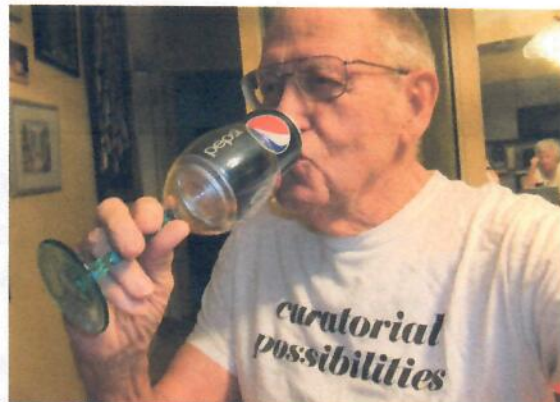




The Passing Parade

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“Grandpa, Do you remember
everyone you have met?”



Wow, a great question Geoff. It tests that great asset all possess,
our ability to remember anything.

As our favorite Aunt Salome of yore always reminded us when we were young,
you can only remember anything once; when you wish to revisit that space in the
brain, faster than the speed of anything, an instant check is made,
and that memory is recalled, usually.

The computer has age demanded this; that distinction between memory and
recall. The computer made total recall more logical than when we were tutored
by those who loved us, merely suggesting we be reasonably accurate
in regurgitating every memory.

I'm not avoiding your question completely. It is simply that I am often aware that
some facets of the past is in my memory, may not be available on demand
or even accurate.

When questioned and respond, “I don't remember”
the reply should be “I don't recall”. I really may have had that answer,
for in instances, memory bits are revealed later.

Geoff, I have this recollection; holding you as a baby in the Frisco, Colorado trailer
house, you shared with your parents. But in fact, I have no recall of your face
then, our surroundings, that winter's severity, songs your mom and I sang to you.
Fragments remain; details shattered, no longer available for recall.
So, to go direct to your inquiry, I cannot recall everyone met.
It is likely memory capacity.

Why did you ask Geoff?

“As a manager of a business, I meet many people. I can't always recall their name.
That's a concern.”

Geoff, everyone has unique limitations.
I would guess that our memory receptor for facial images
must be larger than that for names.

An example. You are walking in a crowd. Suddenly you are reminded, there's a face
you know; sure enough there's a name too. Imagine the gigapixels of memory
handled by your brain, seeing all faces in that stroll, discarding others as
meaningless, until the memory finds a memory can please you.

Habit can reinforce name retention. Some repeat names when a new acquaintance
is met. That helps, Geoff. Meet someone you want to recall, Geoff, use their
name, Geoff, in every greeting sentence, Geoff.

"How would that help here Grandpa?"

Your mind would begin to grasp the importance of names;
to avoid the annoyance of hearing names repeated endlessly, it'll adjust.
Try it. Your mother has a great name retention. Check with her.

Now returning to an earlier comment I made regarding the brain. It is completely
dependent, has one overpowering role; It is this, simply keep you alive.

If it allows your body to die, it dies.
In its complete ego, it will do literally anything to please you, keep you alive.
As a piece of that chore, it wants you to be content.
If associating names with faces is important to you,
it will find a way to oblige.
But naturally, Geoff, that has to be a priority to you.

The brain is your friend.
You do not exist separately.
It exercises while you sleep, without your cooperation, through dreams.
Do you comprehend the intricacies of your dreams?
Resolving complexities and problems that baffled when awake?

Your question was important., Geoff;
bothered the first man;
will continue to challenge.

My last advise, Sleep on it.