

Old-School Cool

Dear Tim:

Santa Claus was really good to my kids this Christmas. But I noticed that mixed in with all the new video games I can't figure out and the cell phones I can't operate were a lot of the same types of toys we used to play with when we were kids. I realize I'm not cool anymore, but when did my toys become cool again?

-Old School on Oldham

Dear Old School:

First of all, don't sweat the coolness thing. I haven't been cool for decades, but it hasn't stopped me from acting like it. Mostly I do it to embarrass my children. Glenda just ignores it, which I guess is what every good wife does. Anyway, I don't follow the toy market much (other than when it involves spoiling my grandkids), but if it's anything like the food market, anything that is truly timeless never really goes out of style.



DEAR TIM

They're still making Spaghetti Os and Cap'n Crunch (both in aisle 3) because kids love them. And as the song goes, "Love knows no season, love knows no climate."

Dear Tim:

I'm two weeks in and my New Year's resolution diet is still in full effect. Unfortunately, so is my short fuse. I find

myself snapping at skinny people and scowling at anyone eating anything that's no longer on my "list." Can my bad behavior be forgiven under the circumstances or am I going straight to hell in an effort to lose 15 pounds?

-Loser on Lowstone

Dear Loser:

I tend to think of God as a pretty liberal being. I doubt He's going to send you to hell over some cross words and a few dirty looks. If that were the case, Glenda might be in trouble for no other reason than keeping me in line. Besides, I'm sure God admires your commitment to self-improvement. If you find you need help sticking to your diet, stop in. We've got dozens of low-cal and fat-free selections in every aisle. And we'll all try to stay out of your way.

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