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JustinCEO 30-Sep-19 03:41 AM

The expression "if you don't mind" is frequently a lie
Whether the person minds is often irrelevant



JustinCEO 30-Sep-19 03:52 AM

from the perspective of the person saying "if you don't mind" anyways



JustinCEO 30-Sep-19 05:57 AM

I heard it used this morning on rideshare ride
To driver asking front seat passenger to buckle up
He asked just before the car started beeping cuz passenger didn't have seat belt on
That was an especially clear/easy context to see the lie
You can't really just be like "nah I'm good" in such a context

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Ki 30-Sep-19 09:30 AM

Something my dad often does, I assume this is a meme thing but I need to learn what that is, he often says I have two alternatives and if I dont obey him I'm choosing the wrong path and he gives me vague threat / warning about choosing the wrong path. And last time I think he connects it to following the "holy spirit" but I dont think he has any critical look at this holy spirit and I think hes actually being really evil but evading it by the use of the idea of the holy spirit and two paths and therefore you should obey my commands without negotiation or trading or debate or reason or understanding

Also I thought about in the shower how he says hes guided by holy spirit and yet hes a hypocrite so clearly the holy spirit is not good enough and he needs to actually think about his actions

But he often fearmongers me with, if you dont obey me then you're in for a lot of trouble, or you're on the wrong path. Close to quotes

And they believe in magical morality that gets revealed to you divinely, put shortly

I assume that these have to do with the memes that ET mentioned one time a long time ago to me

It's a meme that my dad picked up and decided to use to control his environment his children

But reason is my tool for living life independently

I dont live in a bubble of my parents memes, if I want to live well, what i really need is reason

It is still so shocking how they reacted to me not attending church, and they said it was disobedience.... and I knew I couldn't negotiate why that mattered to them, because they're emotional

But the difference between rational and irrational people is huge, and so I have to not waste too much time dealing with irrational people when I have to work with rational people

And people that have been way better at being rational and learned a lot more and practiced more



curi 30-Sep-19 09:53 AM

You skipped church and are surprised they got mad?



Ki 30-Sep-19 09:55 AM

I was surprised how mad they got and moreso their reasoning why they were mad

I was surprised about their explanation for their anger



curi 30-Sep-19 09:56 AM

You were disobedient. They are correct about that. Right?



Ki 30-Sep-19 09:57 AM

Yes. But their rules dont make sense, I explained to them I was really tired and so I ask them to clarify that the rules are that no matter what I need to go

But theres no reason why

Why is this church rule more important than other things



curi 30-Sep-19 09:59 AM

i thought being tired was a bit of an excuse. i think they do too.



Ki 30-Sep-19 10:00 AM

I was more than normal tired I had messed up sleep that night. It was going to be really painful to sit through church

It was my fault for drinking alcohol but I didnt want to to them that....



curi 30-Sep-19 10:00 AM

if you wanted to go to church, if you liked it, it sounds like the tiredness wouldn't have stopped you.

i think that's kinda how they see it

rules often don't make sense. they think it's their privilege or right to make rules for you, to give orders. part of the point of giving orders is you don't get questioned, don't have to explain it all. if you were going to explain everything in a truth-seeking way to the point of persuading people, what good would power and authority be? everyone would just do what they all have rationally agreed is best. it's a fundamental part of orders and obedience for it to be irrational. ppl nevertheless want it.



Ki 30-Sep-19 10:02 AM

I think so too, you said it explicitly and it makes sense



curi 30-Sep-19 10:03 AM

if you were going to make sense about everything, you would only have much temptation to give orders to ppl who don't make sense. i guess that is the rationalization of many rulers: they and their orders make sense, and why it makes sense has been explained, but most ppl are too dumb to listen to reasonable stuff, so they must be forced.



Ki 30-Sep-19 10:03 AM

They want me to like church, I wont like it for no reason because I'm independent and have to choose what I like?



curi 30-Sep-19 10:04 AM

but the actual thing going on is the ruler himself doesn't make sense about plenty of stuff.
you know of lots of reasons you're supposed to like church. it's not for no reason. it's to teach morality, save your soul, understand the universe in a deep way, give you social ties to the community, and so on.



Ki 30-Sep-19 10:10 AM

I dont believe in a soul or afterlife, saving ones soul is definitely about which afterlife you go to, which they say explicitly in the church

I'm getting these things through objectivism, which my parents wouldn't be able to understand the value of me doing that

I think religion is a lie, they believe in false things like afterlife, miracles, they believe jesus is going to come back to life in the future and theres these prophecies going to happen

And I disagree with their perspective that it would be a bad thing if death is final, I think it would be way worse if people went to hell for having the wrong religion

Which they believe

Death being final isn't bad, it's incredibly neutral



Ki 30-Sep-19 10:49 AM

I found a senior developer manager guy for company I'm applying to

Talked to him about my personal project, he seems to like me

I walked off awkwardly, he said he'd see me in a week after initial screening process, I should do the coffee thing but dont know how

Hes older than me it might be weird

Maybe I should ask him for email



StEmperorAugustine 30-Sep-19 10:55 AM

I think that, and maybe I am wrong. That if you entered an agreement that your parents would pay for your University as long as you do X. X being going to church.

If they are honoring their end of the agreement, that you should honor X. Even if you think X is annoying or bad. I think they have the right to be upset about you breaching contract.

I feel that if they randomly broke contract too and stopped paying because they thought spending money on you was annoying then you'd be rightly quite upset too.

I think not doing X while expecting them to continue the agreement is not the right approach.



curi 30-Sep-19 10:57 AM

what if X is something parents owe children, with nothing in return, in many situations, and should not have used as negotiation material?

e.g. cookies

"you can have a cookie today if you clean your room". legit contract or not?



StEmperorAugustine 30-Sep-19 10:59 AM

I think if you're under 18 that seems not legit.

well

hmm

I guess it could be like a reward

For example, I talked with my parents about getting a dog. They said I'd have to be responsible for it because they don't have the time to. So if I showed them that I can make the time to be responsible for an animal, then they can get it for me.

I think it is fair that if I don't do the things we agreed on, that they don't get me the puppy.



curi 30-Sep-19 11:02 AM

i don't agree with 18 as a hard cutoff

we could replace the cookie with dinner or broccoli if that'd be a clearer place to start.



StEmperorAugustine 30-Sep-19 11:03 AM

In that case no. I don't think parents should use that as negotiation material at least with children.

With adults they may choose to enter voluntarily some sort of agreement about food based for something in exchange. (edited)



curi 30-Sep-19 11:04 AM

a dog is a lot to ask and i don't think parents should universally provide dogs to their children, especially not if the parent would have to do the walking and poop-cleanup duties, though i do think many parents can and should provide dogs.

a cookie is not a lot to ask (in America, it's more in some poorer places)

parents should provide basic, reasonable wealth to their children, that they can reasonably afford not just necessities but whatever is useful and desirable

like e.g. a cell phone (given parent can afford it and child prioritizes it over other stuff in the budget) and as the child gets older, he should be able to make choices about this wealth that is supporting his life, e.g. choosing a Switch over an xbox, or vice versa.

he should haev some actual control over it, rather than when he's 3yo and the parent has to make guesses about his preferences and best interests.

university tuition is not something that parents should automatically or universally have to provide. but we've gotten rich enough that many parents promise it repeatedly for years as the child is growing up, and the child comes to reasonably expect it and form plans around it. so it becomes an obligation on the parent.

parents bring it up in advance, instead of just deciding to offer or not offer it at the last minute, because they want their child to plan around it.

in that case, offering something as part of a strategy to get a child to work towards a specific goal the parent wants in longterm, committal ways, i think taking it away last minute is a really nasty way of breaking a promise, really not OK



JustinCEO 30-Sep-19 11:11 AM

https://www.investopedia.com/terms/p/promissory_estoppel.asp


Promissory Estoppel

Promissory estoppel is the legal principle in which a promise is enforceable by law when a party who relies on that promise suffers a related detriment.



StEmperorAugustine 30-Sep-19 11:11 AM

When is the cutoff? I assume people no longer have an obligation to other adults at some point right?

 curi 30-Sep-19 11:11 AM

fundamentally the cutoff is related to dependence. the parent's job is to help his child become independent.

put another way, the parent is responsible for problems he creates. the one he creates initially is that a baby is dependent. on the way to independence, the parent will cause some other problems and gain responsibility there too. most of those will be short term, but some can be longer term.

i also think, basically, that parents and children should not negotiate because the parent's goal and job is to help his child. so they shouldn't trade favors with e.g. parenting getting 3 things he wants and child getting 3 things he wants. the parent shouldn't be trying to get things from the child. they can negotiate whether the child gets 3 things or 4, and how big a budget the child gets, but i don't think the parent should be trying to get the child to live as the parent prefers, the goal is just efficiently help the child without it being a sacrifice for the parent and without depriving the child either.

they should be on the same side, not be adversaries in negotiation

the older the child gets, the more opportunities he's had to go his own way, and establish his own life, regardless of what the parents did.

even if the parents fuck up, barring extreme circumstances the child will eventually get library access, internet access, some education, possibilities to get jobs, interaction with other people and exposure to culturally normal ideas, and so on, and get to a point where he can reasonably have a normal life and his problems are his own fault.

it's tricky because the parent played a major role in putting some anti-rational memes in the child which do lasting harm throughout his whole life. you have to look somewhat at cultural norms. if child has access to an independent life within the normal range in our culture - not a problem free one - that's approximately all he can ask from his parents.

there is a breakage rate, even if you're an above average parent your child might turn out pretty incapable and incompetent. the way our culture treats children, some of them end up really unhappy and unproductive. our parenting methods are not fully reliable. most parents don't plan for this but they should. they could reasonably foresee that there is a 1% chance or whatever that their child turns out "mentally ill" or a "drug addict" or a "homeless bum" or various other things. not everyone grows up willing and able to get and keep a job, or get married. but the vast majority grow up to cope with their static memes enough to function independently in society.

or a criminal, forgot that one.

if you get unlucky and your child is like that, you ought to help deal with it. partly b/c it's not just random luck, your choices and behaviors are causally involved even if it's hard to document how they differed from what other parents did.

Ki wants to finish school, get a job, pay for his own life, and be independent. These goals are realistically achievable within 2 years. His parents, IMO, should be pretty happy with that outcome. And all it costs them is what they had already planned to spend.

It costs them an amount they would be OK with if Ki was more religious, or something. Which shows it's not a *financial* sacrifice, it's not ruining their lives for Ki. They can in fact afford it.

That's one of the reasons parents and children normally don't negotiate. If the parent can trade X for the child cleaning his room, that means the parent can afford X whether the child cleans his room or not. The parent can't claim major hardship as a reason to deny X.



StEmperorAugustine 30-Sep-19 11:35 AM

I'll have to think on this a bit.

I think I agree up to a certain point, I think eventually something like 3 hours a week in return of something like paying for college seems more than reasonable to me.

But I need to think on this more



Ki 30-Sep-19 11:37 AM

My mom wants something, she thinks theres a transcendent universal religious experience. Transcendent meaning that nothing else really matters, nothing anyone values really matter She wants to make me experience this



curi 30-Sep-19 11:37 AM

if your child doesn't want to give you something voluntarily, i don't think you should ask for it. you should want your child to be happy and content yourself with getting stuff from him that is OK with him.

parents fundamentally should see themselves as helpers and enablers, rather than guides with an agenda to mould the child into the adult the parent thinks the child should become.



StEmperorAugustine 30-Sep-19 11:42 AM

>>> parents fundamentally should see themselves as helpers and enablers, rather than guides with an agenda to mould the child into the adult the parent thinks the child should become. (edited)

I just don't see how they won't turn out to be like the SJW snow flakes at evergreen. I am uncomfortable with self-entitlement and enabling. They end up demanding this type of treatment from every adult.

Personally, I am glad that I know how to work for my own things sometimes, and that I don't expect everything to be given freely. Could be an anti rational meme though as you say.



curi 30-Sep-19 11:43 AM

Why do you think being an SJW snowflake is appealing? I think it's a self-destructive thing that people are only driven to by pain, misery, irrationality, etc., not by resources, help, control over their life, etc

Similarly, *work isn't pain*, working and productive are great things. Parents do a lot to alienate their children from those values. The attitude that people have to be forced to work, even though work sucks, so they get used to it ... is a lot of where the misconception that works sucks comes from.



StEmperorAugustine 30-Sep-19 11:44 AM

yeah work sucks and I'll have to deal with it is definitely a meme I carry.



curi 30-Sep-19 11:44 AM

Things given to child are to help with *the parent's project that the parent freely choose* of creating a baby and raising it to independence.



Ki 30-Sep-19 11:46 AM

My parents gave me this agreement of going to church because they're dishonest about what they really want, they want me to believe in something that is false without any discussion. And I'm supposed to do this in order for them to pay for my university



curi 30-Sep-19 11:47 AM

re work sucking, doing lots of manual labor as required *by nature* sucks. it's exhausting. if you do that 16 hours, 7 days a week, it's hard to think much. we are in a much better situation now where we can do knowledge work, we can use automation, we can use machine power, etc. we can be artists, writers, programmers, scientists, etc, not just laborers. there is plenty of scope to choose things you value and work on those, and work in a way that doesn't abuse your physical limits.



AnneB 30-Sep-19 11:47 AM

If there's a deal like the parents will pay for college if the kid goes to church every Sunday, it should be discussed and agreed to up front, before the kid starts applying to colleges. The kid should have a real choice to take or leave that deal. It seems like Ki didn't and doesn't have a real choice about it.

(edited)



curi 30-Sep-19 11:47 AM

people can and should want to do stuff in life. sitting around not doing stuff is boring.



Ki 30-Sep-19 11:49 AM

My parents said they wouldn't pay for my university if I didn't agree to the church thing, and they were knee jerk and emotional about it

So I figured I had no choice if I wanted to finish my degree

curi 30-Sep-19 11:49 AM

ppl draw a distinction between work which is pretty easy to get paid for and work which is hard to get paid for. some dancing, playing video games or marching in an SJW rally are not "work" even though they require effort and are harder than lying in bed.

this distinction is fairly artificial. plenty of activities that ppl get paid for are things you can also imagine someone wanting to do and paying for the privilege of doing.

and plenty of unpaid stuff are things you can imagine someone avoiding, thinking it sounds like hard and unfun work.

if someone doesn't want to do anything productive in life, something has gone really wrong. if someone wants to do various productive things, but 100% of them are hard to get paid for, that is not a random coincidence, there's something screwy going on.

the screwy thing is e.g. that they don't like being an employee who takes orders from a boss. that is a systematic reason to reject many, many jobs regardless of what kind of activities the job is about.

that is a solvable problem. if they are a good person – honest, smart, competent, able to learn skills, etc. – then they have options like getting a higher status job with more responsibility where you're less rigidly controlled. don't get an entry level job where some low level manager is responsible for making sure you do a little work instead of none. or start your own biz.

so why do ppl get stuck and unhappy about work? it's primarily ppl who fit low level jobs, that's appropriate for them, and they don't really want to improve, and they're dishonest about their situation, e.g. they don't admit to themselves that being bossed around is appropriate b/c otherwise they won't do their job.

these kind of life problems are common but nothing inevitable. one can be a more effective type of person *or* one can be realistic and honest about what one is. either way, one can be content to try to accomplish something within the reasonable limits of his abilities. (reasonable limits = nothing like some huge strain like low tech subsistence farming)

there's nothing else to do in life but accomplish stuff

if you can accomplish much independently, there are also solutions about how to get paid for doing it and/or how to get a job that interests you and isn't so low level, gives more autonomy appropriate to your actual abilities, integrity, etc.

if you can't accomplish much independently, you should be willing to accept guidance from someone who can, who knows better than you what to do and how to do it.

at least temporarily, while you do self-improvement, if you want and choose to do that.

if you're pretty worthless currently, you should be *glad* there are great men who figured out how to be productive and break it down into such simple steps that you can contribute (and actually be 100x as productive as the subsistence farmer you would be without the help of these economic leaders)

curi 30-Sep-19 12:09 PM

there's lots of bullshit and unfairness in the world. it blocks specific plans that would work in a better world. many ppl bitterly complain about this and give up, but there is so much variety in the world, one can find something that does work.