

## The Wise Old Swimming Man

(A wise man and a young man are on a ship).

YOUNG MAN: Nice sight.

WISE MAN: Indeed it is.

YOUNG MAN: Have you traveled a lot?.

WISE MAN: Yes, I have.

YOUNG MAN: Have you been to Damascus?.

WISE MAN: Oh, yes I have. What a wonderful city it is!. And the stars...Oh, those beautiful shining stars...you can almost touch them!.

YOUNG MAN: Everything is fine, but... did you study astronomy?.

WISE MAN: No.

YOUNG MAN: I can't believe you haven't studied astronomy!. You have lost half of your life. Have you been to Alexandria?.

WISE MAN: Oh yes, Alexandria is the most beautiful city I have ever seen, with its amazing architecture!. The harbor is magnificent... and the lighthouse which was identified as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World!.

YOUNG MAN: I see that you have been to Alexandria, but did you study at Alexandria Library?.

WISE MAN: No.

YOUNG MAN: But... how is that possible?. You have lost half of your life!

(Then the wise man saw that sea water was entering the ship through a hole.)

WISE MAN: You have studied in many places, right?.

YOUNG MAN: Oh yes. I studied my masters degree in Paris. Then I traveled all around the world. I have visited and studied at every mayor library there is in Europe. I even gave a conference at Harvard University. I even speak four languages!.

WISE MAN: Did you learn how to swim in one of those great places?.

YOUNG MAN: Well, let me see... I took Geometry, Bussiness Administration, Psychology, Physics, mmmmm, what else.... Oh yes... Economics, Genetics, Robotics... but... no, I didn't learn how to swim.

WISE MAN: (Pulls up pants and sleeves, and gets ready to jump.) Well, you have lost your whole life.