

Greetings from August 1965 A.D.

When you open and read this letter, I will be no more. Perhaps you are just making an appearance, or perhaps you are old enough to read and understand what I am writing. I will assume the latter and write accordingly.

Our most serious national problem today is the color of a man's skin. There are people who won't allow a black man to live and love as we do. But he is forced by law, as a citizen, to respond to the nation's colors, and, if necessary, to shed his blood as a white man does. The Negro is trying, though by wrong methods, to live like a white man. Riots and mob assaults are not the way to racial peace. As a young person in 2015 A.D., try to restore and preserve a good way of life among all races.

Music as I knew it in my youth, is almost non-existent, except on special occasions. The popular noise now is "rock and roll," and the appropriate gyrations are called dancing!! I was always a believer in women being feminine. But today's women seem to be competing with men in both dress and habits. Slacks are worn for any occasion, even parties. Hardly a woman can be seen without a cigarette in her mouth, and one wouldn't think of eating before drinking a cocktail! People who think as I do are called "squares."

Now let me speak of things I have seen come into existence during my lifetime.

I can remember listening through earphones to the first radio programs. What magic to hear those sounds from out in space!

Automobiles (or cars) have become both

wonderful and fearful. Our beautiful big country has become small and well-known because of ease of travel. The rugged tires and motors of today's cars, make a 600 mile trip a standard mileage. It is the advanced speed built into today's cars, and improperly used, that causes the tragedy on today's highways.

Slowly, but surely, scientists are learning about outer space. When you read this, perhaps we will be sending men to the moon and other unheard-of places. Science is just beginning to become aware ^{to} of underwater exploration as a benefit to mankind, and large scale programs are being planned.

This has been the 4th consecutive year of draught, and plans are being made to purify ocean water for human use. What a wonderful world we live in, and how lucky we are to be able to enjoy all our pleasures.

I have been wondering what kind of a letter my ancestor might have written 50 years ago! They say there is "nothing new under the sun". What would the complaints and joys have been in that age?

Whoever you are, and wherever you live, try to always treat your fellow man as you would be treated, and obey all the rules of good living, whether God's or man-made.
God bless you and your descendants.

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Citizen