

ELI Weekly

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submitted by,

Nasser Alahmari

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Then:

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Manners and Culture

If you have a question about U.S. manners and culture, please email our *ELI Weekly* editor, Jen Ramos, at jenmlej@hotmail.com, or put questions in her mailbox (marked *Ramos* in the ELI Main Office).

Q: In what situations are bribes acceptable in the U.S.?

A: Bribing is considered unacceptable in just about every situation and institution. Please never try to bribe a police officer under any circumstances here as the consequences will be very severe for you legally. Likewise, you should never offer any immigration or any other public official a bribe. In the private sector, such as banking, retail, medicine, etc., bribes are not looked upon well and will most likely be rejected with much embarrassment to you. I'm not saying bribery never happens here, but it is not part of the "regular procedure" of daily living and can cause lots of trouble. My advice is never offer nor accept any "special deal."

Q: What is the difference between all the different types of Christianity?

According to some sources, there are 34,000 separate denominations of Christianity! Often what separates them in modern times are their positions on such topics as: abortion, homosexuality, physician assisted suicide, therapeutic cloning, disciplining children, divorce, etc. They have very different beliefs on historical Christian teachings, such as the virgin birth, the atonement, the resurrection, Heaven, Hell, salvation, Satan, demons, etc.

A non-ELI sponsored activity for charity:

Cropwalk:

When: December 3rd, Sunday afternoon at 3pm.

What: Walk with friends and family to alleviate hunger and poverty in the world.

Required: A jar of peanutbutter for each walker to donate to the Gainesville food bank. You may collect money for donations, but no minimum is required. Wear comfortable shoes!

Who: Contact Lia Brenneman if you are interested in becoming a walker!

<http://www.cropwalk.org/>

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Nov. 21: Eduardo Borges
Nov. 24: Fahad Abalkheil,
Mohammed Almutaq
Nov. 23: Yoonjung Yang
Nov. 28: Joan Al Abdallah,
Nasser Alahmari



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