

Email composed by Danelle Brown to Human Garden on September 4, 2002.

I'll have some of both please.

Sylvia said:

>P.S. Why do physics guys ask girls out on dates over
>the physics lab phone? It makes me depressed, especially
>when I like them.

To which David replied:

>I don't understand this statement. There is a phone in the physics >lab? And they use
this phone to call and ask you out? Why is this >depressing?
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>I'm a physics guy... would you go out with me?
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>David

To which Sylvia responded:

Whoops, sorry about being unclear. I was a little pressed for time. No, I meant to say that they use the phone in the lab to ask girls out, where the rest of us can hear them. It's just not such a private place to ask out a person, and I guess my hat goes off to them for being so open. I wouldn't do it. But when it's a guy you like asking another girl out in front of you, your heart sinks to your shoes and you're kinda crushed for the rest of the day, non? C'est la vie. <Le sigh>

Good thing I've got other crushes to focus on, and get crushed by. Is that why they call them 'crushes'?

ARE you a physics guy? You're probably just teasing me; I can never tell when I'm being teased. I would consider going out with you, physics or no, but I'm pretty hesitant when it comes to chillin' with people I met online -- and can you really blame me? (Who is it that says they're a loser magnet? Sometimes I feel like I have that same problem.) And not that I restrict crushes to physics guys. I've been trying to avoid them since my last major physics boy crush blow-out, but I think I forgot the lesson I learned. I'll have to learn it again, I suppose.

As long as you have a love for learning and interesting/funny things to say, you could turn my head. And a testimony. And a really fast car. ;)

I'm sure you're all utterly fascinated by my taste in men. So glad I divulged.

-Sylvia ;D

When are we going to have a nekkid jello poll? I need a break from burning brain glucose. glycogen? sugar?

Heck, while I'm at it...

(DISCLAIMER! This email got really long because I decided to talk politics. That was probably a really dumb idea. Well, if you're not bored out of your mind, then maybe you could rip this next brain dump to shreds.)

I am a conservative republican not because I have a cold, cold heart, but because I believe in extending freedoms & opportunities to EVERY individual. (Also, to not tax them to death with stupid taxes, but to let them be adult and responsible that they may continue in the pursuit of happiness and liberty. Whether or not they actually pursue is their responsibility.) I just sat through my first ever American Heritage class and we learned about the Human Predicament. This was my first time hearing about said Dilemma, but it made SO MUCH SENSE!

Phase one: You have tyranny - one or a precious few of the country that wear the 'fancy' pants, while everyone else suffers in poverty (and are beaten or killed if they speak out against the injustice). Why? Because the poverty and fear [of punishment] and lack of opportunities keeps these people in their place. But then comes a time when these masses of people say "Enough is ENOUGH" and revolt, phase two. Phase three: once the 'dictator' is gone, there is a vacuum left in that place, which is normally filled by competing groups vying for power. This is not unlike the Russian mafia, or tribal groups in Africa that invade and leave entire villages as corpses, trying to get people to give them power. And those competing groups are the fourth phase. Kinda makes ya sick, doesn't it. The 'Might is Right' philosophy.

Alright, think globally. How is most of the world run? Do they enjoy the same freedoms we Americans do? And I'm not talking about just the U.S. or Europe. Yeah, sure, socialism, communism, and according to some Americans, even Anarchy are "beautiful ideas," but [most of] the people that normally endorse these ideas [Marx, Fidel, etc.] WANT TO RULE YOUR LIVES, TAKE AWAY YOUR FREEDOMS (China), BEAT YOU INTO SUBMISSION (Saddam), EXERT POWER OVER YOU, build fancy palaces on the people's backs (Louis XIV). Seriously. Maybe not at first, but in their heart of hearts. And their flattering words help to sway you to believing they'll deliver what they promise. Not all at once do they show their true colors. They'll turn up the heat on you like how everyone talks about boiling frogs without having them jump out of the pot. (One Question: Why DO people from other countries with socialized/universal health care come to the U.S. for major operations? Do YOU think I think that said health care is a good idea or a "risky scheme"?)

Absolute power corrupts absolutely, as we've seen since civilization began (unless the King Immanuel - God with Us - is the one doing the ruling). Egyptian Pharaohs, Assyrian Warlords, Roman conquerors. Only a handful of kings and other leaders can pull off "the beautiful dream" successfully, and usually b/c they let divine influence into their lives and became servants of the people, i.e. King Benjamin, King Hezekiah, etc. But the peace, protection, and prosperity doesn't last for long. When they die, usually they have a wicked son or the people start worshipping idols, apostatizing, forgetting God, etc.

I love this country. I love what it stands for. I love our freedoms and the choices we are ALLOWED to make. Not everyone in the world gets what we get, and with that definitely comes the responsibility to help them out any way we can. Whether or not people choose to take these opportunities in our nation depends on their courage, integrity, and discipline. Unfortunately, many 'underprivileged' people never learned these two critical values in the home because their parents never really learned them either, and so on. And like the prophets say, the failure to teach correct principles in the home is what sets up a lot of the kids in our nation for failure. They won't likely learn these principles anywhere else. We're a nation built and run on ideas & principles and when people stop caring about having i & p and keeping these freedoms, we're going to be set up for a world of hurt. I'm sorry, but it seems our nation is fostering stupidity. It's cool to be stupid. It's insulting to be an 'overachiever.' These brainy people are ridiculed, but I'll tell ya, they are secretly being envied.

I think it's a tool Satan is using. We have all this incredible information on the internet, wherein we could all become more educated and aware of what's going on in the world, but what is it mostly being used for? Porn. We have all this amazing educational stuff available on video, but we're too busy renting movies we've seen a million times, wasting our lives in front of the idiot box instead of confronting the myriad of problems and overcoming them. Do we even have enough time in this day and age to do something worthwhile and something that could make an impact, or would it get in the way of our social lives, wherein we "hang out" with our friends and talk about nothing of substance? I'm as guilty as the next person of memorizing every line in *Dumb & Dumber*, but I have seen the foolishness and uselessness of my ways and am now trying to make a difference. I have finally realized that the government can't make a difference, an improvement, in people's lives if they aren't willing to make a difference in the first place. Sure, keep at status quo. Who cares about what's going on around you? It takes too much TIME to be informed, and what can you really do if you were informed? I think this mentality is what Satan would LOVE for us to believe. The Lord wants us to make a difference, and the difference cannot be made in a decree from the government. To make a difference must come from the heart of the individual when they decide there are better things to do in this life than become just another guppy with their ignorant friends or rooted in front of a television set.

Another thought: Why else do you think the prophets are counseling to strengthen the families? They're not just speaking to members, they're speaking to everybody. You CAN keep this nation from going to pot. Have family dinner with your kids (or roommates). Talk to them. Reach out. Care. Get to know them. Give them love. Educate them. Read to them. Let them know they are WORTH SOMETHING and that if they put their minds to it, they can do anything. Make a sacrifice of yourself to them. Don't be selfish. If you chose to be a parent, you chose to be a servant and a guide and guardian to them. The only way to raise them up in correct principles and to give them the love they so desperately desire is by sacrificing your selfish desires for them to raise them up in the ways of the Lord. Don't drop them off at Day Care. What a slap in the face it must be for them.

Make them feel loved and special. If all parents were to do this for their children, I think most or all of society's ills would vanish. The root of all the problems we're having comes from people who think they are worth nothing, that no one cares about them. Can a government provide what a parent or friend did not, with money? You tell me. On average, do you see government programs working? No. It is up to the individual whether or not they are going to reach out and care for another individual.

Children are the future, and make sure they are properly raised. And get involved in your community and let others know that it's the best thing in the world to strengthen your homes! Make your community a better place and people will follow your lead. Start small and people will notice and become interested and TRY to make a difference when they see the fruits of your own labors.

I think once ignorance and crummy home-life is overcome, many of our nation's problems can be solved. We also need to keep God's commandments, or surely we are going to be swept off. It's happened before and it can happen again. Seriously. Don't let them take God out of our nation. If our founding fathers thought it was important, by golly it's important.

Another thought: You can throw all the money you want at a problem, but it isn't going to go away until people realize that in a great nation such as ours where freedoms are so commonplace, that "they are the captains of their fates," that it's really up to them (and not bureaucrats and money) if conditions are going to change for the better or worse. That's almost like a JFK thing to say: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Which is a democratic thing to say. Like I said, I believe in your Democratic principles. Just not the people that endorse them. (Bill Clinton, whoremonger extraordinaire; let's call things as they are.) I don't want someone who sets the commandments at naught to run this country, democratic or republican, because the people tend to emulate their leaders. "Sure, adultery is no big deal! Everybody's doing it." Unfortunately, it appears that Bush has been involved in these lying, embezzling, fraudulent big businesses. And I wish he hadn't, b/c he seemed like he could really be the one to help the nation out. (Probably many of you so-called liberals are rolling your eyes.) Which brings me to another freedom! The FREEDOM OF SPEECH, which we ALL relish in!!! Here here!!! to the FREEDOM OF SPEECH! (Whether or not people will listen depends on if you can keep your emails from becoming novels.)

You want to know one reason why we live on the high hog now in America? Because of the foresight of our founding fathers, or we would've plunged right into the anarchy and dictatorships that usually pervade an overthrow in government. And because of the freedoms they set up, we get to enjoy the benefits. Even the poor in the U.S. have a TON more than the vast majority of people in the rest of the world, eating beans and rice and living in tiny grass huts, if they're LUCKY.

Also, because we've invested a lot in technology and increasing the knowledge of the sciences, and anyone who wants to learn CAN. Competition. Seriously. This has helped

us to become richer as a nation and so we can buy all our hearts desire. (Which may not always be a good thing, but that depends on our agency, if we will use the money and opportunity for good or bad. If we're going to use the internet to learn or to sin. Freedom of choice is not always pretty, but if we are willing to use these amazing tools for good, we can make an amazing impact.) Knowledge is money is influence is power. Let's hope we can use it to bless those around us.

Another thing why bad things happen to good people -->because either 1) bad people will it, i.e. Ethiopians starving to death while vultures are waiting a few yards away for them to breathe their last breath, NOT b/c of the lack of food but b/c a political power is starving them into submission or to prove a point, or 2) because accidents happen. Nature fights back or car accidents happen or people unknowingly cause hurt.

Okay, my thoughts on this are completely unorganized, but to wrap it up, I think we should reach out on an individual level and also support groups that are having success in trying to reach out and give aid (competition, if you will). If you'll look into Pres. Bush's political platforms, you'll see that he proposed to help out community and church groups that are already providing aid to the homeless and the suffering and are already meeting with success; these groups have been found to be more effective and efficient than government-run, money-draining agencies. If there's a better way to do something, then why not do it that way? Makes sense to me! If a government program isn't working and is hindering the progress of the economy, discontinue it. A lot of the plans that have hung around since the Great Depression and the New Deal were meant to be temporary, but they're still IN USE! Talk about procrastination. Another thing: The Chlorine in our drinking water was only meant to be used in the main pipes. Once the water got to individual houses, the Chlorine was meant to be taken out with filters. Did the government follow up with its proposal? No way. We're drinking chlorine, a substance that is harmful to our bodies! Why isn't the Chlorine taken out? Because nobody really seemed to mind it (due to ignorance), so the government didn't feel any pressure to follow up with what had originally been proposed – taking it out once it got to its destination.

I don't condone everything Bush has done, but I think he's doing a good job and that he's what the nation needs at the moment. (I think Al Gore would have been a REALLY bad choice. If he believes that he had a hand in spawning the internet he is SO COMPLETELY **NOT** to be trusted. Can you even imagine the reckless audacity of that completely WRONG statement? That's complete BULL. It was sciencey people, hungry to learn and to share knowledge, college professors, researchers at CERN! Developed by computer scientists for physicists. See <http://welcome.cern.ch/welcome/gateway.html> if you don't believe me and click on the link.) YAY! Plug for the sciences! They are another reason we enjoy our nice way of life. We are on the forefront of research and progress, and the new technologies and ways of life are profitable, and the benefits to everybody are ten-fold. Our health care is so great because research has made it that way.

And I'm a hypocrite in so many ways. I just typed this honkin' email, but I'm not really expecting you to read it, b/c I didn't read the long ones on Catholicism, even though when I skimmed through them I thought they were totally interesting. I just "didn't have time." What a punk I am. I gotta practice what I preach. I apologize.