



With Sympathy

RIP
Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of an old friend, Common Sense.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- Knowing when to come in out of the rain;
- Why the early bird gets the worm;
- Life isn't always fair;
- and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and time-honoured old-fashioned ideas (such as adults, not children, are in charge).

His health deteriorated rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. The idea that everyone should be safe all the time and that someone should be sued or pay compensation whenever something bad happens eroded his health.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense seemed to fade visibly as the churches became tax-free businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. He took a beating when you people lost the right to defend them self from a burglar and the burglar could sue you for assault. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouth-wash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. Common Sense was buried next to his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his simple funeral because so few realized he was gone and the number who remember him is declining with each passing day.



"He has departed from our midst, full of years, indeed, and of glory." — Pliny the Younger (A.D. 100)