# Joel's Comments

#1	TRUTH/DOGMA Truth is often buried under dogma	#2	REAL RELIGION Your real religion is your actions moment by moment
#3	FOCUS Focus on doing the next right thing	#4	DARE Dare to experiment experience & learn
#5	IMPORTANT DECISION  Make the decision  not to complain	#6	ROOTS Root yourself in Mother Earth
#7	KINDNESS Seldom is kindness resented	#8	FOCUS Focus on the solution not on the problem
#9	GRATITUDE Keep gratitude in your attitude	#10	HAVE PATIENCE Most things are difficult until they become easy
#11	MISTAKES OK to make mistakes not OK to make same Mistake over & over	#12	GREATEST GIFT The greatest gift can not be found by seeking but only seekers will stumble upon it

#13	IMPORTANT What happened in our past is only important for what we choose to become as a result of our past	#14	FEELINGS Feelings are a gift feel them fully express them appropriately
#15	PRACTICE Practice kindness in all situations	#16	VIETNAM VETS/JANE FONDA Vietnam Vets not Fonda Jane
#17	12 STEPS The twelve step programs are one of the few things of real value created in the last 75 years	#18	ASK & LOOK Ask yourself, look inside, what can you do that sets you on fire? Find the answer, then do it!
#19	ON CHURCHES  St. Augustine said, "The Church is a whore, but she's my mother."	#20	TRUTH The truth will set you free, after you get over being 'pissed off'.

### #21 AMISH AFFAIRS

The Amish are a separate community, taking care of their own welfare, education, most all aspects of living with their beliefs, ways, etc., avoiding outside interests, politics, police, courts, insurance companies, governments and such.

They take care of their own problems in their own way. Most groups do not allow pictures of individual Amish member that are identifiable.

The recent situation here in Seymour, MO. involving only members of the Amish community concerning incest is an internal problem of their own, not concerning the outside city, county and state. They have already punished those involved in their way.

They are quite capable of managing themselves. May I suggest it is none of my business or anyone else's, including governments, newspapers, etc., how they do it.

There are 14 states, plus numerous cities and universities that have changed Columbus Day to Native American Day or Indigenous Peoples Day, the first state in 1977 being South Dakota.

Columbus started the "American Holocaust", which compared to the "Hitler Holocaust" is like comparing a atomic bomb to a lady finger firecracker. Recommended reading is "American Holocaust" by David E Stannard.

#### #23

#### **CLEAN AND SOBER**

Attention Alcoholics/Drug addicts
How far down the tubes do you want to go?
How much more do you want to lose?
Do you want to get clean and sober?
Or would you rather die than Change?

Are you tired of being sick and tired?

Are you ready to give up the high cost of low living for the low cost of high living?

You do deserve a better life, it's available and possible

Yes there are ways to get clean and sober
They all involve not drinking or drugging
Twelve Step programs, Alcoholics Anonymous
Narcotics Anonymous, they work
A variety of Treatment Centers, help is available

Do you have the desire to get clean and sober? Explore the options, talk to people who are not using Take the action for what is best for you

I wish you the best, You are Worth IT

## **EPITAPHS**

Lived his sermons didn't preach them	Always late to work compensated by leaving early	Her lies were great here she lies
Helpful alcoholic died sober graduated	There is no death only change	He didn't speak in words he spoke in deeds
She was better than anything that could be said	An Elder full of wisdom Ignored	Ended the high cost of low living