

## *MM Moment for Laughing Out Loud*

*"The Lord said to Abraham, 'Why did Sarah Laugh?'" (Genesis 18:13)*

I try to keep up on my e-mail messages. This one made me laugh:

*"I laughed out loud at your recent Adam and Eve/midrash conclusions.  
Scared my cats half to death."*

I looked up my words that scared her cats...

*"I could not imagine how God or anyone actually believes  
that two naked young people in a garden were just looking at the apples."*

I laughed again when she said my page was sent to her by

*"friends in her spiritual direction group."*

Another laugh-moment for me comes in Genesis.

God had just told Abraham he was going to be a father.

*"Abraham laughed...*

*said to himself*

*'Shall a child be born to a man who is 100 years old?*

*Shall Sarah who is 90 years old have a child?'"*

The story continues...

*"Sarah was listening in the tent behind them...*

*So Sarah laughed to herself, saying*

*'After I have grown old and my husband is old,  
shall I have pleasure?'"*

I've known and still know some ladies 80 and 90 years old...

I can't imagine any ladies (even in that spiritual direction group)

being happy to share the news...

*"Guess what? I'm going to have a baby!"*

A laughable impossibility. (Don't scare the cats!)

Everyone probably notices Sarah's plaintive words...

*"After I have grown old...shall I have pleasure?"*

It's fairly easy to use old age as an excuse for almost anything...

and to give up old pleasures.

It's also important for us to know pleasure at all ages

and that we live in a time when there are more aids

for almost all our age-related losses than ever in human history.

I leave you remembering that Abraham and Sarah

went back into their tent

and the report is that Abraham became the father of a great nation.

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(This page does not pretend to be a scholarly report on the Abrahamic age beginning in Genesis 12. I interpret this as a form of literature with many different sub-stories like the ones about Sarah. There are many interpretations of the "Sarah laughed" episodes. As someone reported "40 different Rabbi's would have 40 different comments.")