

Writing for Underwear

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No, it's not something like Biking for Hunger or Running to Prevent Child Abuse, or even water for elephants! Honestly, it's just what it means, writing in order to receive underwear. But the underwear isn't for me – a writer. The beneficiary is my 19 year old son Jesse. He's a gifted person who needs to write...and if he does, I'll give him new underwear!

Here's where I'll lose a few of you...ready? Y'know that ol' cliché, Why do weird things happen to nice people? (If not, it's because I just made it up! But I think it's true.) Now, the way I see it, God never does anything "weird." He (assuming the Supreme Being is a he) does things that are *nice but incomprehensible* (italics mine). Six or seven years ago Jesse started to have two sets of eyes – one pair to see what we all see and a set of spiritual eyes. The extra set was a gift from the Supreme Being.

"What good are they?" Good question. If you are a person of faith, you'd be jealous. I am. If you're not a person of faith, this is hogwash (whatever that means I respect your hogwash...and hope your pig gets clean soon). Your kid might be able to hit a homerun – mine can't, his left arm has been paralyzed for over 4 years. He experienced a massive stroke at age 15.

Besides that, Jesse is different from you and me. Well, most of you out there. Since he and I attended a charismatic Christian, whoop-it-up-for-Jesus meeting, led by a man named Bob Jones; Jesse has never been the same. In simplest terms, my son now seems to have a pass to enter into the spiritual dimension at will. This means he sees angels, demons, visits heaven and somehow sees people's spirits, and more in varying degrees.

Bad Dad? No. Good Dad? Yes! Rest assured, Jesse currently has a sufficient supply. More importantly, he's got an abundant supply of topics to write about. So, the Costco Men's Knit Boxers which have "added stretch for comfort," 95% cotton, 5% Spandex, are just a perk. They come in packages of three. My son has lived off a supply of "other" boxers, picked out and paid for by his mother. I bought him a pack of Costco's undies some months ago. Unexpectedly, a high-watt light bulb turned on at his manly pleasure center. I know, I know, who would've guessed.

So, I've symbolically held these garments over his head to encourage him to write a total of 12 blogs at his <http://spiritualprogressional.blogspot.com> site. He had already written six when I enticed him. This allurements is legal (I checked with a lawyer) but, I did phone anonymously and hung up when the lawyer asked more pressing questions.

You're wondering, "So Mark, has it worked, does he feel the sweet, snug sense of satisfaction for a job well done?" Well, ahh...no, not really. But he will feel satisfaction in that manly pleasure center of his - eventually!

You see, well...you don't see, do you? There's a lot to explain and I already bought the new package of underwear and yes, he is now at 10 blogs - only two more to go. You wonder, "When he's written 12 blogs will I set a new goal and keep supplying him underwear, or switch to socks or something-or-other that's not wardrobe related?" Good questions.

Which gets back to underwear as you might imagine.

"So, does this gifting make him a wonderful person?" No.

"Has it made him wise?" A little here, a little there.

"Is there any proof, or way to prove what he says?" Yes and no.

"Is it spooky?" No.

"Can money be made from it?" If he compiles enough accounts to be made into a book. Time will tell. I would say, "That's where the drive for coveted underwear comes in (or on)."

People of faith, who have heard his insights and excerpts of what he's seen, have implored him to "write that down." But to date, he's barely done any journaling and only 10 short blogs. I, being his Dad, believe what he says is real. Also, since he lives with me and we do things together, I get a front row seat. Though I try not to nag Jesse, I'm a happily driven writer, so I do attempt to get him writing.

People want to hear and read his insights, me included - no matter what undergarments he's donning.

As of 11/11/2012 Jesse has posted over 20 blogs.