

RULES OF THE WORLD (secular)

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1. **The world is not fair**
2. **Everybody has a boss**
3. **Living involves hassle**
4. **Nobody is entitled to anything**
5. **Nobody owns anything—you only get privileges to use or borrow things**

6. **True pride is self-respect and must be earned, not given**
7. **Being loved is free only for babies—after that reciprocity is required**
8. **All gifts are attached to an obligation**
9. **Everybody goofs, a lot**
10. **Everybody is laughable**
11. **Staying happy involves work**
12. **Everybody hurts**
13. **Everything decays**
14. **Everybody dies**
15. **Nobody can define time**
16. **Nobody can define God**
17. **He who creates and defines a word *creates* a truth. Any new and subsequent definition of that word becomes a lie**
18. **Wisdom trumps intelligence any day**
19. **Administration of justice is a communal obligation, or a Divine right, not a personal matter**
20. **There is always a purpose behind a creation**
21. **Humans can be classified into two complex types of behavior. One uses emotional reactions, the other uses cognition as their predominate motivation.**
22. **The world owes you nothing. It was here first. (Mark Twain)**