

"HURRY UP AND DROP DEAD"

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SOME PEOPLE DROP DEAD SUDDENLY
AND UNEXPECTEDLY (LIKE IN ACCIDENTS)
SOME DROP DEAD IN THE EXACT
OPPOSITE MANNER; SLOWLY AND TOTALLY
EXPECTED (LIKE WITH CANCER)

SOME PEOPLE DROP DEAD HAPPY.
SOME DROP DEAD SAD.

SOME DROP DEAD - GET MEDICALLY
BROUGHT BACK FROM THE DEAD - THEN
FINALLY DROP DEAD AND STAY THAT WAY.

SOME - BABYS - ARE BORN DEAD
(WHICH CUTS RIGHT TO THE CHASE).


EVERYBODY WHO EVER LIVED ON THIS
EARTH IS NOW DEAD - OR WILL BE.
DEATH IS THE ULTIMATE UNIVERSAL
EQUALIZER.

THE ONE THING EVERYBODY SHARES,
WHY AM I - SALTY - WRITING AND THINKING
SO MUCH ABOUT DEATH + DEAD PEOPLE
RIGHT NOW? GOOD QUESTION.

AND THE ANSWER IS; BECAUSE OF MY
SATILITE TELEVISION, THATS WHY.

SOUNDS CRAZY, RIGHT?

SOUNDS LIKE WHEN SOME DELUSIONAL
LUNATIC STARTS RANTING AWAY ABOUT
DEAD PEOPLE COMMING FROM HIS
TELEVISION SET OR SOMETHING - RIGHT?
OF COURSE IT DOES - BUT ONLY BECAUSE
I HAVENT EXPLAINED THE REST OF
THE STORY, WHICH I NOW WILL;



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Flipping Thru my "500 channels with nothing to watch" I WAS ONCE AGAIN REMINDED OF HOW MANY IMAGES AND VOICES OF DEAD PEOPLE - ACTORS AND CELEBRITIES - WE ARE SURROUNDED BY AND INFLUENCED BY TODAY (AS NEVER BEFORE IN ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY.)

DEAD ROCK STARS ON THE RADIO.
DEAD T.V. STARS ON THE TELEVISION,
ALL AROUND, EVERY DAY & NIGHT, ALL OF OUR LIVES ~~TODAY~~ NOW-A-DAYS.

WE HAVE FINALLY REACHED THE "TIPPING POINT" AS A CULTURE AND AS A SOCIETY - FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME IN HUMAN HISTORY - WHEREBY WE SEE AND HEAR MORE DEAD PEOPLE THAN LIVE PEOPLE OR ABOUT AS MANY OF ONE, AS WE DO THE OTHER. THIS IS A FIRST IN HUMAN HISTORY.

THE EXPLOSION OF CABLE AND SATELLITE CHANNELS - AND THE INTERNET - WITH THEIR ~~CRASH~~ BOTTOMLESS APPETITE FOR MEDIA CONTENT OF MOVIES, T.V. SHOWS, DOCUMENTARY FOOTAGE, AND SO ON HAS BROUGHT THIS ABOUT.

IT STARTED - OF COURSE - IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20th CENTURY WHEN TECHNOLOGY ALLOWED US TO CAPTURE THE HUMAN VOICE AND IMAGE; IT HAS FINALLY REACHED

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The HISTORICAL TIPPING POINT THAT TODAY, WHEN ONE ADDS UP ALL OF THE MOVIES PRESERVED (WITH ALL OF THE - NOW DEAD - MOVIE STARS) AND ADDS UP ALL OF THE SONGS AND VOICES EVER RECORDED (WITH ALL OF THE - NOW DEAD - ROCK STARS + SINGERS) THE DAILY IMAGES + SOUNDS OF THE DEAD FINALLY OUTNUMBER THE IMAGES + SOUNDS OF THE LIVING! THIS IS A FIRST IN HUMAN HISTORY! AND - YES - YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST, OR READ IT FROM OL' SALTY FIRST, EVERYWHERE I TURN; DEAD PEOPLE! "I CAN SEE DEAD PEOPLE" ALRIGHT. AND HEAR THEM. SO CAN YOU. EVERY SINGLE DAY. WE ALL CAN. IN FACT, UNLESS ~~UNLESS~~ ~~UNLESS~~ ~~UNLESS~~ ONE MOVED TO A DESERTED ISLAND SOMEWHERE AND BECAME A HERMIT, IT IS UNAVOIDABLE. THE INFLUENCE OF DEAD CELEBRITIES AND DEAD NETWORK SERIES STARS FROM THE PAST, OF DEAD MOVIE STARS AND DEAD PRESIDENTS, IS EVERYWHERE! THE DEAD HAVE TAKEN OVER, BABY. NOW ITS THE TURN OF THE LIVING TO BE THE MINORITY, FOR ONCE. WHATEVER GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND. ITS KARMA; ~~UNLESS~~ THE DEAD ARE TAKING OVER FROM NOW ON, CHANNEL BY CHANNEL, STATION BY STATION, COUNTRY BY COUNTRY. TODAY THE CEMETARY; TOMORROW, THE WORLD! !!!

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"SO, HURRY UP AND DROP DEAD"
OR, TO PARAPHRASE THE MEL BROOKS
CHARACTER IN "SPRINGTIME FOR HITLER":
"DON'T BE STUPID - BE A SMARTY;
COME AND JOIN THE... DEAD PEOPLES
PARTY." EVERYONE DOES... EVENTUALLY.
IT'S LIKE A TOTALITARIAN PARTY;
EVERYONE HAS TO JOIN WHETHER THEY
WANT TO OR LIKE IT OR NOT.

END OF STORY.

BUT SERIOUSLY, ALTHOUGH BACK IN THE
DAY ONLY MOVIE STARS IMAGES + VOICES
GOT IMMORTALIZED, NOWADAYS JUST
ABOUT ALL OF US HAVE GOTTEN RECORDED
AND IMMORTALIZED; OUR VOICES AND
IMAGES, TOO, WILL NOW BE FOREVER
FLOATING AROUND OUT THERE IN
DIGITAL CYBERSPACE LONG, LONG
AFTER WE, TOO, HAVE KICKED THE
BUCKET, AS THE SAYING GOES.

OR BOUGHT THE FARM - TO COIN AN
OLD PHRASE. NOT THAT YOUR GOOD
~~CELEBRITY~~ OL' FRIEND SALTY -
MYSELF - PLANS TO KICK ANY BUCKET OR

Buy

~~any~~ ANY FARM ANYTIME SOON
(ALL PLANS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT
NOTICE - WHICH MEANS - OF COURSE -
WE ARE ALL SCREWED NO MATTER
HOW YOU LOOK AT IT) ~~DO NOT BUY~~

SO WHETHER YOU ALL HURRY UP AND
DROP DEAD OR TAKE YOUR SWEET TIME
AND DROP DEAD - EITHER WAY, DROP DEAD
YOU WILL AND - DOING SO - JOIN THE "IN" CROWD!