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October 9, 2013

Greetings!,

Monty often says, "My way is the best way for me today, but if you show me a better way that will be my way tomorrow ..." What beliefs, if any, do you hold true as absolute certainties? This week, Monty explores these considerations in his question and answer column.

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I just wanted to say that I have just finished reading "[The Man Who Listens To Horses](#)" and to let you know how much I enjoyed the book. I must admit I was crying when I got to the part where [Johnny Tivio](#) died and you had to bury him but the whole book was wonderful. I even enjoyed reading about the doe you saved from the coyotes. You made me believe again that people and animals do share a special bond and if you have the patience anything can happen. I do hope to visit your [Flag Is Up Farms](#) one day before I leave this earth and to say thank you.

Debbie Stephens
Milestone Chemicals Australia Pty Ltd

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

I have read your books and even conducted Join-Up successfully. I respect you and your concepts with extremely sincere conviction. I know that you mean well with every recommendation that you make. It is my firm belief that you have an open mind and that you do not wish to impose your discoveries on anyone else without thorough justification.

With these thoughts in mind I would like to call to your attention that there are many cultures globally that believe that the earth is far less than 50 million years old making it impossible for horses to have existed for that length of time. Since none of us know for sure, wouldn't it be better if you altered your statements to allow for the potential of a slightly different calendar regarding the existence of the earth, the human species and the animals that you have spent a lifetime studying? Please do not regard this as a serious criticism, only as a suggestion. Sincerely, Ron S.

Monty's Answer:

Thank you very much for your question. It is a pivotal entry on this huge list of questions that are coming through weekly. I especially thank you for it because it proves that I am still learning. I will

start my answer by saying you are absolutely right. No one of us knows for certain much of anything of what happened even tens of thousands of years ago. In addition to that fact it is also true that each of us has the right to our own beliefs and that no one should attempt to impose their will as if they were the know all and be all.

This issue is quite similar to another one which I learned only about a year and a half ago. As it turns out I had been going around the world quite pleased with results I was getting with remedial horses. I would often say "Wow! Look at him! He is really trying for me." Over and over I indicated that horses were trying for me. I was absolutely convinced that they were and the results of any given session tended to bear me out. In no way did I think I was breaking any rules or making statements that were against scientific evidence.

At a demonstration, I was confronted by a group of scientists who indicated to me that they believe they have proof positive that **no horse can 'try' for any predator including the human being**. I knew too of the four scientists involved and they are quite well known with their work with equine studies. I had a long think about this through the balance of that night and it occurred to me that there was a simple solution. Subsequent to that conversation I have simply referred to the behavior in question as follows. "This horse appears to be trying for me."

The change here is extremely subtle but embodies an admission that I can't know for sure that the horse is trying for me. If this is true then I have no right to impose my original statement on any student of equine behavior. The same is true for your question. I have given it consideration and from this point forward I will change my statements even more significantly than my first example. Since there is an element of conjecture within the scientific community about the origin and timing of the existence of horses, my future statement will be as follows.

"If one is to accept the general scientific data produced by carbon dating then one can assume that the first Eohippus (Dawn Horse) fossils date back to a time approximately 50 million years ago. Similarly if one accepts Lucy from Olduvai Gorge as the first Hominid, then we would accept approximately 3.2 million years as how long humans have walked this earth. Accepting this data would indicate that horses lived on earth for 47 million years without the presence of human beings. There are certain people who believe in different time element."

My conversation would continue with the fact that I gladly defer to any belief system that would argue with what the general scientific community accepts regarding carbon dating. It is not terribly important to me the exact number of years. It is my belief that everyone will agree, horses have been on earth for a long time. I think that most people will agree that there was a significant period of time between the presence of both species and the domestication of horses. I thank you for the opportunity to visit this phenomenon.

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THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



Herd Leaders

Regarding the recent Question and Answer about the Herd Leader...
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Elk seem to leave the dominant Bull in the rear of the group. The satellite bulls are separate from the cows. Cows wander past first, slowly, grazing. They all will pass, then the herd bull comes out of the timber and passes.
~ Oattie Otterstein, SW Colo.

Thank you very much for your beautiful answer to Florian Oberparleiter's question. I agree with you regarding our use of absolute words like "never" and "always" when we record a written description of observed movements of wild horses and their family units in their natural environment.

Thank you for all that you are doing to share your experience, knowledge, and teaching in this fascinating area.
~ Mark

Coming this Month!

Feel good about the direction horsemanship is going!

Horsemanship Radio launches this month with guests from around the world who are making a difference in horses' lives, in a big way. Horsemanship Radio is an online radio show (podcast) dedicated to the exploration of good horsemanship throughout the world.

Hosted by Debbie Roberts Loucks (Monty Roberts' daughter) the show includes segments, tips and interviews exploring good horsemanship.

It's a part of the Horse Radio Network. Watch this space for more details to come.

Share the Joys of Join-Up





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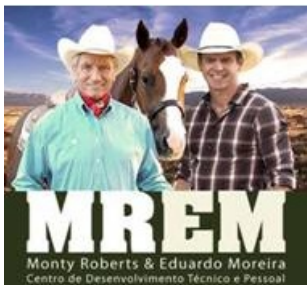
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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MONTY?

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| October 15 | <u>Helsinki International Horse Show</u> , Next Generation Tour | Finland |
| October 17 | <u>South Staffordshire College</u> , Rodbaston Campus Penkridge, Staffordshire | UK |
| October 19 | <u>Myerscough College</u> , St. Michael's Road, Bilsborrow, Preston, Lancashire | UK |
| October 25 | <u>Hartpury College</u> , Hartpury, Gloucester, | UK |
| October 30 | <u>Crofton Manor EC</u> , Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Fareham, Hampshire | UK |
| November 1 | <u>The Grange EC</u> , Northlew Road, Okehampton, Devon | UK |
| January 25, 2014 | A Night of Inspiration with Monty at Flag Is Up Farms in Solvang, California. Call (805) 688-6288 for more info. | USA |



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http://www.montyroberts.com/ab_about_monty_calendar/see-monty/

CALLING EX-FORCES VETERANS WITH PTSD

Following Monty Roberts' on-going success with helping military veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), **we would like to extend his offer of help to all ex-forces personnel in the UK.** Monty is keen to demonstrate the extraordinary healing power of working with horses during his forthcoming Autumn Tour, which runs from September to November 2013, and we are looking for **Veterans with PTSD who may wish to try this deeply therapeutic experience** for themselves.

How to Share Monty with friends: What better way to share Monty and his concepts than to take them to meet Monty - online! [Click here](#) to see the NEW LOOK and resource Monty has for horse lovers worldwide:
www.MontyRobertsUniversity.com

Send this link to those you have always hoped would understand the goodness you feel in Join-Up. Have a look around yourself and let us know what you think AskMonty@montyroberts.com
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CANADA'S RURAL TV



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on The Rural Channel. More info as to where The Rural Channel is available:
<http://theruralchannel.com/get-trc/>

If you have questions or need more info go to info@theruralchannel.com or reach out on any of their Social Media platforms: @TheRuralChannel
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Horse & Country, UK



Watch Monty Roberts on Horse & Country TV (Sky channel 280) in the UK and

For many sufferers of this debilitating and difficult syndrome, finding and giving trust can be an immensely significant and life changing moment. We have found that the sufferers of PTSD often feel unable to ask for help, and it is the families, wives and partners are left to find the support they also need. Please feel free to share this post as freely and widely as possible.

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Some of you may have seen Monty working with Paul, an ex-soldier, during last year's tour, and we were touched to have received this letter from his wife a couple of months ago - *"We have all as a family, just sat and watched Paul with Monty at the demos on Horse & Country TV. It was very emotional as what a difference the past year has been. Paul has lived the past year as a different person, much calmer and happier in life. I can't begin to explain to you how our lives have changed, from living in a house with a very aggressive, troubled man... to the happy carefree person he has become. I really do believe that Monty has helped Paul, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for this, because no one else would."* ~ Paul's wife

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Monty's Challenge

Mr. Roberts, you are the man who listens to horses. Do you remember when did this passion for animals begin?

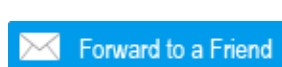
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Sincerely,

Monty Roberts

