



ASK MONTY

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Greetings!,

No dream is too big. Do you want to... influence the world of horsemanship for good... build a state-of-the-art equine training facility... learn the language of horses...? At the age of 14, a young Monty Roberts mapped out bigger than life dreams as part of a school assignment, and those dreams have come true. Read more in Monty's question and answer column below.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Question:

I read in the original **Chicken Soup for the Soul** book the story of the paper you wrote when you were young about following your dream. How could you write an article with so many details?

Editor's Note: You can order a copy of **Chicken Soup for the Soul** by contacting admin@montyroberts.com or calling +1 805 688 6288

Monty's Answer:

The premise of your question is to presuppose that I was very young when I created the plan that was a part of the original book **Chicken Soup for the Soul**. Actually I was in my mid-teens which meant that I had been traveling all over the United States in competition on horses for well over 10 years.

While on these journeys, I was visiting equestrian centers breeding farms and privately owned horse-oriented hobby farms in over 20 states. **My interest in the welfare of horses was foremost in my mind** so it was natural for me to pay close attention to stable designs and overall husbandry plans.

One must remember that I attended classes at Hartnell College of Agriculture at the age of 14. This is when most youngsters are entering High School. My home school background had me several years ahead of students my age and so I began to study animal husbandry well ahead of the average student.

From an experience standpoint, I was quite old and I literally felt qualified to plan a world-class horse facility in my mid-teens. The fact is I did draw the plans and then **some 21 years later I built the farm that still stands today as one of the world's outstanding horse facilities**. These are simply the facts.

Please do not consider me some kind of genius because I'm not. Circumstances pressed me to concentrate in a profound way on my life's goal. It wasn't only my father's brutality but also the normal violent level of training horses that almost everyone has witnessed that pushed me onward to reach for answers on **how to better meet the needs of these creatures** that I admired so much.

Mr. Lyman Fowler was the teacher in question. He asked us to write a paper outlining our vision for our individual future. He told us to be realistic. I remember that he said "I don't want a lot of

papers expressing the desire to be President of the United States." **He asked us to keep it realistic.**

With that in mind **I outlined my dream**. In addition I included my farm plans. He marked it with a huge red F (failing grade) and made an example to the class of why he felt I had not been realistic

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Monty's Principles

Influence for Good!

Hi Monty. You're more than likely to have received a great number of emails from [tonight's demo](#), but I would like to let you know that since looking into natural horsemanship about 2 years ago the horse has changed my life completely!

I was never brought up around horses and only got involved with them about 3.5 years ago at the age of 20. **I was never one for patience or keeping a level head** as I didn't know any different from previous experiences!

The reason for this email is to let you know you have truly inspired me to become a full time horseman myself and eventually become a teacher and inspiration to others like you have for me. So **thank you for helping me see horses in a different light and learning from them.**

Matt Owen

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idge Red 1 (raining grade) and made an example to the class of why he felt I had not been realistic. He said he knew my parents and **that there was no way I could accomplish my goal financially speaking**. I was devastated.

He indicated that the average salary in the US was \$6000 per year. He estimated that my dream and my plan would require millions. He told me that he did not want to give me an F and **he asked me to take my plan back home and rework it and turn it in again**. I took it home. I considered changes and decided to leave it as originally done.

It seems to me that it was about 3 weeks when our grades came in the mail. I got an A in the course. He clearly did not stand by his F on the paper. I suppose this stiffened my spine and caused an even greater determination to continue **my quest for a greater level of respect for the equine species**.

It was 30 years after that when a retired Lyman Fowler brought a large grip of his friends to **Flag Is Up Farms**, stood them on the hill at our house and asked them to influence all teachers to **never put a cap on the aspirations of a student**. He openly admitted that he was wrong to discourage me from dreaming what appeared to be the impossible.

Editor's Note: Monty's accounts of growing up and achieving his dream are included in his autobiography, [The Man Who Listens to Horses](#).

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THIS WEEK IN MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNI



In this week's video lesson on [Equus Online University](#), Monty and Liger celebrate together the first experiences of this young athlete's life as a riding horse.

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Current students log in here: www.montyrobertsuniversity.com/sessions/new

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS MONTY?



Fab demo at Rodbaston last night. I was particularly impressed with the little mare that didn't like to have a rider on.

~ Sharon Moore

It's that time of year when **gift giving** is on our minds... Be sure to go to: [Facebook.com/MontyRoberts](https://www.facebook.com/MontyRoberts)

"Like" Monty's page, and watch for great deals on Monty's books, DVDs and equipment.

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Now Playing: Monty Roberts & Polo Player Joel Baker



**Feel Good About the
Direction Horsemanship
Is Going!**

The Horsemanship Radio Show is an online radio show (podcast) dedicated to the exploration of good horsemanship throughout the world. Hosted by Debbie Loucks (Monty Roberts Daughter) the show includes segments, tips and interviews exploring good horsemanship.

October 30: Olympic dressage rider **Charlotte Bredahl and Joe Camp** share their views on horsemanship. And Debbie answers a question regarding crossing water issues.

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<http://www.horsemanshipradio.com/>

Monty's Challenge

It would be my aspiration to follow in your footsteps and create a career of travel, a large ranch and lots of horses to work with. Would you recommend it? How is your life nowadays?

Monty on HRTV



Watch Monty on HRTV Tuesdays at 6:00 PM ET.

Special Offer for Monty Roberts' Fans!

See Monty's Demonstrations Near You!

October 30	Crofton Manor EC , Titchfield Road, Stubbington, Fareham, Hampshire UK	
November 1	The Grange EC , Northlew Road, Okehampton, Devon SOME SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS DEMO! FOR TICKETS, CALL THE IH OFFICE ON 01488 71300 between the hours of 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday.	UK
November 30 - December 1	Brazil horse training workshops with Monty Roberts, 9 am - 5 pm, limited to 40 participants. Call +55 11 3882-0008 or write encantadoresdevidas@sirin.com.br	BR
December 7 -8	Brazil horse training workshops with Monty Roberts, 9 am - 5 pm, limited to 40 participants. Call +55 11 3882-0008 or write encantadoresdevidas@sirin.com.br	BR
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
January 26, 2014	Life Lessons: A Personal Development Workshop at Flag Is Up Farms - See more at: http://www.montyroberts.com/wp- content/uploads/2013/10/Life-Lessons-web.pdf	USA
April 4, 2014	Pferdezentrum Schloss Wickrath, Mönchengladbach	DE
April 6, 2014	Landgestüt Zweibrücken	DE
April 8, 2014	Reitsportzentrum Hohenzollern, Bisingen	DE
April 11, 2014	Reitverein Bayer Leverkusen	DE
April 13, 2014	Gestüt Tannenhof, Heidenrod-Watzelhain (bei Wiesbaden)	DE



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

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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
<http://www.facebook.com/theruralchannel>

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.

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

Contact ele@ihhq.net for more information.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Let us know what you are looking for in content from these emails. Send your comments and

Horse & Country, UK



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

<http://www.horseandcountry.tv/monty>

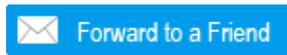
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Sincerely,
Monty Roberts

