

@(#)README 8.1 (Berkeley) 5/31/93

The potentially offensive fortunes are not installed by default on BSD systems. If you're absolutely, **positively**, without-a-shadow-of-a-doubt sure that your user community wants them installed, whack the Makefile in the subdirectory datfiles, and do "make all install".

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Some years ago, my neighbor Avery said to me: "There has not been an adequate jokebook published since "Joe_Miller", which came out in 1739 and which, incidentally, was the most miserable no-good ... jokebook in the history of the printed word."

In a subsequent conversation, Avery said: "A funny story is a funny story, no matter who is in it - whether it's about Catholics or Protestants, Jews or Gentiles, blacks or whites, browns or yellows. If a story is genuinely funny it makes no difference how dirty it is. Shout it from the rooftops. Let the chips fall all over the prairie and let the bonehead wowsers yelp. ... on them."

It is a nice thing to have a neighbor of Avery's grain. He has believed in the aforestated principles all his life. A great many other people nowadays are casting aside the pietistic attitude that has led them to plug up their ears against the facts of life. We of The Brotherhood believe as Avery believes; we have never been intimidated by the pharisaical meddlers who have been smelling up the American landscape since the time of the bundling board. Neither has any one of our members ever been called a racist. Still, we have been in unremitting revolt against the ignorant propensity which ordains, in effect, that "The Green Pastures" should never have been written; the idiot attitude which compelled Arthur Kober to abandon his delightful Bella Gross, and Octavius Roy Cohen to quit writing about the splendiferous Florian Slappey; the moronic frame of mind which, if carried to its logical end, would have forbidden Ring Lardner from writing in the language of the masses.

-- H. Allen Smith, "Rude Jokes"

... let us keep in mind the basic governing philosophy of The Brotherhood, as handsomely summarized in these words: we believe in healthy, hearty laughter -- at the expense of the whole human race, if needs be.

Needs be.

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