



Dream on, Old Man!

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Aladin leaves a genie lamp on your table; what might you request? A friend posted that thought to me over an almost hot enough mug of coffee. Hmmm slipped out of my no-smile lips while I pondered my potential options.

- 1) A selective wind, or Engineer Scott, removes all political signs and deposits them in some magical recycling center.
- 2) An app that puts my radio, TV, or media service on mute each time a political ad broadcasts.

- 3) An “influencer” alert each time someone or thing spouts a biased, poorly researched story or unqualified perspective.
- 4) Win the Billion dollar lottery.
- 5) A pain-free day.
- 6) Actual science, not “some scientist say”...
- 7) Honest politicians
- 8) Reporting without bias; separate reporting from journalism.
- 9) Balanced respectful dialogue and rhetoric locally, nationally, and globally.
- 10) A bridge to Guam or any island destination.
- 11) My wife lives in happiness and love beyond the fears of potential diseases, memory issues, or other conditions. Soothed by empathy, not sympathy.
- 12) A new camera system automatically upgraded for a decade.
- 13) My children, grandchildren, and future generations live in a safe, positive, productive world through hard work, honesty, and respect.
- 14) All the boxes in our three-car garage unpacked, dealt with, and removed.

- 15) Cars parked inside.
- 16) Social media not governing or tinkering with our fundamental rights and freedoms.
- 17) Stop Climate Change.
- 18) Harness from governing the rights, beliefs, and styles of people.
- 19) A place for all bullies, personal and cyber, to live privately together.
- 20) More.....

More options flicker throughout my thinking machine. What is it that I really want?

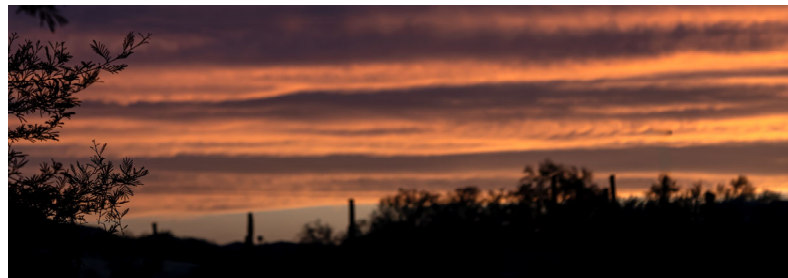


Time travel is not a wish, nor is censorship from any source. I am unsure I could cope with the constant chiming of an “influencer” alert system. Excellent idea, yet few folks produce objective, well-researched, well-thought-out conclusions and facts. Ask people to look as closely at what we might be doing to our earth and include how many are doing it. One tossing a can is not the same as 8 billion. Is taking responsibility rather than assigning blame an option? Dream on, old man.

The thought of rubbing the lamp unleashing a Genie frankly enlarges a disturbing thought. Why do we need magic to cure our ills, problems, and fears? And... What if the Genie is having a bad day, guided by its own bias, or is a film director? Regardless of how distasteful some issues are, I am not up to dealing with things that will never change. With over 400 organized religions searching for goodness over evil, I doubt a tired Genie could add much.

Stopping Climate Change: How can we stop something that has been documented to be active for 4.5 billion years? Honest politicians are never going to happen. Beating the opponent is more important than leading the country. Humans are not all that humane, a trait traceable far beyond the distant past.

My selfish rationale selects Thirteen, Eleven, and Five.



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