

# Things

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Things are stupid  
You should never buy them  
Things will always be a waste of money

Think about it  
Things don't have emotions  
They do not care when you are in distress  
Nor do they comfort you in times of depression  
The only care possessed by a thing is of itself  
Selfish. Always selfish

Whenever their energy begins to wear down, they beep at you constantly  
For some, when they hit 6 A.M. they beep constantly  
They are not considerate of the fact that you fell asleep at ONE last night  
They have no sympathy  
Rude

They give you trouble. They cut you. They bruise you. All for what?  
Entertainment? Partly, although I'm sure they are entertained more than you are  
Help? Sometimes, but there is always a catch  
So what is the purpose of these "things"  
Why—do they exist?

Well, money  
You give your hard earned money to people who bury you with things  
When you could be spending your money on something that will help you in the future  
Health insurance perhaps?  
Think about it  
You're in the hospital  
What are your things now?  
A pain in the neck for whoever has to maintain them  
That's what they are

Whoever invented things anyway?  
Obviously someone who wanted money  
I'd say it worked too, which to me, is interesting.  
I mean, shouldn't people know that things mean nothing?  
Can things give you an education?  
Nope  
Can things get you a job?  
I don't think so  
Can things build you a career?  
Not by a long shot

So what are these time-demanding creatures that have infested our planet?  
Perhaps they're a metaphor  
A metaphor of all the things we could be doing instead  
Oh...Wait...Notice I said "things" we could be doing  
So now it looks like "things" have the same meaning as "actions"  
See what I mean?  
These greedy little creatures have even infiltrated our language  
For things, being bought, looked at, and sold just isn't enough  
Now, they have to be spoken too

As effective as this speech may be,  
Just like a thing, it is nothing, unless it has application  
So I hope you now realize the mistake you'd be making  
If, while in a store, you dare, purchase, a thing.