

April 25th, 2020

ADVICE

If the world is upside down,
do a handstand,
and don't care, if people give you a frown.

Keep your inner sunshine,
because it's most important,
in this topsy-turvy time.

Distance of everyone you love,
from neighbours, granny and friends,
it's quite hard - but you know what?
every hard time someday ends...

26th April

How much I miss my everyday-life

As difficult and weird this time may
be, I can still find something positive
in it (even if this might sound
ridiculous...). Now I realize how
important the little things in my life
are, which I thought were completely nor-
mal before Corona. When I look back,
I'm ashamed that I didn't appreciate
those things enough. Because of Corona
everything changed & I see how much
I miss my everyday-life...:

hanging out with my friends, going to
school, watching some cool movies

at in the cinema, shopping, hearing
some good news, eating at [Jonny's
Pizza] with my gang 😊, partying,
having people around me and just
going wherever I want - whenever
I want.

How...?

27th April

- 12 How many more hours in front of the TV
- 11 How many flights will get canceled
- 10 How much money will it cost
- 9 How many facemasks will be needed
- 8 How many people will not know what to do
- 7 How many tries to a vaccine

6 How many people will get more appreciation
for their work

5 How much time until we will see each
other again

4 How long will it last

3 How many lives will it take

2 How will we get through this

1 How much hope is left

April 29th, by Uta

Wishes for people in general

- during the Corona pandemic

Today I thought of what I could wish for people in general during the Corona pandemic. I'm honest : I don't know. I am asking myself if I even had the right to wish something for them. I am sure that I'm part of the world's most privileged persons. So, it feels weird to wish something, although I am not in the position of wanting and wishing as other people may.

For me a wish is something that I try to achieve, so it can become true. I think, it would be inappropriate, doing this knowing, that I'm not able to make the wishes come true. Furthermore, for the people are these wishes just words. A wish can't change anything. It is just a sentence without power. Everyone can wish something for somebody else, because he doesn't have to do anything to realize his wish.

You can say ~~ist~~, but nevertheless nothing will happen from it. Does it matter, if I say „Hey, I wish, everything will be fine! I know, your life is really hard now. I wish, somebody was there for you to support and comfort you.“ Or: „Oh, the world is a very unfair place. I wish everybody could achieve his goals and had the same opportunities.“ And then – what?

Nothing will change, nothing will get better. My wishes would not help. Just a few words from me which mean probably nothing for anyone. So I believe that there is a big difference between saying a wish and being optimistic. I think, being optimistic and stand for this convincingly can give more hope and strength. Like with optimism you are sure, something will happen. Something will get better. A wish can obviously be something far out of reach. Am I responsible enough of what I wish?

Anyway, I hope the damage of the pandemic will be as small as possible for everyone and in every aspect, economically, socially and for the health of the world-population.

May 1st



Why I feel stupid

- during the Corona pandemic

Last week I remembered an exercise from a German lesson. At that time the task was to decide whether the land of milk and honey painted by Bruegel would be something good or something bad. I said that there were arguments for both sides. But at least I decided pro land of milk and honey. My reasons were that this would be a peaceful and safe place, everybody had enough food and nobody would be forced to do something for living. I still find them understandable today.

But... why had I said I would like to live in this land to see how nice it would be? "Be careful with your wishes for they might come true".

And here we are now. I feel like I'm living there during Corona. And I do not like it as much as I thought I would. I don't know what to do, because it doesn't matter, nobody cares. I can watch tv for five hours, nevertheless there are ten hours left of the day. A few days ago I finally heard every episode of "Die drei Fragezeichen" ... and there are more than 200, namely exactly 204. Another day I didn't want to go out of my bed. I just tried to sleep as long as possible.

The time passes so *s l o o w l y y y*. Everyday is the same. The same people around me, the same boring room, the same good weather, the same stuff in the tv, because all the other things are done. I realize that Life is obviously much more than existence as it says the holy book, more than fulfilled basic needs. It's like a pyramid: below are the basic needs (sleeping, breathing, eating), the next level is safety (safe job, safe income, police), then there is membership and love (family, friends, classmates, partner), after this comes recognition/appreciation (for what you achieved, what you have done) and the top of

the pyramid is self-realization (your own career, realization of your goals, your growing process). And while Corona we are stuck between the second and third step of this metaphorical pyramid. That's an unusual situation for me; not every of my "normal desires" get satisfied. As I showed, in my eyes the meaning of Life is not just to live. I really miss all of my friends. I miss having fun with them and making nonsense. I miss going to school, seeing everybody and working on my daily goals. I miss going to lunch to my grandma as I normally would do every Friday since I'm five. Living is much more than not being dead. Perhaps I describe the situation a little bit too dramatically. But well, this is how it just feels.

Now, I have the impression of insulting all people who wish they could live a life like mine, by saying the following... so it takes much effort and hurts me to admit it, but I don't want to live in the land of milk and honey anymore. And I feel naive that I was excited and interested about being there and see how great it would be. Anyway, I will grow from my experience.

C haotic

O bdurate

r adiating

O ffensive

n ew

a wfully aggressive

Even small things
can cause a big
damage.

Why I dont understand the behaviour
of some people

- during the Corona pandemic

This is a difficult time and different for everyone of us. And its normal that everyone is dealing with it in his own way. But there are two types of reaction I can't understand....

The first one is this kind of person who thinks that all of this is a big joke. Nothing to take serious. They act like the rules aren't made for them. They do their things as if the virus doesn't exist. Why? ~~Are Do~~ they think that everyone else renounce „the normal things“ because this is so funny? The answer is no. These rules aren't there as a punishment from the politicians. They are there to protect us. People are dying because of the Corona-virus. Because some others decided to go shopping without *that stupid facemask*, have a coronaparty with some friends... so the virus can spread. And these guys are responsible for that. By ignoring the rules they decide who is affected. But this isn't their decision to take.

Type 2 is the one who thinks he is the is most affected of the virus even if he's not. His problem is

that he doesn't know what to do (for himself). Like „oh gosh I watched all existing series and films. I don't know what to do anymore. Mhhh...maybe I could eat something. Ohh no! We have nothing tasty at home. I have to buy something at the supermarket.... Wait, what is this? Really...its raining ... I will stay at home. Why is everything so boring? Nothing happens here... why is the world so unfair to me??“ As I said, I know it's difficult for everyone, but please stop acting like this. Some people maybe wonder I want this: because I think it's a very selfish way of acting and seeing the world around you. There are so many people who lost a family member, who lost their job and financial safety. Or there are people who haven't seen another human being for weeks. This virus does not only bring death, but also a lot of psychologically pain. For me this saying of *I dOnt kNoW whAt To dO* is a kind of disrespect, when you've got “everything” (peace, food, education, water, electricity, a home, infrastructure, family and friends, a job, health system, digital network and so on). It's sad that some people only think about their own problems although this pandemic is a global problem.

Uta

This is a translation from my own homework for politics and economy, which I have written four days ago. I think it's important to say something about the political situation of the European union (especially in this corona diary).

The European union is in an unexpected and difficult situation, because of the coronavirus. A lot of parts of the European system collapsed, which were built about many years and with hard work. The „Binnenmarkt“, an area for free trading for every member of the EU and one of the greatest achievements gets strongly limited. It's the same with other important parts. And there are now many new problems: the chaotic way of making decisions by the different governments, the EU-Budget which Ursula von der Leyen as the president of the commission wants to reform, the question if the „Währungsunion“ is able to resist this (amongst other things) economical catastrophe. Moreover the commission is only able to act, if the different members of the EU (like Germany, France, Spain, Greece..., and so on) agree with their plans and command together what to do. So there are a lot of stress factors for this sensitive system like the European Union. ...What will happen to the EU? Can this union ever be like before the crisis? Will the EU and the economy regenerate and raise again? Perhaps the EU is at this moment between the deep, dark hole, which Ursula von der Leyen could have already seen and the recovery it needs for surviving.

Die EU befindet sich durch die Coronakrise in einem zuvor nie dagewesenen Ausnahmezustand. Schon nach kurzer Zeit brachen viele Teile des EU Systems in sich zusammen, die vorher viele Jahre hart aufgebaut werden mussten. Der Binnenmarkt, das Wirtschaftsgebiet um grenzenlos und frei mit jedem anderen Mitgliedstaat zu handeln, einer der größten Vorzüge der EU, wurde stark eingeschränkt. Dies betrifft auch andere wertvolle Errungenschaften. Dazu kommen die vielen neuen Probleme, die sich der EU durch die Krise eröffnet haben: das unkoordinierte Treffen von Entscheidungen der einzelnen Regierungen, der EU Haushalt, den Ursula von der Leyen als EU-Kommissionspräsidentin nun komplett umgestalten möchte, die Frage, ob die Währungsunion dieser (unter anderem) wirtschaftlichen Katastrophe standhalten kann. Zusätzlich kann die EU-Kommission erst tätig werden, wenn sich die einzelnen Mitgliedstaaten einig werden und ihr Aufträge erteilen. Das sind alles starke Belastungsfaktoren für solch ein (filigranes) System, wie es die EU ist.

Außerdem stellt sich die Frage, was mit der EU passieren wird. Ob die Europäische Union so sein wird wie vor der Krise, ob sie sich von diesen schwerwiegenden Problematiken erholen kann, ob sich auch die Wirtschaft wieder regenerieren können wird. Ich empfinde es so, als befände sich die EU zurzeit auf einem ziemlich schmalen Grat zwischen dem Abgrund, den Ursula von der Leyen für die Europäische Zukunft bereits sehen konnte, und dem Weg zum Aufschwung.

My experiences

1. A friend of my mother was challenged by the pandemic. She owns a bookshop. And she had to close it because of Corona. At first, she was out of hope because she didn't know how to carry on. She couldn't sell one book for two weeks, but she had to pay her employees. Without customers no book can be sold. So she decided to sell her books online and bring them by herself to the people, who bought a book. She says it wasn't easy for her and the situation was *hard to handle*, but it was the only way to save her shop. Now she is really happy about being allowed to reopen her shop.

2. Yesterday was the first day in my whole life I bought a facemask. I bought 4 for each member of my inner circle family. I paid 10 € for these masks and I had to go to three drugstores: the first one was out of masks and at the second one every customer was only allowed to buy two per person. My neighbour owns a little online store. He told me he bought 10 masks for 2 € before Corona. Now he can sell them for much money. He couldn't achieve such a high profit for a long time, he says. But he is sure that it won't stay that way:

After Corona you can buy a mask for 5 cents or less (that would be 5 € for 100 masks and I would have paid 250€ for 100).

3. Today was the first day I went shopping with a facemask. Omg that felt so weird. You can't see if somebody is laughing or smiling. It's very hard to identify the feelings a person has correctly. Is he ironic or serious, is he surprised or sad? When half of the face is covered an important part of the facial expressions is missing. Besides it can get difficult to understand people because the mask reduces the loudness of speech.

4. My grandma told me that she went to a well-known but not named discounter. She saw two persons argue about a bottle disinfectant. The one person seems like being a customer. The other one was an employee and said something like "I am sorry, but you are using way too much of this. There are others who want to have some of it. Could you please stop wasting the product?" Suddenly the customer grabbed the bottle and ran to his car. Then he fled. The employee was shocked as my grandmother was. She was stunned that this rude and egoistical acting was possible.

5. Since the school is closed, I use to do a lot of home-office. For me it's pretty cool to organize everything on my own. I can start the day at 6.30 so I am able to finish earlier. Normally I would stand up at 5.50 and catch the bus at 7 o'clock. Now I could stand up at half past seven and wouldn't be late for school. But at the other hand it's so different doing home schooling. It's so silent (very scary haha). And if you have some trouble with an exercise the problem solving by your own is different too. My parents are also in home-office, which can be annoying sometimes. It has to be quiet so that everyone can concentrate well. Our house is small, and we don't have enough space for separation. This is why we have to take turns, who can work in which room and when. And every 5 minutes somebody is calling and the telephone rings. Or my brother is practicing his instrument. Perhaps not the best conditions for home-office; but it is possible.

Uta



