

## #41 *The First Joke*



*A monkey was about to play a trick on his protégé. The youth was casually eating sunflower seeds and day dreaming. The monkey came up behind him and gave him a bump on the backside with a stick. The youth burst into laughter at the playful surprise attack. “Do you know why you are so amused?” questioned the monkey. “No, master,” admitted the youth, “why?” “It is called a joke. Jokes can be amusing. Because I stayed in your blind spot, you could not see what was coming. That which you do not expect has power over you,” instructed the monkey. “Power?” repeated the young one. “Yes,” continued the monkey, “jokes have the power to hurt or help you. Cruel jokes can hurt you. Good-natured jokes can be humorous. But, in either case, they have power.” “Can I use the power, master?” asked the youth. “Yes. You can use the power to learn something new,” coached the monkey. “My joke taught you to pay attention. You now have the opportunity to use this lesson to stay more present.” “I see,” said the youth, “I like jokes. What is the best joke you know?” The monkey paused to consider the matter, then broke into a great smile and cried triumphantly,*

*“The first and foremost joke of our time is that which is in the blind spot of almost all of humankind! The humans cannot see the time coming where they will have the opportunity to collaborate with the spiritual world. Multitudes of spiritual beings are begging to help us” and now speaking through his uproarious laughter, “and they have the power to save us!”*

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