



Wednesday November 14, 2018

Greetings!

Question

How has a failure, or apparent failure, set you up for later success? Do you have a “favorite failure” of yours?

Answer

This is a wonderful question which has come to me in various forms but I like your phrasing. I often tell my students that mistakes (or failures) are our greatest learning tools. The key to causing our failures to assist us is to become keenly observant and seeing our mistakes for what they truly are. So many people want to make excuses for why something turned out in a negative way. Close observation will generally show us we needed to do it differently.

There are two personal failures I have experienced which have served me well when I finally came to observe them clearly. Number one was the use of violence toward animals or other humans. I was imprinted to violence by a violent father and subconsciously I reenacted that behavior. When I learned to take a breath and see the fallacy in violence, it improved my life immensely. It doesn't mean I never rise to anger, but this lesson caused me to include a certain saying in my list of sayings, which I consider mainstream to my concepts, “Violence is never the answer. Violence is always for the violator and never for the victim. No one of us was born with the right to say You must or I will hurt you, to any other creature, animal or human.”

The second failure took me considerably longer to gain wisdom from than the first one. I had a habit of becoming very angry with my critics. I took the position that they were always wrong. Further, I saw them as uninformed people with no right to criticize me. Later in life I feel as though I woke up one morning and it occurred to me that my critics were my best friends. I say I woke up one morning because it was literally at that moment I realized I was getting up extra early and working hard to get my work right, so that I would not be criticized. With that work ethic in place I became much better at executing my own concepts. Without critics, we tend to get lazy, satisfied with ourselves and less likely to reach the level of excellence we all strive for.

Sincerely,



MONTY'S EQUUS ONLINE UNIVERSITY THIS WEEK'S EPISODE



In this online video series, Monty works with Wallace the rescue mule. Not a student yet? Click on the buttons below to Join-Up with thousands of horse lovers learning Monty's force-free, fun methods.



UPCOMING EVENTS

HUNGARY

December 1 and 2, 2018: Monty Roberts [Join-Up Master Demonstration at Budapest Horse Show](#)

[FULL SCHEDULE HERE](#)

THE MONTY ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER

November 16 to 18, 2018: Horse Sense and Healing workshop

December 14 to 16, 2018: Horse Sense and Healing workshop

February 1 to 3, 2019: Introductory Course Module 1

February 8 to 10, 2019: Introductory Course Module 2

February 11 to 13, 2019: Long Lining Course

February 15 to 17, 2019: Horse Sense and Healing Workshop

February 19 to 21, 2019: Join-Up Course

February 22 to 24, 2019: Introductory Course Module 3

March 1 to 3, 2019: Prep for Introductory Exams Module 4

March 4 to 6, 2019: Join-Up Course

March 7 to 9, 2019: Long Lining Course

[MORE COURSE INFO HERE, CHECK OUT MORE 2019 COURSES!](#)



PRODUCT REVIEW: MONTY'S EDUCATIONAL KITS

Excellent quality

I was thrilled to receive my Join-Up Kit. The signed hard cover book is a valuable

reference book. Even the University education coupon certificate is so beautifully done, not to mention my prized Dually Halter which works a treat on my pony. Thank you for these items and the DVD.

Anne D., Verified Buyer

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MONTY'S CHALLENGE

Test yourself each week as I challenge you to answer the question below. I mean this. Sit down and write an answer. Don't wait for my answer next week. If you have been reading my Weekly Questions and Answers for the last six months, you should be in a position to do this. Send your answer to my team at: askmonty@montyroberts.com

Why should you bother? Because it will help you focus. There is probably a comparable question in your life that needs answering... or will be. If you can gain insight into how to go about answering a practical question that is loosely related to your problem, this exercise will help you answer your nagging question. Then read my answer. I want all of my students to learn to be better trainers than me. That's good for you and good for horses!

~ Monty

NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

If you could have a gigantic billboard in every barn, metaphorically speaking, getting a message out to all the riders in the world, what would it say and why? Are there any quotes?

PAT ROBERTS SCULPTURE



Buddies depicts a young colt playing with Reno, Pat's dog. This is one of three sculptures Pat created with the colt and dog theme. The price is \$1,500. Please contact admin@montyroberts.com for more information.

FOR OUR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS



Monty Roberts is running free, resilience-building workshops for veterans, police, fire, first responders and their families. Horse Sense and Healing is a three-day program and it involves working closely with horses. The individuals and horses develop a special bond built upon mutual trust and respect. Join-Up offers everyone an effective tool to rediscover themselves through the eyes of the horse. This self-awareness exercise deals effectively with emotional trauma, anti-social behavior and withdrawal, anger, stress, combat stress and even Post



To find out about Monty's upcoming Horse Sense and Healing workshops and for more information, go to: <http://www.join-up.org/horse-sense-and-healing/>



REDUCING VIOLENCE THROUGH WORKSHOPS WITH HORSES GLOBALLY

Lead-Up is a program of Join-Up International based on workshops with horses in which youth at risk are introduced to calm and humane ways of interacting with horses. Participants discover non-violence for themselves and develop a new sense of peaceful leadership. [READ MORE](#)



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