

**In Search For a Bigger Poop Bag**  
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Heading out the door for another early morning walk with Trooper, our Scotty, the BBC commentator's voice says in my ear; *"Greece says 'NO' in Sunday's referendum to scheduled debt repayment."*

The gentle rain doesn't seem to bother Trooper, but to me 85°F (29C), seems more appropriate for an indoor shower than an outdoor walk.

Greece. What's that got to do with me? Why should I care? When I was a kid, growing up in the 50s and 60s in California, Greeks where philosopher's, talked oddly and had funny hats.

Today we're all strung together like a muddled ball of twine, tangled and twisted, having different colors, strengths and weaknesses. What a mess our world has become. Was it always like this I mused?

"Poop Bag" in hand, I wait as Trooper stops to explore the same old rock he studied yesterday, as if it had changed, now ready to divulge its secrets and reveal the mysteries obscured only hours before.

The familiar voice of the BBC News reader continues the ominous forecast, now uttering something about, *"Membership in the European Union, debt restructuring, panic and hungry people."*

Two remarks made by Sophocles came to mind concerning the mess in which we find ourselves in at the moment.



The first one could've come from Athens directed towards the EU in Brussels, *"Wisdom outweighs any wealth."* Perhaps the "NO" in Sunday's referendum simply said, *"We Greeks, understand what we can and cannot do. Your solution may make sense on paper but, it doesn't make sense to the people of Greece"*



Another statement made by Sophocles could've come from the European Union in Brussels directed towards Athens, when he said, *"Success is dependent on effort."* Perhaps Sophocles was saying, *"If you want to get out of the situation in which you find yourself, you must first start by cleaning up your own mess!"*

From the Bronze Age to the iPhone age, there have always been people with their eyes on the wonders of Greece. But today some Greeks are probably wondering, *"Where is Alexander the Great when you need him?"*

The struggle for survival is universal from "cradle-to-grave". Each person, generation and age, presents it's unique problems, and equally unique solutions to the challenges faced by us all on a daily basis.

Be it Bronze, Bakelite or Beatles, each generation, will succeed or fail in relationship to one word look at in two different ways. The word is responsibility.

Definition one: **Responsibility**: accepting the issues as they are and devoting the energies and resources necessary to resolve the difficulties associated with the situation.

Definition two: **Response–ability**: the ability to respond, with quick effective and direct, action implemented immediately to address the needs that are both obvious and essential to resolve an issue or problem.

Addressing both definitions is probably the best solution to dealing with the people problem faced not just by Greece and the European Union but by us all, as we strive for balance and happiness with ourselves and those around us.

The rain stopped and the sun is now shining as we headed back home. I thought to myself, I was responsible and cleaned up Trooper’s mess but it will take a much bigger “Poop Bag” to clean up the one the EU has with Greece, and Greece has with the EU!



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