have ever seen it this early (95 years old or above!). And none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier!

Here are the facts:

The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913 (so if you're 95 or older, you are the only ones that were around for that!).

The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

DRINK, STEAL, SWEAR & LIE

I met this guy while I was in Albuquerque and he has a motto he lives by everyday. He said listen carefully and live by these 4 rules : Drink, Steal, Swear, & Lie.

I was shaking my head 'no', but he then told me to listen while he explained his four rules. So here they are :

- 1.. "Drink" from the "everlasting cup" every day.*
- 2.. "Steal" a moment to help someone that is in worse shape than you are.*
- 3.. "Swear" that you will be a better person today than yesterday.*
- 4.. And last, but not least, when you "lie" down at night thank God you live in America and have freedom.*