

Thoughts That Go "Thump" In The Night

If we were required to think before we speak, half the population would be considered mute. If we think we should speak up, we should think about what we should say - or not say - before we open our mouths. Many have heard the old saying that those who do, do; those who can't do, think. At least they think that's what the old saying was. It was a long time ago. At three ayem today, something woke me up. I think it was a thought running through my mind, trying to find an escape from the isolation ward. A memory flitted around the edges of my consciousness reminding me that preacher was counting on me for an article this month. He said that starting next month the paper was going to be semi-monthly for the winter, so the pressure to form a series of thoughts would be lessened by half after this. So next month I will only need a semi story instead of a motorcycle story? There were these two truckers who went into a bar . . .

I mentioned that Ol' Blue is getting long-in-the-tooth, and realized how tough that could be for a motorcycle that is belt driven. I understand that there are gears with teeth in there somewhere, but I have probably been negligent in dental hygiene for all these years. That's also the reason why I have hesitated to ride Ol' Blue on ice and snow - no chains. Sometimes I forget that I am no longer in California where you are required to "chain up" in snow and ice. Somebody asked me why I call my 1993 Harley Davidson Ultra Tour Glide, "Ol' Blue." Well, it's because "1993 Harley Davidson Ultra Tour Glide" is too long. She'd get tired and doze off before I could ever get her name completely said. When you're going down the road and you see that deer getting ready to run across the road, by the time you say "Woah, '1993 Harley Davidson Ultra Tour Glide!" it's too late. One acquaintance seriously asked me what good it did for a color-blind guy to have a bike named Ol' Blue. I had to think about that for awhile. It might be more sensible to name it something like April, or June, if her birthday was actually in one of those months. But I think she was built in November. That would be a crazy name for a bike! I thought maybe a number would be good, like Ol' 80, or '93. How about Number 9? That's how many motorcycles I have owned through the years, and that would be significant. Then, I thought, "How stupid could I possibly be?" If there's anything I know about how Ol' Blue thinks, it's that she hates numbers and hates math. She hates to be reminded that she's ONLY 80 cubic inches and already over twenty years old. She bristles at the thought of being one on a long list of romances that I have had with motorbikes. And besides all that, Ol' Blue ISN'T color-blind.

She proudly stands out there in the lot or on the curb, showing off her Sapphire Blue for all the world to see, and she always comes when I call. I may not be able to appreciate all the beauty which you can, but I can hang a leg over her and get on down the road, enjoying the freedom of the road and the brotherhood of the wind. That, brothers and sisters, is what really matters.

Another thought crosses my mind, from time to time. I have presented various facets of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these pages for the past ten years. I have tried to blend interesting stories from my own personal experience with spiritual truths from the Bible, in a way that will get you, the reader, to think about spiritual things. In the New Testament, Colossians 2:8, the Apostle Paul says: "Take care that no one takes you away by force, through man's wisdom and deceit, going after the beliefs of men and the theories of the world, and not after Christ." There is an enemy who will force you into an evil mold, and make you think it was your own idea. I am not interested in telling you what to think, but in opening your eyes to Biblical truth so you can give it some thought. I would never try to cram these truths down your throat, or try to modify your behavior so you would be more like me. My only reason for writing these things is to get you to think about how sin and evil keep us bound up in despair and discouragement, while faith in Jesus Christ brings us freedom and purpose in life. At least, that's how things have worked out for me. All the things we have joined the biking world to find, are found in Jesus Christ. John 8:36 tells us the truth, "If the Son makes you free, you will be truly free." That's what I think at three ayem. What do you think?

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