



## T.K.'s Korner

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Friends,

Hope everyone had a terrific Turkey Day! I can't tell you how many jokes I've heard about "Turkey" since returning from...Turkey, but then punsters run in my family. They don't need a laugh (which is a good thing), just a groan. Coincidentally, I was helping a young friend who was writing an essay about humor. His desire was to find a way to get people to laugh together, because he thought that was the best way to promote peace. I struggled with this vision at first (difficult to picture Israelis and Palestinians laughing together...unfortunately). However, the more I thought on it, the more I realized how much I rely on humor in all my interactions with people. I'm not good at remembering jokes, but I get great joy out of making someone smile or laugh. Laughter creates bonds and heals. It takes the sting out of disappointment, turns our perspective on its head, if only for a moment, and keeps us from taking ourselves or the world too seriously.

I was about to say humor is uniquely human, but a blind woman once told me about a joke her service dog played on her. She always knew when something was up, because his tail would wag hard enough to whack her on the leg. One night, she was at a convention in a hotel and she stood and told her dog to take her to the restroom (dogs have no problem detecting the men's from the ladies' room, by the way). As soon as she gave the instruction, his tail began to beat against her leg. She knew something was up, but he just guided her as he always did and took her to the restroom, but she felt something "strange" along the wall and realized she was in the men's room. Her dog's tail was going crazy. She laughed and scolded him (to let him know she got the joke) and told him to turn around and take her at once to the ladies room, which he did. Was he as pleased with himself for his little prank as my family punsters? I like to think so.

Inside info: *Angels at the Gate: The Story of Lot's Wife* will have a dog. Bennu (the bird) will be jealous! :-)

Recent speaking events on Turkey and Noah's Wife at the Friends of Vestavia Library and the Birmingham International Center's Salute to Turkey went great. Had a lovely crowd at both events. If you were at the BIC and want to see yourself or just want to peek in, check out <http://www.magiccitymoments.com/bicsspotlightturkey.html>.

Looking for a unique gift? May I suggest a signed copy of a book? *Noah's Wife* and I will be at the downtown branch of the Birmingham Public Library (Alabama, USA) from 11am-3pm for the Local Author Expo. There will be lots of authors and books for everyone. Come by and support your local authors!

If you are not able to come and would like signed copies of *Noah's Wife* for gifts, you can order from my website. Just let me know if you'd like it personalized, and I will be happy to do so and to send it either to you or to the recipient with a handwritten card indicating it is a gift from you.

My Best Wishes,

*Teresa*

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