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“Why Men Are Happier”

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Unbelievable... the number of comments I received from the guys on last week's article concerning my “alleged” inability to hear that which my wife says to me from time to time. The guys... said their wives handed them the paper so they could read the article and learn from it, and many men indicated their household is filled with the same type of the conversations... one mumbling and the other lacking the ability to comprehend the words. One agreed with my statement that you can't fake it with the wives because an incorrect response to their statement or question is worse than no response at all.

There is no doubt that I need help with my hearing but I just can't make myself shell out the several thousands of dollars I've been told a good hearing aid system would cost. If there was somehow I could get my insurance to pay for it...Yahoo! I did talk with one of our Barbershop buddies tonight who has a set of hearing aids for which he paid \$4,200 and he said they gave him a brand new life. They go behind his ear and just a small wire that's almost invisible sticks into the ear canal. He said they are so much better than the ones that fit inside the ear because the old style kept out all normal sound except that which was picked up by the hearing aid. He's had them since '91 and wished he had gotten them a lot sooner. Anyway, thanks to all you guys and gals who said I was speaking to you directly, and to the person who wanted to pet my Gerbil... sorry, not allowed.

I want to comment on another phenomenon I've seen becoming the “in thing”... over the last several years, but I just reached the point where I had to say something about it and find out if I'm the only one who feels this way. Here's my question!!!

Are there any guys out there who take the time to fully shave their faces these days? Of course, your average nerdish dude probably does and those who are over the age of 50 probably still do. I'm primarily talking about the McSteamy and McDreamy wannabes who occupy our TV and Movie screens and the fronts of our Entertainment magazines. I'm talking about the two to three day growths of beard that seem to be perpetually fixed on their faces, not the full beards, mustaches or goatees... just those guys who look like their faces need washed all the time.

Ladies, is it actually all that sexy to see a guy with a “bad shave face?” Possibly I'm just jealous here because my entire life I've never been able to grow a beard. One time in college, near the age of 30, I tried to grow a mustache and for the first month people kept trying to take a rag and wipe the dirt from over my mouth. I finally gave up and shaved what was there off and said never again would I try.

Of course our generation was taught that a well groomed individual was the guy that got the good jobs and it was proper to have a smooth shave, even if you had to shave twice a day. One company with which I was employed for over 25 years went so far as to “strongly encourage” its male employees not to grow a beard because “people did not trust men with full beards.” Most of us complied and I will say we with baby smooth faces had more successful careers than those who chose to follow their own predilection concerning facial hair.

I know we live in different times with different values these days but are we old codgers missing out on a more amorous existence by insisting on shaving daily, rather than every other week? Really ladies, give me the straight scoop here. What’s so funky about a hairy hunky? E-mail me and let me pass your wisdom on to my brothers out there.

Speaking about men, of which I am one, I’ve discovered by reading and receiving items from my readers just why it is so *gooood* to be a man. A lot of thought went into these reasons... some are so obvious to all but some were new even to me. We guys truly are happier than most ladies for a variety of reasons... for instance... 1) For us guys chocolate is just another snack between meals; 2) We can wear a white t-shirt to a water park, actually we can wear no shirt at all to a water park; 3) A wedding dress costs \$5,000, our tux only costs \$100; 4) Unless they’re really different, most people don’t stare at our chest when talking to us; 5) Guys are pretty much in the same mood all the time; 6) Phone conversations are usually over within 90 seconds, tops; 7) Guys can actually joke with a buddy about his golf shot right after he hits it... (“Hit the ball Alice.”); 8) We judge a shirt wearable again by the smell, not the wrinkles or stains on it; 9) I’ve had the same hairstyle since I was 20 years old; 10) I “do” my nails with a pocket knife or, when in a jam, a sharp stick; 11) We only have to shave our face and neck; 12) We can wear shorts regardless of how our legs looks. The last four are really important; My underwear only costs \$6 per three-pack; Someone can not invite me to a party and we’ll still remain friends; We know a lot of stuff about tanks and breaking things; and, We don’t have to stop to think about which way we turn a nut to tighten or loosen it.

I have a very nice person who will occasionally come to our house and cut my hair... included in the haircut is a trim of my eyebrows as well. I asked her why she didn’t cut my nose hairs and she said “she doesn’t do nose hairs or toe nails.” When asked how I was going to get that done she said, as serious as she could be, “You better go to Pet-Smart.” A guy can’t get any respect.

Have a nice week.

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