

# A Nation Run By Idiots...Article by Jeff Foxworthy

If you can get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for entering and remaining in the country illegally...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If you have to get your parent's permission to go on a field trip or to take an aspirin in school, but not to get an abortion...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If the government wants to prevent stable, law-abiding citizens from owning gun magazines that hold more than ten rounds, but gives twenty F-16 fighter jets to the crazy new leaders in Egypt...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If, in the nation's largest city, you can buy two 16-ounce sodas, but not one 24-ounce soda, because 24-ounces of a sugary drink might make you fat...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If an 80-year-old woman who is confined to a wheelchair or a three-year-old girl can be strip-searched by the TSA at the airport, but a woman in a burka or a hijab is only subject to having her neck and head searched...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If a seven-year-old boy can be thrown out of school for saying his teacher is "cute" but hosting a sexual exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots. If hard work and success are met with higher taxes and more government regulation and intrusion while not working is rewarded with Food Stamps, WIC checks, Medicaid benefits, subsidized housing, and free cell phones...you might live in a nation that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.



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## The Numbers Game

by Derin Carmack

Numbers, Numbers, Numbers...the GOD you serve is a Creator of order. He created nothing in confusion, nor does He have anything to do with confusion today, unless it is to confuse the enemy. He used numbers in creation, and it is important, as His creation, that we are comfortable with numbers. GOD uses numbers all through the Bible. Noah and his sons worked for 120 years, building a vessel that would float on the water through 40 days and 40 nights of downpour. Moses spent 40 days on the mountain with the LORD. The children of Israel spent 40 years in the wilderness. JESUS spent 40 days in the wilderness without food or water, praying and doing battle with satan. Jonah spent 3 days and nights in the belly of the great fish. JESUS spent 3 days and nights in the belly of the earth and was then resurrected.

All the way through Scripture you see the significance of numbers and dates. Often you turn to the numbers and dates that seem to frame your world - your birthday and the birthdays of those who are close to you, and special days on your calendar. Numbers take on more significance as you grow up. There are so many numbers that you have to keep straight in order for your days to be successful - social security #, your driver's license #, the codes for your computer and smartphone, etc. Yes, your body even functions on number systems. You are uniquely identified with your own DNA, your own genetic code, which is a long sequence of numbers.

You may notice that on your credit card, there is a numerical code and, of course, an expiration date...the length of time the card is valid. There are also expiration dates for mankind...and specifically your life. Psalm 90:12 says, **"Teach us to number our days - to see the seriousness of our lives - so we may present to Thee a heart of Wisdom."**

The LORD has already numbered your days on this earth; He has determined your expiration date (everyone has an appointment with GOD). That expiration date only applies to your physical life here on earth; by choosing JESUS, you have Eternal Life, and your spirit continues beyond your expiration here in this physical body. You can fear your expiration date, or you can see it as "moving day" to live with JESUS fulltime.

Your life on this earth is dictated by weeks of numbers. It's important to note that there are 168 hours in a week. You have the opportunity to make the most of those 168 hours, or to waste them. I know...you're saying, "There just aren't enough hours in a week to get everything done!" Oh, but there are! Can I suggest a few things to challenge you to change your mind about not having enough time. For one week keep track of the time you spend...

\_\_\_\_ Sleeping; \_\_\_\_ Working; \_\_\_\_ Eating (don't cheat:); \_\_\_\_ Getting dressed, bathing...personal hygiene; \_\_\_\_ Commuting and listening to Derin LIVE! Radio ([Call To Freedom now](http://www.CallToFreedom.org)); \_\_\_\_ Watching T.V., surfing the internet, texting; \_\_\_\_ Working out and Exercising; \_\_\_\_ Reading Your Bible: Daily \_\_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_\_

Matthew 4:4 states it very clearly: **"Man shall not live on bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of GOD."** Can you change some of your habits to become more productive? You sure can! And the hours won't put you in more pressure, but may do the opposite. You may find that you have more hours to do the things that you really love...

**Spending time with your Heavenly Father!**



## Those Who Honored D-Day -



Every year, the French have a 4-day memorial service in Normandy, complete with American uniforms, tanks, jeeps, etc. June 6, 2015 was the 70th anniversary of D-Day, the largest invasion ever attempted, led by General Dwight D. Eisenhower. European heads of state make it a point to honor the sacrifices of the United States as do all our former Presidents. Every President has chosen to visit the D-Day Memorial in France, and for the past 71 years, each one has taken time to honor the memory and the sacrifices of the 6,000 American soldiers killed on that single day - June 6, 1944 on the beaches of Normandy. Can you name all the Presidents since 1945?

## Victory Over the Storms of Life!

"We've all been there...you and I both know the times when we thought the storms of life would sweep us right under its raging current. You might be there right now. It could be a torrent of medical bills; job loss could be tossing your family about; your child's health concerns may be unrelenting; you could be enduring one of your child's worst school years ever, transitioning from childhood to adulthood.

I don't like violent waves. They are impressive to watch from the safety of a dry, comfortable, enclosed area, but certainly no closer. Getting battered about by them accentuates my weakness and naturally brings a fear of not making it out alive. I choke and flail when these waters are pounding me. I gasp for life, and I find them so exhausting; yet, I know that my Lifeguard is the One who walks on water. With a simple word, He can bring calm. His rescuing grasp on me is so solid and strong that I never need fear being taken from His hands. What comfort this brings me amidst those wicked waves! I am blessed to know that GOD's Song will be with me in the night: **"...even though Your waves and breakers have swept over me...You, LORD, will command Your loving-kindness in the daytime, and Your song will be with me in the night...."** (Psalm 42:7-8)

I still have an unshakable hope...He is there with me; I don't go alone. In the end, I will still be found standing, in His secret place...in His awesome shadow (Psalm 91:1). He is my refuge and strength during those times!"

In those impossible life circumstances that threaten to drown you, GOD proves anew who He is. It's times like these when the bank account is empty and home foreclosure seems imminent, when your child's life is at risk and the doctors are baffled, when divorce seems to be the only way out of your frayed and torn marriage...yes, it is at these humanly hopeless times like this when the LORD proves the nickname He has awesomely earned in your life, **"The GOD of the impossible situation!"** For when it's impossible with men...**GOD is just beginning!** (Mark 10:27)

What are you facing now, Friend? Is there anything too big for Him? (see Jeremiah 32:27) Rest assured that the mighty Creator, Who spoke the world into existence is with you in those pounding waves and has you by the hand. He will make Himself known to you in these very challenging times...if only you look up.

**PRAY: "JESUS, my Rescuer, I cry out to You as I am battered by life's turmoil. Help me to feel Your comforting grasp today. Bring to mind all of the times in the past where you have delivered me from impossible circumstances...and let me rest in the peace of trusting You."**



## Confessions of a Soft Drink...

Hello, I am a humble, effervescent liquid. Well, that's not exactly true; actually, I'm quite proud of myself...I fizz, sparkle and bubble my way into people's lives every day.

### I Have Much Power!

I cause masses of humanity to make beelines for snack dispensers in Office Buildings, Hospitals, Schools, etc. I stir men, women and teenagers to dash to their cars late at night to speed to the nearest 24-hour convenience store. I motivate others to root through their purses or pockets for the last vestiges of pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters with which they will gladly part in exchange for me. The best thing about me is...

### I Am Addictive...!

I am responsible for giving thousands of addicts their daily "fixes." This is because I sometimes contain a substance called "caffeine", which is a stimulant. It makes their hearts beat very fast and makes their nervous systems work like crazy. They feel as though they could take on the world, I tell you...

### I Have Overwhelming Personal Magnetism!

I contain "caramel coloring", which effects genetics and is a cancer-causing suspect. I sometimes have polyethylene glycol as one of my ingredients (if you can't pronounce it, don't drink it or eat it!) Glycol is used as anti-freeze in automobiles and as an oil solvent.

The bubbles and fizz contain phosphoric acid and carbon dioxide, which potently burn human's insides. The phosphorus fights with the hydrochloric acid in human stomachs, causing indigestion, bloating and "gassiness" in many individuals. SACCHARIN in my "diet" drink is an artificial sweetener, which has been shown to cause cancer in laboratory animals. And ASPARTAME, another artificial sweetener, has been linked to convulsions, depression, insomnia, irritability, weakness, dizziness, headaches, mood changes, mental retardation and cancer.

(submitted by George Slough, Thomas Duncan, Wilson Publishers)



## Home Of Refuge

### Saving the Lost...Loving the Unlovable



"Tony and Rosa, we are with you for the long haul." Those words were spoken to us in 1997, nearly 20 years ago, during a time when we felt the vision consuming our hearts to rescue orphans and to love the unlovable; but we also felt a tremendous need for people who would come alongside us and believe in the work to which GOD had called us. Finances seemed an unending (and most times, insurmountable!) challenge, and we experienced feelings of real loneliness in the ministry. Who else cared about children in Venezuela eating from the city dump and labeled as "society's discards"? We realized that one reality presented itself time and time again: we could not accomplish the work all by ourselves; we needed others who would walk with us on the journey. GOD began bringing people into our lives who would join us.



A turning point took place when GOD orchestrated our paths to cross with those of Derin and Barbara Carmack from Denver, CO. Derin and Barbara began to not only financially support our vision to rescue children, they also spoke wisdom, life, and encouragement to our hearts, which filled us with tremendous faith and hope for the ministry. "...We are with you for the long haul", Derin told us. Little did we realize what a faithful couple GOD had brought into our lives, or how many years that statement would encompass. For the next twelve years, Derin and Barbara consistently and sacrificially gave to the Home of Refuge, ensuring that the children's needs were met. On August 5, 2009, Derin went to be with the LORD, but Barbara has faithfully continued to live out the powerful words they spoke in 1997, and to this day she has financially and prayerfully given to this ministry! Our hearts are grateful and humbled by such a demonstration of GOD's faithfulness. While there is no way to count all of the children that have entered GOD's kingdom as a result of their giving, one thing is for certain: this ministry is still in existence and impacting lives today because of their faithfulness! **To the Pow'r Partners of Call To Freedom: THANK YOU!**

**Tony & Rosa - Home of Refuge - Peru**