

WE NEED TO TALK

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(Young girl enters. Jesus Loves Me is playing. She walks to center stage and begins to light candles. Stage business while song plays. She sits in chair center.)

YOUNG GIRL

We need to confront the issues in our relationship. You may not have any, but I do. And I need you to acknowledge that. I'm not just going along with everyone else about how perfect you are. I have questions, and I need and want answers.

So here goes, in no particular order of importance...

Why John? Really? Why not Ringo? Ringo's a likable enough guy, although his proverbial peace sign flashing for the past fifty years has gotten old. I get it though, it's his last connection with his senior citizen fans. Back in the day it was a daring symbol of rebellion, a stouthearted, plucky stand against the political pressures of the 1960's. However, like Ringo himself, it's a bit long in the tooth now. John was always ahead of his time. He had quit flashing the peace sign in 1971. John also knew when to cut his hair short, he was well aware that you can't be wearing the same Beatle mop top for 50 years...I'm talkin' to you Ringo.

Why Steve Jobs instead of Bill Gates? I know Bill donates tons of money and does a lot of charity work, and I guess he discovered Microsoft or something, but you don't really associate him personally with the products like you do Steve Jobs and Apple. Steve even had several biographical movies done about him, OK, most of them uncomplimentary. Ashton Kutcher...but really?

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Apple versus Microsoft - there's no comparison. I wrote this on my Apple MacBook, which automatically posted it to my iPad and iPhone 5S, while Siri was correcting my spelling and mispronunciations. I mean this is ingenious technology. Steve's reputation was of a troubled, egomaniac, marketing guy, but c'mon, even you have to admit he was good. I know Bill Gates is busy giving immunizations to children in Africa and other good deeds, but let's face it, he's not nearly as interesting or charismatic as Steve, and that's the sad, but unspoken truth.

9/11. Why New York? It's the city that never sleeps. Why not somewhere like Akron, Ohio or North or South Dakota? You could have played the 'heartland of America was attacked' card if you'd gone with anywhere in the Midwest. Even somewhere in the south would have been more acceptable, except for maybe Memphis. You remember Elvis. That was a good creation on your part. Kudos to you for that one.

(Stands, walks to candles.
Blows out one. Pauses
while thinking)

Children. Why take children? Don't give me that crap about how 'God needs another angel in heaven'. If you need another angel in heaven, then fucking make one. After all, you're God. BE FAIR. Let us keep our children.

If it's a population problem or numbers game, then why not just take some prisoners off of death row? They're supposed to die anyway, and most of them are probably assholes. Or...here's another idea for you. OK, I know this is probably hallowed ground, but there are a lot of really old people who are just hanging on. I think you get my drift.

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Alzheimer's and dementia patients abound and they don't have a clue what's going on anyway. Why not take some of them instead? It would put a lot of people out of their misery, including their caretakers. I'm just saying you have other choices.

Public praying. Is it really necessary? Some public praying is lovelier to look at than others. Like when the Queen has a coronation with all the pomp and circumstance for example. But billions of people are required to stop what they're doing, face East, and pray several times a day, preferably in a mosque. I've been to a mosque. It reeks of stinky feet. People have to go in there barefoot, and it doesn't smell good. All this public praying just seems to piss off other religions causing resentment, anger and then...boom, you've got your next terrorist attack.

Why Princess Di and not Camilla? I'm not being superficial here. Sure Princess Di had a great body, incredible style, and amazing taste in clothes. But more important, she had balls! She stood up to the fucking Queen of England for Christ's sake (oh, sorry). Not to mention she was taken as a virginal sacrifice for the future King of England, only to be cheated on with Camilla, a portly, homely older woman. It's usually the opposite. Men cheat on the older, portly woman, with someone hot like Diana, not the other way around. The Brits, they love their irony. And let's not forget, Princess Di was an incredible mother and ended up having two really awesome sons, even if the red headed one isn't really Charles's. So he doesn't have royal blood pulsing through his veins, so what? He's still pretty cool.

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Assassinations. Why JFK and not George Bush? Junior or Senior - either one. Reagan would have been OK too except he was such a drama queen I think he actually enjoyed getting shot.

This last one isn't really a question, it's more of a favor. Please don't take Mark Zuckerberg anytime soon. I'm sure he still has some more ingenious ideas after Facebook. We're going to need him, and he's still relatively young. After all if it wasn't for him I wouldn't have anywhere to post stuff like this. Posting wouldn't be something we'd even know about. I mean he practically invented posting. Personally, I think he's a keeper. For us I mean. No offense, I'm just saying.

While I'm sure I'll have other questions, these are the ones troubling me the most right now. Please get back to me on these as soon as possible. And by that I don't mean 'in God's time'. I mean in real time, like a Net-30-day response. Look, I'm not trying to be demanding here, I'm only asking for the same level of respect that you expect from me.

(Starts to exit, stops and remembers).

YOUNG GIRL

Oh! By the way. We also need to schedule some time to talk about, ya know, *me*. No rush, just thinking out loud.

(Starts to exit again, blows out last candle, reflects and looks out toward 'heaven')

See ya on the other side...

(EXITS)