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An essay:

“Our brave new WORLD: full of laws and regulations”

In The year 2006, God visited Noah on earth.

The earth was spoiled and overcrowded.

God told Noah that he had to build the Arch and to collect 2 species of each living creature on earth, including some good people.

God said: *“Here is the plan: “You have to hurry because within 6 months it will start to rain 40 days and 40 nights!”*

And it happened. Six months later it started to rain.

Our specialists of the weather forecast were not able to explain it and gave a stupid explanation(= a lie) on the Weather News.

God looked down and he saw Noah, in tears, sitting in his flooded garden...and he saw no Arch.

God screamed: *“Noah! Where is the Arch?”*

Noah cried: *“Please forgive me Lord! Many things have changed!”*

I needed a special Building Permit and I had to bargain with the Fire Inspection to get accepted for a Fire Insurance.

My neighbors were convinced that my Arch was crossing the borders of their land and that the maximum height was not respected. At the same time they filed a claim for too much nuisance.

We had to go to the Ministry of Traffic: they asked a exorbitant amount of € in deposit in case some infrastructure had to be adapted for moving the Arch to the ocean.

Although I told them that the ocean would get so far as my garden, they all laughed at me.

Another problem was to get a hold of WOOD. The Political Green Party didn't allow me to cut any local wood because the ‘Green Spotted Carp’ would suffer

from it.

I tried to convince the naturalists that I would need the wood to save the Green Spotted Carp, but they did not want to listen!

I collected all the animals, but I was brought to court by the naturalist because I was keeping animals in prison without any sense. They argued that the accommodation for the animals was too small, cruel and non-human.

The Ministry of the Environment decided that I was only permitted to build the Arch when I was able to present them a Survey on the effects of the expected flooding on the environment..

Meanwhile I had to defend my choice of people on the Arch! According to the Belgium Centre of Equal Opportunity and Racism I didn't select enough immigrants..

On the other hand, the Unions imposed me to hire several workers of their Union with experience of Arch Building..

To make it even worse, Customs confiscated all my possessions and belongings Because they had the impression that I would illegally leave the country and that I had planned to take some endangered species with me on board.

Also CITES found out that several endangered species were planned to go on board and several scientists found a large amount of fish that were on IUCN Red List.

When the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture found out about all those animals which were prepared for the Arch; they asked for Health Certificates and if my plans for Biosecurity were accepted by the OIE and that those species are accepted by CBD.

I am not talking yet about all the politicians who were threatening me if I wouldn't take some of them or their friends on board of the Arch.

Please Lord, forgive me! It will take more than 10 years to build and prepare the Arch".

Suddenly it stopped raining and sunshine and blue skies appeared.

Noah was surprised and was wondering: "Lord, does this mean that you won't destroy the earth?"

"No!" said the Lord, "Your government and politicians are already doing it!!!!"