

Thoughts and Smiles – August 14, 2023

The seeker said to Life,

"How do I overcome feeling disappointed by my life
and discouraged by how my path has unfolded?"

And Life replied,

"Is there a single person who looks back on their life and says
'Everything went perfectly to plan as I hoped?'"

Is there a single traveller who embarked on a journey and found
Every path smooth, without a single obstacle?

Is there a single artist who created a masterpiece and found
Every stroke and colour blended seamlessly on their first attempt?

Is there a single gardener who planted
seeds and found

Every bloom perfectly grown?

Is there a single captain who sailed the
seas and found

Every voyage peaceful, with no storm
that surrounded them?

Is there a single dreamer who pursued
their dreams and found

Every aspiration fulfilled free from any
challenge or struggle?

Is there a single love story that unfolded
meticulously and found

Every moment perfect and free from heartbreak?

Is there a single student who sought knowledge and found
Every lesson completely effortless, free from any confusion?

And is there a single soul who lived their life and found
Every moment to be flawless,

with no wish to rewrite or relive any past experience?

There is no such person to be found,

For life rarely goes to plan,

from the perspective of your human self,

That is incapable of seeing the full, complete picture of existence

And how all paths intersect and all threads intertwine in the grand tapestry of life.

And your story is not defined by what happened to you, or by your worst moments and
so-called mistakes, but how you healed from them and who it shaped you into

becoming. For all that you take away from this brief existence is love."



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GREAT SEA STORY (Trivia)

The passenger steamer SS Warrimoo was quietly knifing its way through the waters of the mid-Pacific on its way from Vancouver to Australia. The navigator had just finished working out a star fix and brought Captain John D.S. Phillips, the result. The Warrimoo's position was LAT 0° 31' N and LONG 179 30' W. The date was 31 December 1899. "Know what this means?" First Mate Payton broke in, "We're only a few miles from the intersection of the Equator and the International Date Line". Captain Phillips was prankish enough to take full advantage of the opportunity for achieving the navigational freak of a lifetime.

He called his navigators to the bridge to check & double check the ship's position. He changed course slightly so as to bear directly on his mark. Then he adjusted the engine speed.

The calm weather & clear night worked in his favour. At midnight the SS Warrimoo lay on the Equator at exactly the point where it crossed the International Date Line! The

consequences of this bizarre position were many:

The forward part (bow) of the ship was in the Southern Hemisphere & in the middle of summer.

The rear (stern) was in the Northern Hemisphere & in the middle of winter.

The date in the aft part of the ship was 31 December 1899.

In the bow (forward) part it was 1 January 1900.

This ship was therefore not only in:

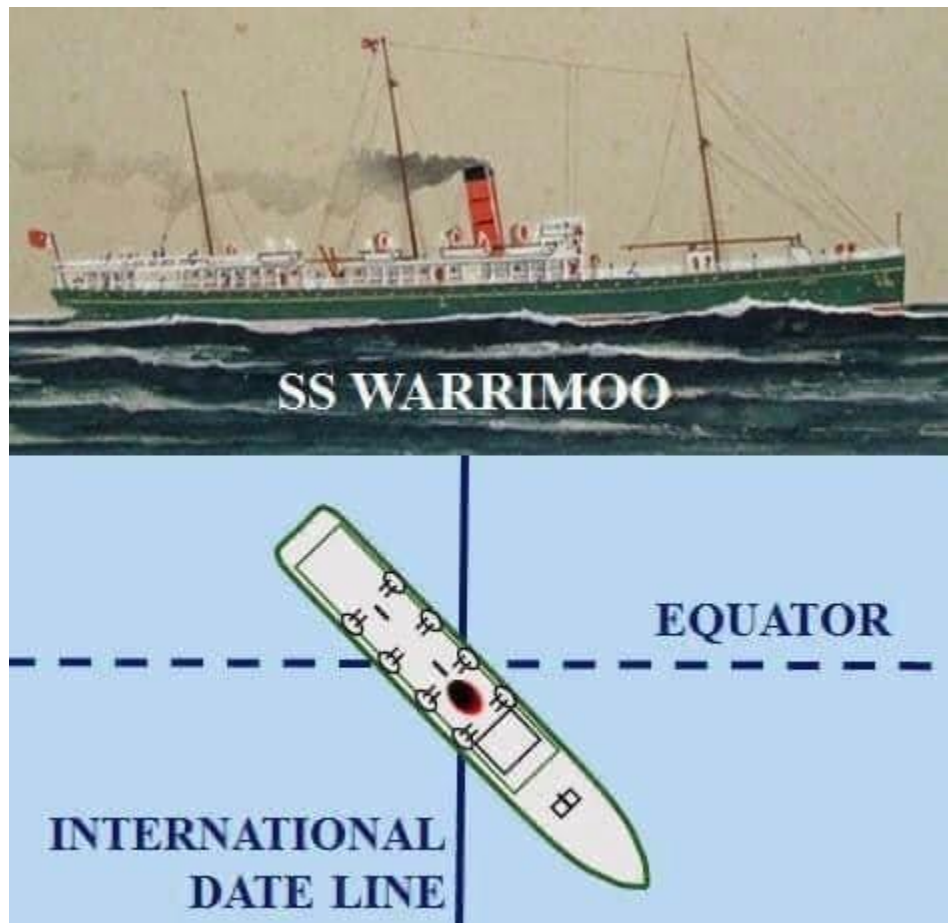
Two different days,

Two different months,

Two different years,

Two different seasons

*But in two different centuries -
all at the same time!*





I take the bus because I am afraid to fly ✈️



LOOK AT US WAKING UP AT THE SAME TIME AGAIN!

Me as a parent trying to hide my snacks.



WHEN CHURCH IS OVER AND YOU TRYNA LEAVE

BUT YOUR MOM KEEPS TALKING

***Have a terrific week!
Blessings to you all!***

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It's the cat's birthday

