



GROWING UP

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The Politically correct perils of speaking to those who are “older”





Seize
the Day

Ours is a twin problem: the attitude of society to the old and old age as well as the attitude of the old to being old. The typical attitude to old age is characterized by fear, confusion, absurdity, self-deception, and dishonesty. It is painful and bizarre.



Old age is something we are all anxious to attain. However, once attained we consider it a defeat, a form of capital punishment. In enabling us to reach old age, medical science may think that it gave us a blessing; however, we continue to act as if it were a disease.

Abraham Heschel



Aging and Death Work and Retirement



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Nowhere is growing old itself described as a problem. Nowhere are elders described as pitiable, irrelevant or behind the curve, as inactive or unproductive... Thus the New Testament offers us an alternative vision in which the modern, popular view of aging as a 'problem' might appear puzzling and unhealthy.

Richard and Judith Hays



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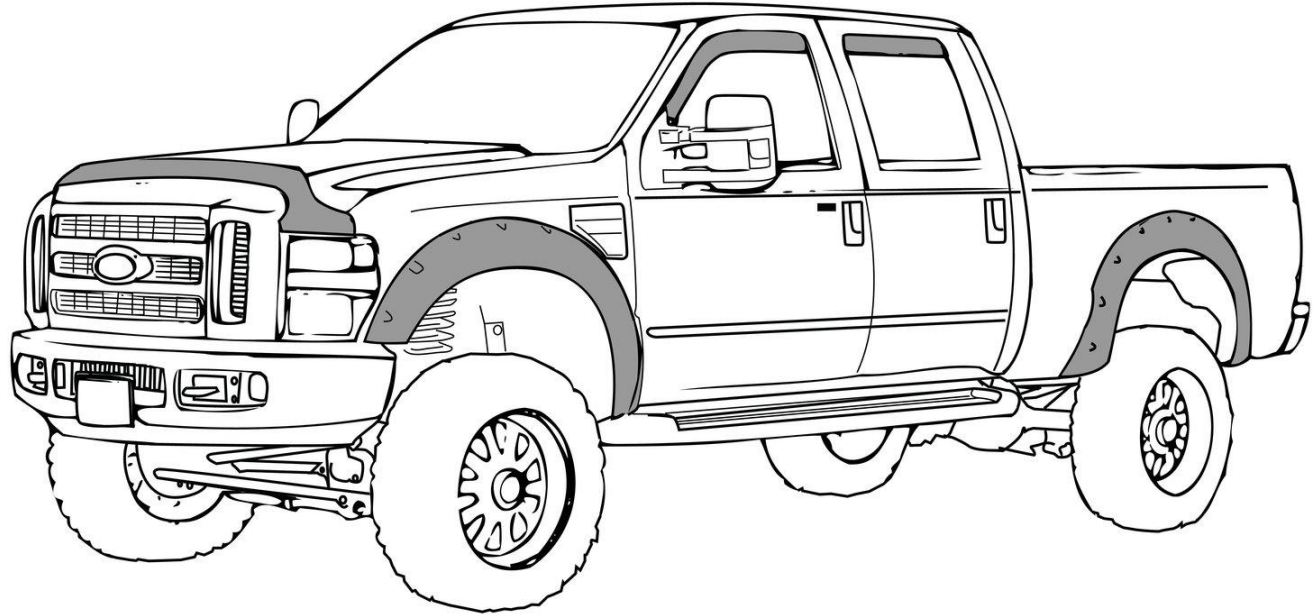
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- Death is evil.



Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Hebrews 2:14-15





And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.

Revelation 12:11



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Then God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.

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Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living. As for the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters, never get tired of doing good.

2 Thess. 3:11-13



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Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God.
Let me proclaim your power to this new generation,
your mighty miracles to all who come after me.

Psalm 71:18





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