

Prologue

When it comes to shifting, stopping and turning preferences, everyone drives a little different than the other. It is very easy to understand the reason why, everyone's body is somewhat different than the other person, some are taller, some are heavier, some have large frames others small frames, etc. etc. What this breaks down to is that everyone's comfort level of doing things will not be the same.

To become a driver is more a mental effort than a physical one. A drivers' beginning starts with a conception in their mind of “ I think I can!” When that same person finds a job that is willing to teach them to drive or a school that will train them, their main objective is to gain the necessary skills so they can proclaim “ I Know I Can!”.

Yet, there is something that I will refer to as Reasonable Belief.

Trucking is like so may other professions, you can have various stages or degrees of expertise and still get paid to do the job and even more so, still get the job done.

As with doctors, you can find one that is fully qualified to give examinations to various parts of the body but it would be borderline lunacy, to get that same doctor to remove an appendix. It is also common place with truck drivers, you may be comfortable shipping a load of cabbage with one and yet not even think of their name, when shipping a load of nitroglycerin.

Some truck drivers are very uncomfortable changing gears and many years ago they simply could not have been a truck driver, now with all of the advancement in the industry, they just simply only drive trucks that are automatic! Some say they can't navigate the streets or highways pulling a trailer; they specifically stick to driving straight trucks or buses.

Some truck drivers say this “if it has wheels I can drive it!”, you can find this type pulling the extra long trailers carrying beams to build bridges and other specialty cargo, AND GETTING PAID, I might add!

It is up to the individual to choose what type of truck driver they want to become; it is up to their prospective employers to verify that they have the necessary skills, so they can certify the driver to deliver their loads.

Desire alone to be a specialty driver, is not the only criteria that need to be met.

Many individuals suffer with delusions of grandeur and clearly see themselves qualified to become brain surgeons, yet others that know them very well feel that they would be more capable cleaning catfish.

We have to make reasonable deductions as to what our capabilities are and then trust that through our training and/or experience, some one else is able to see and share that same opinion.

Someone may say, “ How can I tell if I am capable of driving a truck?” I say this, walk around your car and check it for dings, dents, scratches and tears, etc., if you have been driving that car every day for a year or more and it is still in good cosmetic shape, then you my friend could very well have the makings of a good truck driver.

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