## THINGS THAT IT TOOK ME 50 YEARS TO LEARN

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- 1. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
- 2. If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, & never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be "meetings"
- 3. There is a very fine line between "hobby" and "mental illness."
- 4. People who want to share their religious views with you almost never want you to share yours with them.
- 5. And when God, who created the entire universe with all of its glories, decides to deliver a message to humanity, He WILL NOT use, as His messenger, a person on cable TV with a bad hairstyle.
- 6. You should not confuse your career with your life.
- 7. No matter what happens, somebody will find a way to take it too seriously.
- 8. When trouble arises and things look bad, there is always one individual who perceives a solution and is willing to take command. Very often, that individual is crazy.
- 9. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

- 10. Never lick a steak knife.
- 11. Take out the fortune before you eat the cookie.
- 12. The most powerful force in the universe is gossip.
- 13. You will never find anybody who can give you a clear & compelling reason why we observe daylight savings time.
- 14. You should never say anything to a woman that even remotely suggests that you think she's pregnant unless you can see an actual baby emerging from her at that moment.
- 15.. There comes a time when you should stop expecting other people to make a big deal about your birthday- That time is age 11
- 16. The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status or ethnic background, is that, deep down inside, we ALL believe that we are above-average drivers.
- 17. The main accomplishment of almost all organized protests is to annoy people who are not in them.
- 18. A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person. (This is very important. Pay attention. It never fails.)
- 19. Your friends love you anyway.