

## **Mourning an Old Friend**

**Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were lost long ago in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, not to build on flood plains, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, if you don't wash your hands they will be dirty and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).**

**His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teenagers suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, all worsened the condition of Common Sense. Long term problems developed when scientists deemed it safe to feed sheep to cows and class part GM foods as organic.**

**Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job the parents had failed to do themselves in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer a common headache tablet, sun lotion or a sticky plaster to a student, but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.**

**Common Sense lost the will to live as the religious symbols became contraband; places of worship became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home or the burglar could sue you for assault, or even their self-injury; Muggers got Community Service and Pensioners went to prison for not paying council tax! Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.**

**Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents Truth and Trust, his wife Discretion, his daughter Responsibility and his son Reason. Common Sense is survived by three step-brothers & sisters ~ Half Wit, Dim Wit and Ima Victim.**

**Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not join the majority and do nothing.**