

Jokes

Worldwide Survey

A worldwide survey was conducted by the UN. The only question asked was: "Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?" The survey was a huge failure. In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant. In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant. In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant. In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant. In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant. In South America they didn't know what "please" meant. And in the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

You Know You're in California When...

- Your coworker has 8 body piercing and none are visible.
- You make over \$300,000 and still can't afford a house.
- You take a bus and are shocked at two people carrying on a conversation in English.
- Your child's 3rd-grade teacher has purple hair, a nose ring, and is named Breeze.
- You can't remember...is pot illegal?
- You've been to a baby shower that has two mothers and a sperm donor.
- You have a very strong opinion about where your coffee beans are grown and can taste the difference between Sumatran and Ethiopian
- You know which restaurant serves the freshest arugula.
- A low speed police pursuit will interrupt ANY TV broadcast.
- Gas costs \$1.00 per gallon more than anywhere else in the U.S.
- Unlike back home, the guy at 8:30 am at Starbucks wearing the baseball cap and sunglasses who looks like George Clooney.
- Your car insurance costs as much as your house payment.

Bumper Stickers We'd Like To See:

- 18. If you can't feed 'em, don't breed 'em!"
- 17. Impotence...Nature's way of saying "No hard feelings."
- 16. The proctologist called...they found your head.
- 15. Everyone has a photographic memory...some just don't have any film.
- 14. Save your breath...You'll need it to blow up your date.
- 13. Your ridiculous little opinion has been noted.
- 12. I used to have a handle on life...but it broke off.
- 11. WANTED: Meaningful overnight relationship.
- 10. Guys...just because you have one, doesn't mean you have to be one.
- 9. Some people just don't know how to drive...I call these people "Everybody But Me."
- 8. Heart Attacks...God's revenge for eating His animal friends.
- 7. Don't like my driving? Then quit watching me. This one is for L G, hehe.
- 6. If you can read this...I can slam on my brakes and sue you..
- 5. Some people are only alive because it is illegal to shoot them.
- 4. Try not to let your mind wander...It is too small and fragile to be out by itself.
- 3. Hang up and drive!!
- 2. The closer you get, the slower I drive.
- AND THE NUMBER ONE BUMPER STICKER YOU'D LIKE TO SEE!!
- 1. Welcome to America...now speak English

Irishmen

So two Irishmen are traveling to Australia. Before they leave home, one of their dads gives them both a bit of advice: "You watch them Aussie cab drivers. They'll rob you blind. Don't you go paying them what they ask. You haggle." At the Sydney airport, the Irishmen catch a cab to their hotel. When they reach their destination, the cabbie says, "That'll be twenty dollars, lads." "Oh no you don't! My dad warned me about you. You'll only be getting fifteen dollars from me," says one of the men. "And you'll only be getting fifteen from me too," adds the other

Jewish businessman in America

A Jewish businessman in America decided to send his son to Israel to absorb some of the culture of the homeland. When the son returned, the father asked him to tell him about his trip. The son said, "Pop, I had a great time in Israel. By the way, I converted to Christianity." "Oy vey," said the father. "What have I done?" He decided to go ask his friend Jacob what to do. Jacob said, "Funny you should ask. I too sent my son to Israel, and he also came back a Christian. Perhaps we should go see the rabbi and ask him what we should do." So they went to see the Rabbi. The Rabbi said, "Funny you should ask. I too sent my son to Israel. He also came back a Christian. What is happening to our young people? Perhaps we should go talk to God and ask him what to do." The three of them prayed and explained what had happened to their sons and asked God what to do. Suddenly a voice came loud and clear from Heaven. The Voice said, "funny you should ask, I too sent my son to Israel..."

More Things to Think About

- I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
- Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.
- There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.
- An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.
- If quitters never win, and winners never quit, then who is the fool who said, "Quit while you're ahead?"
- Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die
- Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach that person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks.
- Some people are like Slinkies . . . not really good for anything, but you still can't help but smile when you see one tumble down the stairs.
- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.
- How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Jordan Gearing up for Another Ramadan With Refugees

By Roufan Nahhas - AMMAN

Last year, Khairi Abu Hameedah joined friends and enlisted the support of hotels and restaurants in Amman to provide food for refugees and poor Jordanians during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. He is repeating the initiative this year with the hope of reaching a larger number of people. Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, is observed by Muslims as a period of fasting to commemorate the revelation of the Quran to the Prophet Mohammad.

"Ramadan is about families getting together to eat after a day of fasting. Our thoughts and feelings are with the refugees here who might not have food at their tables and are stuck with memories of what they had during Ramadan before the war," Abu Hameedah said. Diverse menus and buffets are commonly offered in hotels and restaurants for iftar, the evening meal when Muslims break their day-long fast, often resulting in large amounts of extra food.

"We saw a need to provide assistance to deprived families whether they are Jordanians, Iraqis or Syrians," Abu Hameedah said. "We started with ten families at the beginning of Ramadan last year but the number later grew to around 25 families and we even managed to bring toys to their kids.

"It was the team effort involving two hotels, several restaurants and my friends who made it possible. This year we are aiming for more families and we are working on it."

After Lebanon, Jordan topped an Amnesty International list of countries that host more than half of the world's refugees. More than 2.7 million refugees from 40 countries, mainly Iraqis and Syrians, have placed enormous pressure on the economic and social infrastructure in Jordan.

Most Jordanians sympathize with refugees who fled their countries with the hope that they would return in a short while. However, months have turned into years without a chance to go home.

"We have never planned to stay here that long. We thought it will be for a few months but now we are in our third year. Even my little daughter was born here," said Abdullah Salim, a Syrian refugee in Azraq refugee camp, east of Amman.

Built in 2014, the Azraq camp hosts more than 35,449 Syrian refugees, 58% of whom are children. Refugees receive around \$28 per month per person from the World Food Programme in the form of electronic vouchers that can be used to buy food from the camp's market.

"Our neighbour has a family of eight and I think he will have big issue feeding them. Everything is so expensive and Ramadan will be a sad occasion for many," Salim added.

Rana, a 23-year-old Syrian refugee, roams the streets of Amman begging for money to help her family of eight. During Ramadan, she sits



near bakeries and mosques with the hope of receiving bread and other food.

"It is true we left our country and it is true we are poor but this is not a reason to deprive my little brothers and sisters from enjoying a decent Ramadan," said Rana, whose father was killed in Syria.

"For us, Ramadan used to be an occasion to see all the family during iftar and enjoy a feast of various meals the same way Jordanians do, but now it is a different story. We try to save and eat the leftovers and pray that things will just get better."

This year Jordanians are preparing for Ramadan amid calls for rationing and avoiding wasteful iftars and to be more spiritual instead.

"We are losing the true meaning of fasting Ramadan by becoming more of a consumer society rather than getting closer to God and family during this time of the year; when we get invited to iftar and see all this food wasted, we have to think about the others," said Haitham Najjar, 48, a car dealer.

Markets in Jordan are being stocked to meet the increase in demand for food during the fasting month.

Abu Hameedah said he is confident Jordanians will be able to provide iftar meals for their families and assist refugees and the poor despite the increase in food prices.

Whosoever wishes to know about the world must learn about it in its particular details.

Knowledge is not intelligence. In searching for the truth be ready for the unexpected.

Change alone is unchanging. The same road goes both up and down. The beginning of a circle is also its end.

Not I, but the world says it: all is one. And yet everything comes in season.

- Heraklietos of Ephesos

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