

Holding It All Together

by Amy McCollom



Why I Don't Like Tweety Bird

Ok, I'm laying my cards on the table. I admit it; I do not like Tweety Bird. I know I won't get many likes for this unpopular opinion, but at least hear my reasoning behind it. I am entitled to my opinion, after all.

Tweety Bird is ugly. That in itself does not make me dislike him, because I like a lot of things that some people consider ugly. Have you seen my hairless dog for instance? But when you add Tweety Bird's attitude and other faults, which I will list, along with being bug-eyed, and big-headed, with over-sized orange feet, and a deformed face; Tweety Bird is not anywhere close to adorable. His bright yellow color is obnoxiously loud and his ugly orange beak and feet in no way represent any real bird that I have ever seen. He's just not cute to me. Plus, pretty is, as pretty does.

Tweety Bird is a jerk. I know he is only a cartoon, but he is a mean little bird that is a smart aleck. His jokes and one-liners are not funny, and the tricks he plays on Sylvester the Cat are just down-right cruel. Then Tweety Bird sits back and plays all innocent and gets pampered by the lady of the house, while Sylvester gets blamed and punished for what Tweety did. It's not fair, and it's not right. It's a travesty!

I like cats. Sylvester, Tweety's nemesis, is a handsome black and white tuxedo cat, much like the cat I have now, named Gaster. According to my own life experience, I have discovered that black and white animals tend to be smarter, quicker, and more easily trained than other col-

ored animals, no matter what species. I have had dogs, cats, rats, guinea pigs, and so on, and the black and white ones have all proven to be heads and tails smarter than the others. I loved watching Sylvester when I was a child and always hoped he would catch that bird and make a nice juicy sandwich out of him. It would serve that bird right.

Tweety Bird has sanpaku eyes. You always have to be wary of characters/people with sanpaku eyes. Sanpaku is a Japanese term meaning "3 whites" and in Chinese/Japanese face reading, having white above the iris of the eye (extra whites) means the person has a mental flaw, possibly being a psychopath or murderer.

Too much white below the iris, according to face reading, could mean there is an imbalance in the person's physical, psychological, or spiritual well being. If you watch the news and you see mugshots of criminals who have been caught doing a crime, look at their eyes. More than likely they have unique eyes with more white showing below the iris, sanpaku eyes (bad guy eyes.) I read that if someone has a lot of white above their iris, run! Looking at Tweety Bird's eyes, that explains a lot.

Tweety Bird is involved in gangster activity.

I found this conversation on Twitter regarding Tweety: "When I lived in LA the local Watts Bishops sect wore Looney Tunes clothing for the "WB" logo. It was pretty surreal walking through the ghetto and seeing a massive dude holding down a corner in a Tweety t-shirt."

And then I found this:

JACKSONVILLE, ILL. -- Tweety Bird and the rest of the cast of cartoon characters in the Loony Toons stable are forbidden at a central Illinois high school, out of fear they are promoting street gang activity.

New T-shirts and caps produced by Warner Brothers depict characters such as Bugs, Tweety, and the Tasmanian Devil dressed in backward caps, baggy pants and other items school officials said have street gang connotations.

And then this:
LANGUAGE OF THE CARTELS : NARCO TERMINOLOGY, IDENTIFIERS, AND CLOTHING STYLE

Other images associated with drug trafficking are Tweety Bird. Some drug traffickers place Tweety Bird stickers on their trucks or air fresheners on their rear view mirror, as drug dealers see themselves as the invincible bird that never gets caught and law enforcement as the cat.

Tweety Bird reminds me of a spoiled narcissistic brat. Imagine the baby brother always getting his way, being treated like a little prince, being the "Golden Child," and yet always doing things to get

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Hook, Line and Sinker

With Tony Hooker

With my sincerest apologies to the great Ernest Lawrence Thayer:

MLB at the Bat
The outlook wasn't brilliant for the baseball fans that day

The score stood four to two, with but one inning more to play,

And then when Manfred died at first, and Tony Clark did the same,

A pall-like silence fell upon the lovers of the game.

A straggling few got up to go and watch the NFL. The rest

Clung to the hope which springs eternal in the human breast;

They thought, "If only MLB could but get a whack at that—

We'd put up even money now, with MLB at the bat."

But Halem preceded MLB, as did also Bruce Meyer,

And the former was a hoodoo, while the latter was thought to be a flier.

So, upon that stricken multitude grim melancholy sat,

For there seemed but little chance of MLB getting to the bat.

But Halem let drive a single, to the wonderment of all,

And Meyer, the much despised, tore the cover off the ball;

And when the dust had lifted, and men saw what had occurred,

There was Bruce safe at second and Halem a-hugging third.

Then from a million lap-tops and more there rose a lusty yell;

It rumbled through the valley, it rattled in the dell;

It pounded on the mountain and recoiled upon the flat,

For MLB, mighty MLB, was advancing to the bat.

There was ease in MLB's manner as he stepped into his place;

There was pride in MLB's bearing and a smile lit MLB's face.

And when, responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed his hat,

No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas MLB at the bat.

And now arbitration came hurtling through the air,

And MLB stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there.

Close by the sturdy batsman the offer unheeded

sped—

"That ain't my style," said MLB. "Strike one!" the umpire said.

From the benches, black with people, there went up a muffled roar;

Like the beating of the storm-waves on a stern and distant shore;

"Kill them! Kill the owners!" shouted someone on the stand;

And it's likely they'd have killed them had not MLB raised its hand.

With a smile of Christian charity great MLB's visage shone;

He stilled the rising tumult; he bade the game go on;

He signaled to the pitcher, and this time the universal DH flew;

But MLB still ignored it and the umpire said, "Strike two!"

"Fraud!" cried the maddened millions, and echo answered "Fraud!"

But one scornful look from MLB and the audience was awed.

They saw his face grow

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Pastor Stahl's Weekly Message of Faith

Hello Everyone! I think that the snow is just about over for now! Spring is on the way! Maybe there will be baseball this year, we can certainly hope.

I remember one winter. It was February 25, 1980. It was a Monday. I was a Junior at Unity High School, and it began to snow that morning.

It snowed and snowed. I was in Mr. Aimone's room at about 10:45, and I looked out the window and saw nothing but a blizzard! Are we going home, did we get let out early? No. At the end of the day, Principal Oscar Hicks got on the intercom and told everyone to go back to their first hour class. Were we going to repeat the school day all over again? He came back on the intercom and said, "I've got good news and bad news. The good news is that there is no school tomorrow. The bad news is that we are snowed in!" Snowed in at school! What on earth were we going to do? It was a crazy few hours. The cooks were planning to have chili the next day for lunch, so that is what we had for supper on Monday night. My friend Doug Maxwell came by and

said some of us could stay overnight at his house, his Dad had a truck that could make it through the snow. So that is what I did. His Mom Nancy made us pancakes the next morning. I finally made it home on Tuesday, but it was a crazy 24 hours!

Sometimes that is how life goes. Weather events pop up, we get a flat tire and are stranded on the road, our power goes out and we have no electricity for a day. The amazing thing is that God Is Still in Control. He Is Holding us in the Palm of His Hand. He Has a Plan when we see only darkness ahead. So whenever there is snow, ice, bad weather, or other challenges, God Will Continue to Love us. When Jesus Fed the 5,000 in John 6, He only had a few pieces of bread and fish. Yet somehow it was enough. Everyone was fed, and there were 12 baskets of leftovers, one for each disciple. Whatever we give to God in faith will be multiplied to abundance.

God Bless all of you! Spring is on the way!

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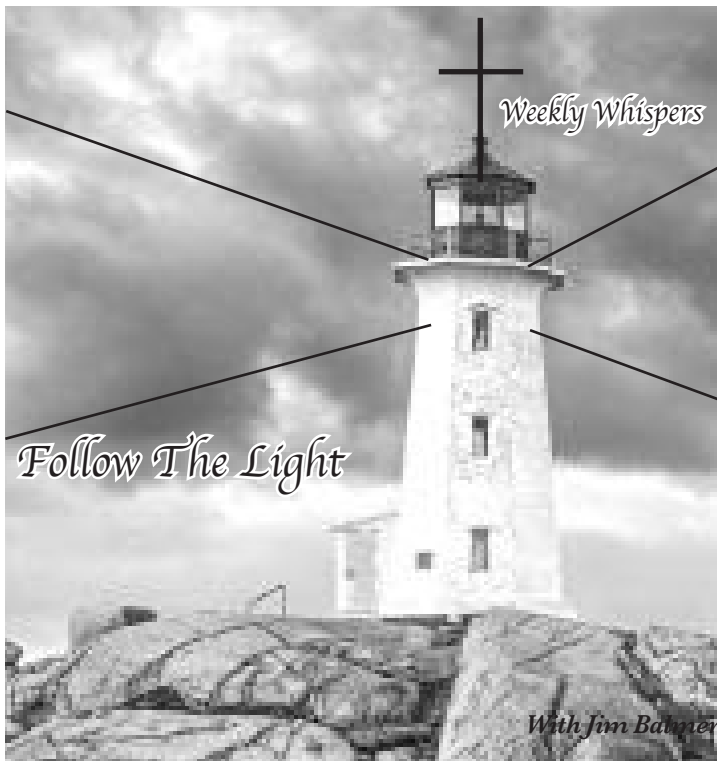
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1 John 1:5-10
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Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have

fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

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