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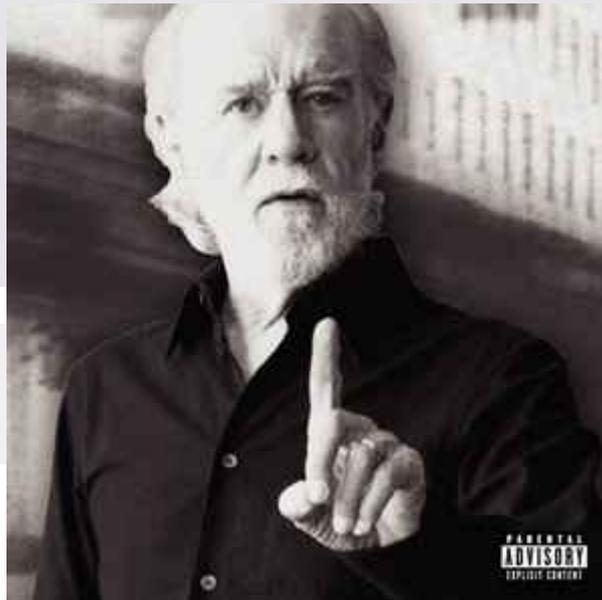
## *“Turning Possibilities into Realities”*

2012 “STRIVING FOR OUR SEYCHELLES”

### Rio + 20: The Future we want: The Promise

**“Working Hard at Working Smart”** (part XIII)

### *Independence Day 36 - The Road Travelled*



It amazing that George Carlin - comedian of the 70's and 80's - could write something so very eloquent...and so very appropriate.

# Sharing Insights

What a difference a sad event in someone's life makes.

GEORGE CARLIN (His wife recently passed on.)

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*A Message by George Carlin:*



**T**he paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways , but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.



**W**e've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.



**W**e drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, **and pray too seldom.**



**T**hese are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. **A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...**



**W**e have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.



**Remember,** spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.



**W**e've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.



**Remember,** say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

A Message by George Carlin continues:



**Remember**, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.



**Remember** to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again.



**Remember**, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.



**Give time to love**, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

**Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.**

## Independence Day 2012

Reflection Time

### A Global Movement For Change (UNSG)

#### Greetings

Thirty-six years have come and gone and our 'Independent' Seychelles has registered much change and progress across the board which we must continue to be thankful for and cherish. And today we are also equally living the "flipsides" of such "Developments for Better" needing our continuous Attention and Action.

On this most Auspicious Occasion pertaining to "Our Sovereignty and Freedom", we have found it necessary, timely and appropriate to provide with such *thought provoking insights by George Carlin*, aimed at assisting us in "Building a Global Movement for Change" (individually, locally, regional and globally) as called for by His Excellency, Mr Ban Ki-moon" Secretary General of the United Nations, on the eve of the recent Rio + 20 Summit and agreed upon thereafter.

Today therefore, while we rejoice, let us also take time to Reflect Deeply on the Road Travelled, whereby being better able to recognize and accept the fact that there is indeed much work ahead of us (both individually and collectively) to further Our Resolve for the betterment of Our Seychelles, Ourselves and that Common Future we want.

Now is the time for Real Action and Together "Yes we can" "Yes we can"...

May the Force Beyond continue to guide us...always.

To us All... A Happy Independence Day 36.

The Promise

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