

# Patterns Of Social Behavior At The 'O.K. Corral'

PLACE: "O.K. Corral"  
TIME: 9:00 o'clock, (Friday Night)

Essentially, there are five patterns of social behavior discernable at the Island's major disco, the OK Corral. These are almost immediately apparent upon entering the lounge and observing the occupant's seating arrangements. One may note that the first most distinctive area of importance is the bar; about which jocks, egotists and heavy drinkers tend to gather. This cross-section is better-known as, and more popularly referred to as the STUDS. As the title suggests and their behavior reinforces, this category is the "pick-ups" delight. Furthermore, after an evening of drinking, a vast majority of the seated single males (supposedly) migrate to the bar where they can survey and size-up the quality of the remaining stock. These new additions to the bar round out the Stud population.

Unfortunately for the few "nice" girls who mistakenly strayed into the corral the lowly specimens at the bar, as a general trend, are the only ones who are

willing to "shake a hoof" on the dance floor.

The second most prominent division amongst the herd is that behavior characteristic of the "Rowdies", who tend to isolate themselves along the walls and in the corners. The members of this group are of mixed genders, males and females alike. They generally do not fraternize with the other, more docile classes, but rather intermingle amongst their own clique and others of their kinds. Such a combination usually creates havoc, disorder, and the occasional brawl. Members of this group are frequently found on the dance floor in the latter part of the evening.

In the general area surrounding the door and to the right of the bar, we find the third pattern of social behavior (also in booths near the dance floor). That exhibited by "pick-ups". This category can be observed in connection with the previously mentioned Studs and is occasionally interspersed with the staid faction and the odd, extremely rare, "nice" girl. Those who fall into this third category hover about the bar, making frequent trips



to the ladies(P) room, in order to arouse the attention of the said Studs located at the bar. It should be noted that the pick-ups choice of seating arrangements are complementary to their purpose. A further distinguishing feature of this category is its members tendency to become intoxicated before the end of the evening. Upon reaching this state, they can be observed in connection with the studs on the dance floor.

We now progress to the "Staid" faction, who, as was previously mentioned are to be found intermittently in the same general area as that of the "Pick-ups". However, they shy away from too close a proximity to the bar. The most noticeable characteristics of the members of this group are their infrequent stance

upon the dance floor, and their aversion to more than one drink for the entire evening. An ironic note appears to be the fact that this group is there to dance, yet hardly ever gets the chance, thus resulting in their departure.

The final patterns of social behavior to be found is that demonstrated by the "Couples", who occur as a decided minority. Such people dance occasionally drink moderately, remain quiet and orderly, and in general, make an early exit.

NOTE: These groups have been arranged in descending order of size.

Signed,  
Two Observant Students

## We Must Seek Truth To Do Justice To Human Existence

"Who can separate his faith from actions or his beliefs from his occupation? Who can spread his hours before him saying, "This for God and this for myself; this for my soul, and this for my body..." Your daily life is your temple and your religion. Whenever you enter into it, take with you your all. Take the plow and the forge and the mallet and the lute, the things you have fashioned in necessity or for delight... And take with you all men: For in adoration you cannot fly higher than their hopes nor humble yourself lower than their despair."

- Taken from the Book The Prophet, by Kahil Gibran

We must therefore seek the truth if we are to do justice to our human existence. We are all searching, questioning, pondering and wondering what to make out of this life. It is certain that we will never have all of the answers to our everyday questions. We can try though to understand ourselves and the world around us in light of what truth means

to us. To ignore a fuller understanding of the truth is to suggest that we are incapable of grappling with our inner self. We must determine who we are, why we are, and what is our purpose here on this earth. We must strive for meaning purpose and direction in our lives. If we have nothing to live for, life becomes boring, monotonous and a drag. We all believe in something. It is up to each individual to translate that belief into practice. We cannot preach one thing and then do the opposite. Our world is already full of hypocrisy and double standards. The only way this world can change is if we change. Our attitudes and values must be in accordance with what we believe. One cannot be isolated from the other. Truth leads to freedom. And freedom brings self-fulfillment. Can the "system" trap the conscience of a free man? Traps are for animals; freedom is for men.

We must therefore be concrete, be immediate and be practical when discussing with ourselves, what does this life of ours mean. We

must imagine a world filled with love, peace, justice and freedom for all men in order to understand why a world filled with hate, greed, jealousy, poverty, famine, double standards, oppression, exploitation, and war is intolerable. If we realize that there is something more to life than all of the problems confronting man, what Daniel Berrigan says makes a lot of sense. "I can only tell you what I believe - I believe:

I cannot be saved by foreign policies

I cannot be saved by sexual revolutions

I cannot be saved by the gross national product

I cannot be saved by Nuclear deterrents

I cannot be saved by aldermen priests, artists, plumbers

social engineers, politicians, multi-national corporations nor by the World Buddhist association by

Hitler, Joan of Arc, or any form of powers and domination

I can only be saved by Jesus Christ."

We live in a world mesmerized by death convinced of

the necessary rule of death, technologizing death acceding to the omnipresence of death in any way shape or form. We live in a world where we have to destroy in order to save villages, women & children (Ever hear of Vietnam)? We must adhere to an ultimate goal if we are to really have a purpose on this earth. Regardless of what one's ultimate goal is let us strive together to make this world a place where there are no walls but bridges, no alienation but communication, no enemies but friends and no hatred but love and peace. Paulo Friere tells us we must begin from where we are at. We must begin to make this a reality within ourselves and then go out to others. This is not an impossible task. We, as human beings all desire respect, compassion, freedom, friendship and intimacy. Let us work & base our efforts on this common ground and then seek the truth and all it entails accordingly.

"He who has a why to live can bear with almost any how." - Victor Frankl

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