

COUNTING THE MOMENTS

By Geoff Sherpell



I was grumpy. When Mary asked why, I told her about a man who, for no obvious reason, had been rude to someone.

She asked me, "What's 60 times 60?"

I amazed myself by answering, "three thousand, six hundred".

I balked when she asked me to multiply that by 24, so she gave me a pen and paper to work it out.

"Eighty-six thousand, four hundred."

Reflection:

People or situations will cast a shadow over our time.

If we can't help them shine brighter, then we should make sure those tarnished seconds don't spoil the golden ones we have left.

"Those are the seconds you have in your day," she told me. "How many did he steal from you while being unpleasant?"

I guessed about 180.

"And how many more of your precious seconds have you voluntarily donated to his unpleasantness?"

I started to count. She saw that and laughed.

"The correct answer is too many!"

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