

Words of Wisdom: Maya Angelou at 70

Maya Angelou, who passed away in 2014 at the age of 84, was interviewed on her 70th birthday, and asked about growing older. There, on television, she said it was "exciting," and proceeded to explain...

Regarding body changes, she said there were many, occurring every day....like her breasts. They seem to be in a race to see which will reach her waist, first.

The audience laughed so hard they cried. She is such a simple and honest woman, with so much wisdom in her words!

Maya Angelou said:

'I've learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.'

'I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.'



'I've learned that life some-times gives you a second chance.'

'I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back...'

'I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.'

'I've learned that even when I have pain, I don't have to be one.'

'I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone.. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back...'

'I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.'

'I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

'I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.'

'I've learned that making a 'living' is not the same thing as making a life.'

Why Support Locally Owned Businesses?

Top Ten Reasons to Think Local • Buy Local • Be Local

- 1. Buy Local –Support Yourself:** Studies show that when you buy from an independent, locally-owned business, rather than a nationally owned business, significantly more of your money is used to make purchases from other local businesses – strengthening the economic base of the community.
- 2. Support Community Groups:** Non-profit organizations receive an average 250% more support from small business owners than they do from large ones. It is the small, local businesses who give to benefits for locals in need.
- 3. Keep The Keys Unique:** Where we shop, where we eat and have fun -- all of it makes the Keys our home. Our one-of-a-kind businesses are an integral part of the distinctive character of this place. Tourism benefits. "When people go on vacation they generally seek out destinations that offer them the sense of being someplace, not

just anyplace." — Richard Moe, President, National Historic Preservation Trust.

- 4. Reduce Environmental Impact:** Locally owned businesses make local purchases requiring less transportation and set up shop in town centers, as opposed to developing on the fringe. This generally means contributing less to sprawl, congestion, habitat loss and pollution.
- 5. Create More Good Jobs:** Small local businesses are the largest employer in our community. More jobs means more people buying homes and so the home values rise.
- 6. Get Better Service:** Local businesses hire people with a better understanding of the

products they are selling who take more time to get to know customers and their needs.

- 7. Invest in Community:** Local businesses are owned by people who live in this community, are less likely to leave, and are more invested in the Keys' future.
- 8. Put Your Taxes to Good Use:** Local businesses require com-



paratively little infrastructure investment and make more efficient use of public services.

- 9. Customer Service:** Your local business owner personally handles customer service, not someone speaking a foreign language from Miami or India who can blow you off forever with the touch of a button.
- 10. Encourage Local Prosperity:** Research shows that in an increasingly homogenized world, entrepreneurs and skilled workers are more likely to invest and settle in communities that preserve their one-of-a-kind distinctive character.

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