

SANIYAH,

I'M GLAD YOU ENJOYED THE BOOKS!

I JUST FINISHED READING THE OMNIVORE'S DILLEMMA BY MICHAEL POLLAN, MOST OF WHAT HE DISCUSSED I KNEW ALREADY BUT THERE WERE DETAILS AND THE WAY HE WENT ABOUT FRAMING AND THINKING ABOUT THE DISCUSSION WAS VERY INTERESTING.

WE JUST FINISHED LAMBING ON THE FARM THIS MORNING. WE PLANTED SOYBEANS AND ARE MOVING ONTO CORN TODAY. WE'RE FINISHING UP OUR GARDEN. I'VE GOT A NUMBER OF EXPERIMENTAL PLOTS PLANTED, AND AM SHAKEDOWN TESTING AN AUTOMATICALLY MOVING PIG-PEN. I ALSO FINISHED UP A PROJECT MAKING AN AIR COMPRESSOR / DOWNFORCE SYSTEM FOR A CULTIVATOR — THAT WILL ALLOW FARMERS TO BETTER CONTROL HOW THEY'RE CULTIVATING THEIR CROPS.

TO YOUR QUESTIONS:

1. WE DON'T GET EGGS FROM THE STORE ALMOST EVER ANYMORE. WE SOMETIMES HAVE TOO MANY AND GIVE THEM AWAY TO FRIENDS. WE DON'T GET ENOUGH TO BOTHER SELLING THEM YET THOUGH.
2. I DO LIKE TO BAKE, BUT DON'T GET THE CHANCE TO AS MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE TO. MY FAVORITE THING TO MAKE IS PITA BREAD.
3. I HAVE JUST ONE YOUNGER SISTER. SHE WORKS IN SHIPPING, SHE'S MY 'QUEEN OF THE PACKAGES' WHENEVER I NEED TO SHIP, PACKAGE, OR SEAL SOMETHING.

I DON'T KNOW THE SCHOOL THAT YOU'RE GOING TO — SOUNDS LIKE YOU'D BE MOVING FROM CLASSROOM TO CLASSROOM? I GUESS THAT ONLY BECAME A CHALLENGE FOR ME ONCE I GOT TO COLLEGE. MAKE A MAP AND A SCHEDULE — REWRITE WHAT YOU'RE GIVEN IN YOUR OWN WORDS/WAY AND IT MIGHT BE MORE HELPFUL THAN ANY PRINTED MAP OR SCHEDULE YOU'RE GIVEN.

MOSTLY, DON'T BE TOO AFRAID TO MAKE MISTAKES OR GET JUDGED. I THINK THAT'S AN EASY TRAP TO FALL INTO AROUND YOUR AGE. DO WHAT YOUR CONSCIENCE TELLS YOU TO BE RIGHT, AND LET WHAT PEOPLE THINK OF YOU BE SOMEWHAT SECONDARY — OR NOT A CONCERN AT ALL. SEEK WISDOM AND CORRECT INFORMATION OF YOUR CONSCIENCE OF COURSE, FROM YOUR PARENTS AND OTHER JUST AUTHORITIES. THE REASON WE SHOULD CARE WHAT OTHERS THINK IS BECAUSE THEY MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T — BUT WHO KNOWS EVERYTHING?

STAY CURIOUS, WITH WONDER AND AWE OF THE WORLD. THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT.

- THAD

