

MR. ALPHA ON CHILDREN
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Interviewer: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. I have with me, Mr. Alpha, the six thousand year old man. You might remember his guest appearance some time ago. *(Turns to his guest)* It's good to see you're back, Sir!

STYOM: Good to see my back? That's one of the dumbest things ... I'm facing you.

Interviewer: Uh!!

STYOM: Just kidding, Son. Good to be back. So what do you want to talk about today?

Interviewer: You probably remember the last expert we had here. Talking about how hard it is to raise children these days. Did you see that show by any chance?

STYOM: You kidding? Never waste time like that. Only have so much of it, you know.

Interviewer: *(Flustered)* Yes, I see. Well, I was hoping you'd be willing to share some of what you've learned about raising children. After so very many years of experience.

STYOM: I've never felt I was doing it right.

Interviewer: Well, has any recent technology made things easier?

STYOM: Plumbing fixtures sure have.

Interviewer: Plumbing fix...

STYOM: And pampers! Both of them are great doodee holders.

Interviewer: Doodee?

STYOM: Yes, The stuff that comes out the back...

Interviewer: I know what it is. I can't believe you call it doodee.

STYOM: Something else you wanna call it? Frank, maybe? What difference does it make? Besides, with my name, you always know when it's time for a change. When doodee calls.

Interviewer: But how have those things helped raise children?

STYOM: Don't have to tie the kids up outside the first couple years. Those are the formative years, you know

Interviewer: You've got to be kidding.

STYOM: Not at all. That's when they learn the fastest.

Interviewer: *(Long pause, shakes head)* Do you think kids are smarter these days?

STYOM: Definitely! Haven't had to do homework for my kids for decades.

Interviewer: You did your kids' homework for them? That wasn't right.

STYOM: Not often. But at least they had something to hand in.

Interviewer: Any of your kids stand out? As being brighter than the others?

STYOM: Alexander always did very well in school. That's where he first got the nickname, "the great". I just thought of him as a smart Alex.

Interviewer: Well, our time's getting short. In closing, what's the best advice you can give listeners? About raising children?

STYOM: Like any other punishment, they remind us all the time to obey.

Interviewer: What?

STYOM: Well, it was before my time, but I think it happened like this. "Hey, God! Nice place, but I am reeaallllly bored." "I know Adam, that's why I made you someone to play with." "Wooooowww!" "And Adam, I need to tell you ... ADAM! Keep your eyes on me when I'm talking to you. Listen to me! I need to warn you about the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. Don't touch it!" "This one?" "Get away from that! I mean it! Never eat it. Got that?" "This one?" "That one" "Why?" "BECAUSE I SAID SO" "No problem" Well the next day, you guessed it. "Adam and Eve! Get out here! Now!" "Uh oh! He's really mad. You can tell it when he uses our full names." "You ate it, didn't you?" "Uuuhh, ... no!" "Someone did!" "Wasn't us." "Adam! There isn't anyone else!" "Oh, ...good point!" "You both ate it. Why?" "She did it first" "He did it first" "Stop! Just give me one good reason." "Um, because?" "That does it! I'll give you such punishment you'll really think hard about disobeying again." And from then on, everyone has children of their own. To help remind us of the cross Jesus carried.

Interviewer: Raising kids is like being crucified?

STYOM: No, it's just, every now and then, I say the same thing to my kid, God said to his. When he was getting ready to punish them. He knew in the long run, he'd have to pay for their mistake. So he told them what we all tell the kids we love.

Interviewer: Which is?

STYOM: "Trust me! This is going to hurt me a lot more than it'll hurt you!"