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"Shared joy is a double joy; shared sorrow is half a sorrow." - Swedish proverb

"You don't have to be right. All you have to be is candid." -Allen Ginsberg

אמר רבּי אילעאי, בשׁלשׁה דברים אדם ניכּר: בּכוֹסוֹ, וּבכיסוֹ וּבכעסוֹ. ואמרי ליהּ אף בּשׂחַקוֹ.

Rabbi Ila'i said: A person is known by three things: his cup, his pocket, and his anger. Source: *Babylonian Talmud*, *Eruvin 65b*

The humorous story is told gravely; the teller does his best to conceal the fact that he even dimly

"For me, the safest place is out on a limb." - Shirley MacLaine

suspects that there is anything funny about it." - Mark Twain

ַרַבִּי בְּרוֹקָא חוֹזָאָה הֲוָה שְׁכִיחַ בְּשׁוּקָא דְּבֵי לָפָט הֲוָה שְׁכִיחַ אֵלְיָּהוּ גַּבֵּיהּ אֲמַר לֵיהּ אִיכָּא בְּהַאי שׁוּקָא דְּבֵי לָפָט הְוָה שְׁכִיחַ אֵלְיָהוּ גַּבֵּיהּ אֲמַר לֵיהּ הָנָךְ נָמֵי בְּנֵי שְׁוּקָא בַּר עָלְמָא דְּאָתֵי צְיַמָר לֲהוּ לָא ... אַדְּהָכִי וְהָכִי אֲתוֹ הָנָךְ תְּרֵי אֲמֵר לֵיהּ הָנֶךְ נָמֵי בְּנֵי עְלָמָא דְאָתֵי נִינְהוּ אֲזַל לְגַבַּיְיהוּ אֲמַר לְהוּ מַאי עוֹבָדַיִיכוּ אֲמֵרוּ לֵיהּ אִינָשֵׁי בָּדוֹחֵי אֲנַן מְבַדְּחִינַן עְלְמָא: עָצִיבֵי אִי נָמֵי כִּי חָזֵינַן בֵּי תְרֵי דְּאִית לְהוּ תִּיגְרָא בַּהָדַיִיהוּ טָרְחִינַן וְעָבְדִינַן לְהוּ שְׁלָמָא:

Rabbi Beroka Hoza'ah used to spend time in the market at Bet Lapat where Elijah often appeared to him. Once he asked him, "Is there anyone in this market who has a share in the world to come?" He replied, "No." ...two men passed by and Elijah remarked, "These two have a share in the world to come." Rabbi Beroka then approached and asked them, What do you do?" They replied, We are clowns, when we see men depressed we cheer them up;

I had a friend who was a clown. When he died, all his friends went to the funeral in one car. **- Steven Wright**