

## You Know What Irks Me?

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- When I hear someone use the name of our Lord in vain.
- People who pretend to know everything.
- Why are people, who rise early when they don't have to, so proud of it?
- The anti-Christian agenda of the American Civil Liberties Union.
- "If you speak English, press one. If you speak Spanish, press two."
- Hearing someone quote that mythical "separation of church and state" that is nowhere in the Constitution.
- People who are intolerant or impatient when others do not meet their "standards."
- Parents who have the need to satisfy every want of their spoiled children. See: Tickle me Elmo, Beanie
- Babies, Cabbage Patch Dolls, iPad and iPhones.
- Changing fashions...and those who gullibly buy new clothes because the clothing industry convinces them they must be stylish.
- People who are unable to admit they made a mistake.
- Our justice system that allows criminals to be convicted of attempted murder when their victims were fortunate to survive. Why are the criminals not convicted of murder when the intent was there?
- Defense lawyers who know or believe their client to be guilty and free them by invoking a technicality or concocting a lie. Shame on them.
- Are Ernie Els, the white professional golfer, and Charlize Theron the beautiful blonde actress from South Africa, both of whom are now U.S. citizens, African-Americans?
- When a pregnant woman chooses to have her baby she calls it her baby. If she chooses an abortion, it's a fetus. Why?
- Laugh tracks added to sitcoms, "telling" us when to laugh.
- Chronic liars.
- When I call customer service of an American company and their representative is located in a foreign country.
- Unwed couples living together.
- "We've been 'together' three years" often means they've been living together. Why do they avoid saying they've been living together. I guess there is still some shame attached to such an arrangement.
- When I call a business and a recorded voice leads me through a series of button pushing options, none of which can answer my question nor am I given the option of speaking to someone.
- People who brag about working in their profession beyond the age of retirement. Don't they have any interests? Hobbies? Families? Don't they have a life?

### On Sports:

When members of a winning football team pour a bucket of water or Gatorade over the head of their coach.

Pro athletes who, after a good year, want to re-negotiate their multi-year contract whereas never does an athlete look for a new contract after a bad year.

When a football coach, on fourth down, calls a running play instead of punting or kicking a field goal and it fails, the second-guessers call it a bonehead call. When it succeeds, these same "experts" call it a gutsy call.

In his first interview after winning a close championship game the coach invariably says, "My team didn't give up." Neither team "gave up," but one had to lose.