

Finding the Funny in Change[©]

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Our “Green Consciousness Is Changing . . .

- Officials in Oslo, Norway, have started using city buses which run on biofuel that's been extracted from human waste.

(Slate/TCS)

Our Transportation Is Changing. . .

- A company called “Terrafugia” is now taking orders for an actual flying car costing \$197,000. On one tank of gas you can fly 500 miles.

Our Words Are Changing . . .

- In 2009, Webster's Dictionary added the words:
 - Sock Puppet: A false online identity used for deceptive purposes.
 - Staycation: A vacation in which you stay at home.
- Scrabble has added the following words:
 - "Za" - an 11-point word which is slang for "pizza."
 - "Qi" (*pronounced "Chi"*) - an 11-point word which is defined as the human "life force."
 - "Zzz" - a 30-point word which is the sound you make when you snore.

Our Social Life Is Changing . . .

- 1 out of 8 married couples who married in 2007 met online. (1 out of 6 in 2009) (onlinedatingpost.com)
- A guy in Saudi Arabia divorced his wife via text message. (Yahoo News/TCS)
- Jan's friend's 15-year-old daughter sent 9,000 text messages in one month. (True!)
- Jan's friend's 15-year-old daughter did not go to the homecoming dance that weekend.

Use Humor to Change The Energy

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Humor Works

Your Emotions Inside
Affect Your Energy Outside
Which in Turn Affects Those Around You

Put Yourself in the Other Person's Shoes, and Say What Their Sarcastic Voice is Thinking

QUICK SURVEY

- HOW MANY PEOPLE THINK. . .**
- GOOD NEWS/BAD NEWS**
- TOP LISTS**

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Refocus Like A Comedian

**FIND CONTRADICTIONS AND INCONSISTENCIES
BETWEEN THINGS IN THE ENVIRONMENT**

EXTREME SOLUTIONS



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Steve Jobs, Apple

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FUTURE PREDICTIONS

CLOTHES:

--Collect and store solar power 2012

--Have computer screens in them 2010
(Great! My stomach will get so big I can fit a wide-screen TV on it!)



ROBOTS:

--Surpass human population in the developed world 2025.

(They all become government workers.. .no one notices – JOKING.)

--Replace humans in workforce completely 2035. (IT people finally get a day off!)

--For almost any job in homes and hospitals 2015.

(No, that's not your metal bedpan, that's your nurse!)



MECHANICAL STUFF:

--Genetically engineered electronic toy/pet developed 2025. (Pet rocks return!)

--Voice-activated interface for home appliances 2010
("Honey, I'm home" is for your oven to turn on)

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING!!

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