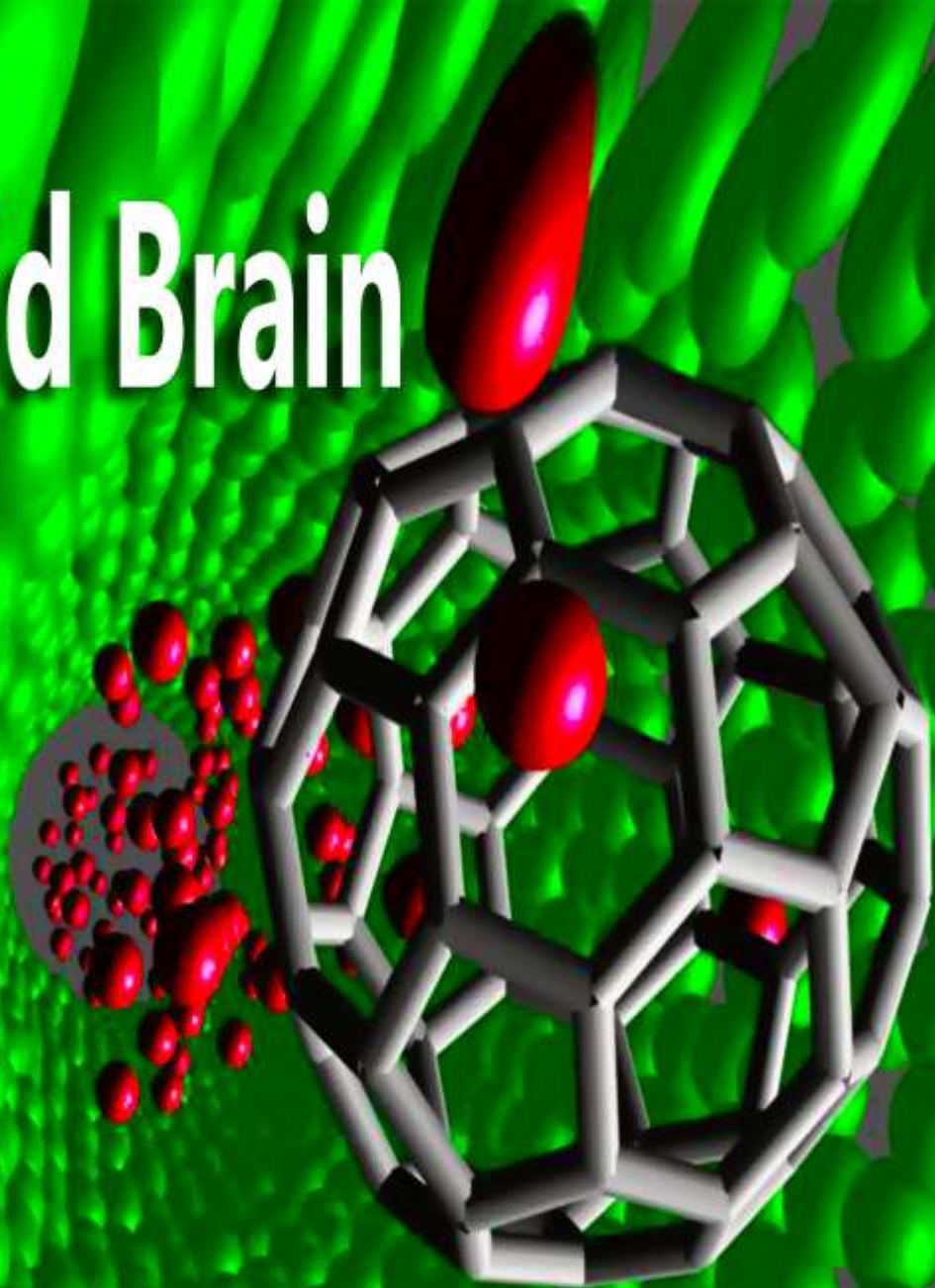


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“My all-time favorite holiday song is
Chipmunks Roasting on an Open Fire.”

—Harry S. Truman

(Quote unverified.)

BEFOREHAND



The Big Empty. {Even those borders didn't exist.}

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In the beginning, nowhere was everywhere. All we had was nada, zero, nil, and zilch, but then God proclaimed, “Let there be stuff,” and lo, a universe appeared.

CREATION

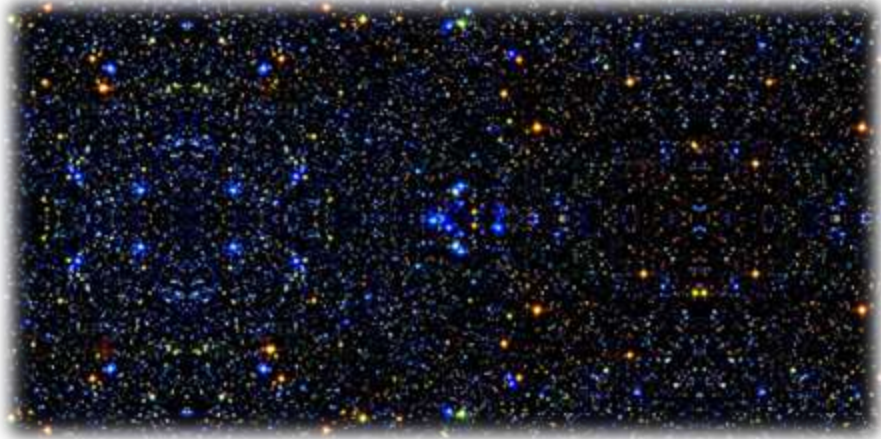


It was large. And noisy. And messy. But you can't make a cosmic omelet without breaking some asteroids. {If you have a beef with this, write your own damn metaphors.}

~

We have our tiny place in the universe thanks to the celestial detonation, or what some people call the “big bang.” Because of all the juvenile jokes around that term, many of us prefer calling it the “gargantuan singularity kaboom.” So far, it hasn’t caught on.

SOLAR SYSTEM



The laboratory where various lifeforms are tested.

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Earth is a forgotten experiment in “the god lab,” but that term makes me think of a floppy-eared retriever with an inflated ego, and that makes me smile, even as we all descend into oblivion.

EARTH



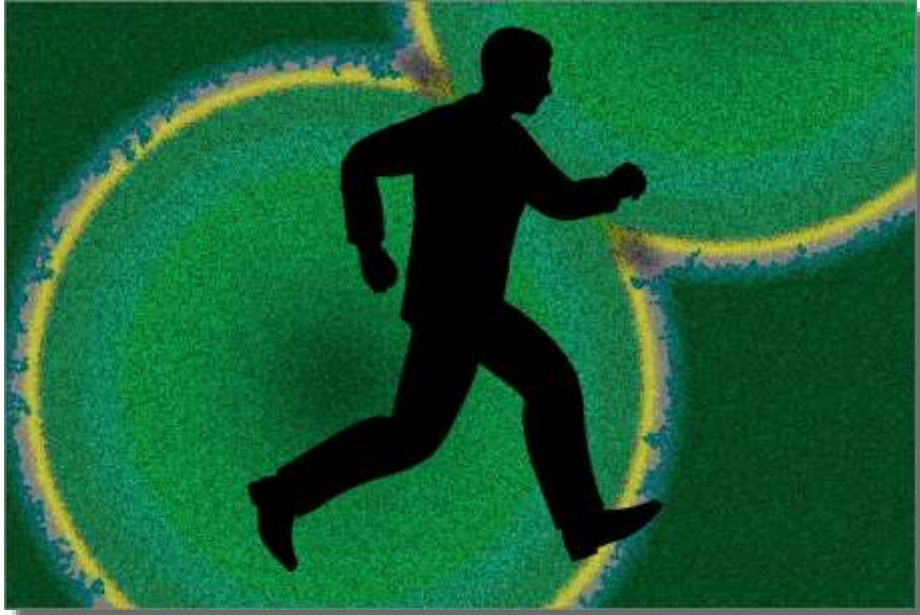
Earth is the glory of creation, the triumph of nature, and the jewel of the heavens, if you don't count galaxies, stars, black holes, planets, comets, moons, and several million tons of quite lovely space lint.

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Comprised of crust, mantle, and core, the Earth is covered mostly by water and occupied mostly by morons.

(Props to Frank Zappa)

EVOLUTION

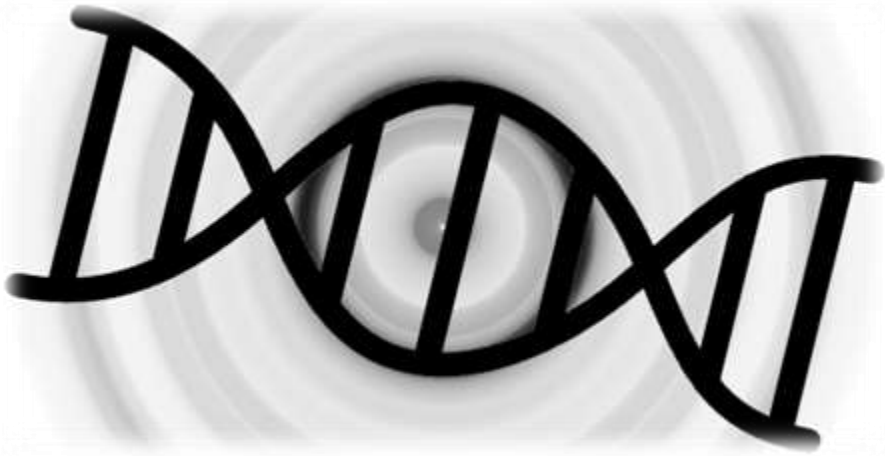


Congrats, humans – you’ve gone from micro-organism to guy running for a bus in just a few billion years.

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The “theory of evolution by means of natural selection” appeared in Charles Darwin’s *On the Origin of Species*, published in 1859. It is accepted by scientists and rejected by yokels.

Evolution, continued



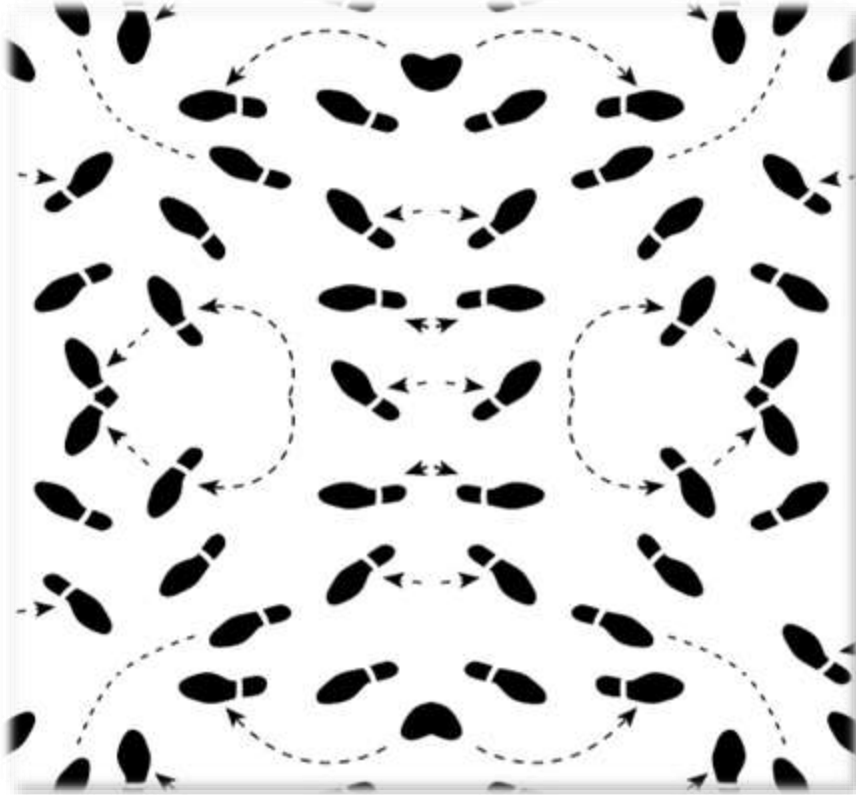
Ch-ch-ch-ch-changes!

~

Thanks to DNA and a whole bunch of other icky science stuff, we now know that life on earth progressed in this order:

- 1) Ooze
- 2) Squiggly things
- 3) Fishies
- 4) Creepy-crawlies
- 5) Flappy wingers
- 6) Four-footers
- 7) Upstanders

BIPED LOCOMOTION



Left foot... right foot. Repeat.

~

Walking on one's hind legs is lauded as a mighty and admirable accomplishment, but it's just the Hokey-Pokey with forward movement.

(Props to some forgotten Borscht Belt comic)

DISCOVERY OF FIRE



The author doing his impression of a match.

~

A blaze can be dangerous, destructive, and deadly, but it can warm the house, cook dinner, and make s'mores.

Like a lot of deals with the devil, fire seemed like a good idea at the time.

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION



Tools! Gadgets! Devices! Gizmos! Thingamabobs!

~

Wondrous is the creativity of humankind, as proven by the Telekinetic Cheese Grater unveiled at the 37th British Isles Futurism Expo held at Kent-on-Snork in 1929.

Despite the obvious importance of such an apparatus, funding for mass production has yet to materialize.

HOME DELIVERY



Cat heaven.

~

The retail industry AB (after Bezos) has a lot to answer for, but as long as they keep sending us more cardboard containers, they're providing cats with playgrounds and napping spots.

POETRY

There once was a man from Nantucket, whose girlfriend was inclined to... No? Not what you meant by “poetry”? Oh. My mistake.

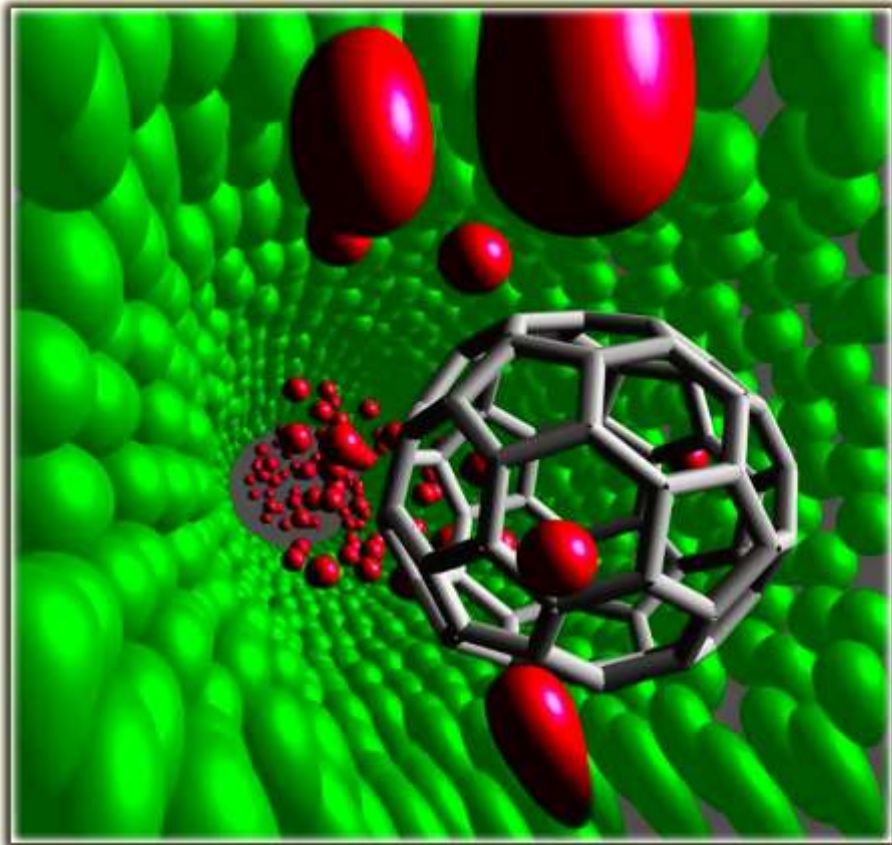
FAITH HEALERS

Put your hand on these words! Feel da lawd a-coming down from heaven to make things all good and gooey and glorious and just nifty-keen. Now, send a six-hundred-dollar prayer donation in cash, check, or money order to Golosio Publishing, 5000 Beckley Avenue, Woodland Hills, California 91364 USA. Do it now! Do it often! Ye shall be saved! Say Hallelujah!

EDGEUHKAYSHUN

The concept of “edgeuhkayshun,” or “the rearin’ of the young-uns,” was developed to appease conservatives, and thus the curriculum contains no math, science, history, geography, English, logic, or civics.

RECREATIONAL DRUGS



LSD image from a camera surgically implanted in a patient's cranium. (Unverified. —Editor.)

~

Whether you prefer to get your psilocybin via shrooms or laboratory-created lysergic acid diethylamide, you will find that both methods are superb for seeing sounds and tasting colors. Or so I've been told.

{Recreational Drugs, continued}



An overabundance of cocaine.

~

Don't be childish. —Editor

Not childish... child-like. —Jimmy

I'm serious about this. —Editor

No, you're jealous. Want some coke? — Jimmy

How dare you even suggest that I would ever... Yeah, sure. —Editor

{Recreational Drugs, continued}



Caffeine. The all-time number one best drug.

~

People don't consider caffeine a drug. —Editor

They're wrong and I can prove it. — Jimmy

How? —Editor

We'll take away your coffee for a day. — Jimmy

Okay, you win. —Editor

{Recreational Drugs, continued}



Meth. It's a moron thing. Which is why it's big in the South and Midwest.

~

Those statements are prejudicial. —Editor

No, those statements are factual. —Jimmy

How can you say that? —Editor

I've been in the South and I'm from the Midwest. —Jimmy

{Recreational Drugs, continued}



Alcohol.

~

There are plenty of arguments against the use of alcohol, but they always lose out to the incontrovertible counterargument that goes like this: “Wheeeeeeeee!”

By the way, you know you’ve had too much when you find it difficult to correctly pronounce “incontrovertible counterargument.”

{Recreational Drugs, continued}



Tobacco.

~

Nicotine addicts should all be banished to the county of Phlegm, where the twin cities of Stinkshirt and Odorhair share the cemetery called Cancerville.

{Recreational Drugs, continued}



THC edibles.

~

Tetrahydrocannabinol alters tone, mood, and sensation. These modifications are always for the better, according to scientifically conducted and totally scientific research:

Mel Brooks' *High Anxiety* is fun when straight but magic when stoned.*

**Although the same can be said about Hamlet, come to think of it.*

MUSIC



Thanks to polka bands, the squeezebox is considered an instrument of torture.

~

Music is art, math, sonic waves, and the rhythmic passage of time. Plus, music can get you laid as long as you don't play the accordion.

PUBLIC FORNICATION



She's mostly naked under the coat.

~

The author disavows any knowledge of fucking in the church parking lot, behind the boathouse, on the lacrosse field, in the teacher's lounge, on the children's swing sets at the park, in the back of Coach Dupnerk's Escalade that time he took the family to visit Graceland, or in any other inappropriate location with any inappropriate partner at any time whether inappropriate or not.

(Clear this with Legal. —Editor)

SANTA CLAUS



“Saint Nick” is a character created for marketing purposes.

~

Santa Claus was invented by Avery Fleck in 1902 for use in an advertising campaign for Snorgleson & Sons department stores.

The Fleck estate now claims ownership of the “entire Claus concept” and is planning to sue everyone in North America who has ever celebrated Christmas.

COMPUTERS



Data processing pioneer Fred Gruenberger, sitting at the first IBM-1620 computer at The RAND Corp. in 1962.

~

This book was written, rewritten, edited, designed, and unleashed into the world using computers.

So... yay!

Other than that, computers suck. (Sorry, dad.)

REASON FOR EXISTENCE



Jeffrey, dreaming of treats and squirrels.

~

Pets.

Enough said.

{Note: I also love cats, but felines have some sort of mystical power and therefore must be feared as well as adored.}

ART



It is art if we all agree it is art.

~

Once you apply paint to this surface, you will have a stunning artistic creation just as good as Andy's, although his is worth a few million dollars because his was first. And better.

ART VERSUS CAPITALISM



Big money, presented in a frivolous yet artful manner.

~

The creative impulse is to make art. The commercial impulse is to make profits.

Which is why the free stories on the JSG site are now being offered in printed editions at the collectible price of just \$31,415.92 each {with a barely noticeable \$108.40 for shipping and handling}.

In this manner, we address the needs of both art and commerce.

SUPERSTITION

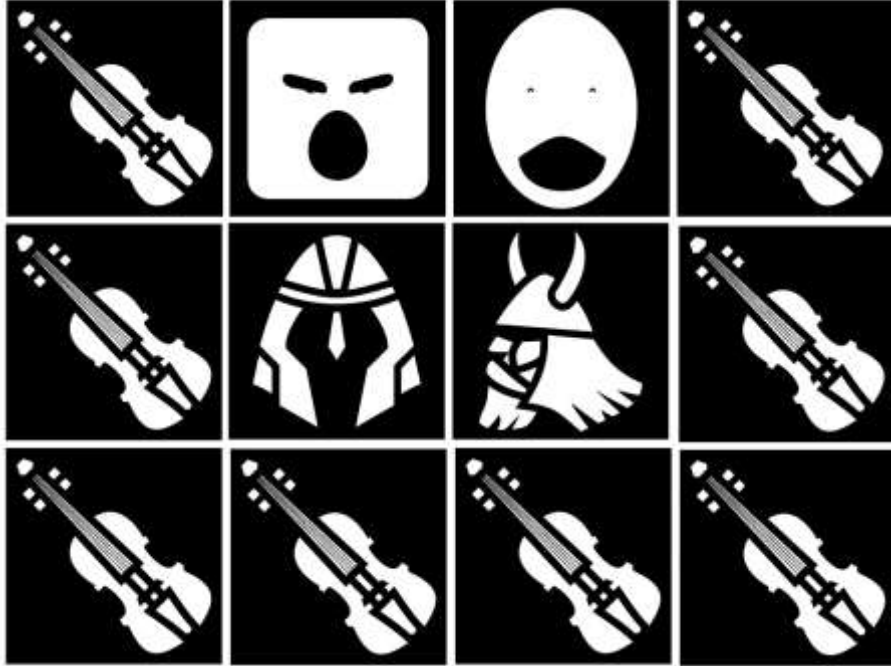


Holy shit.

~

Perhaps the finest collection of myths, lies, twaddle, and brutish religious propaganda ever translated into English.

OPERA



Music, lyrics, sets, costumes, instrumentalists, and people with lungs made of tungsten and leather.

~

L'Opéra is the art form that explores the full range of human emotion by having people sing tales of spectacular anguish and/or perverse happiness while standing on gargantuan sets accompanied by tsunamis of sound.

TAROT: THE NEXT GENERATION

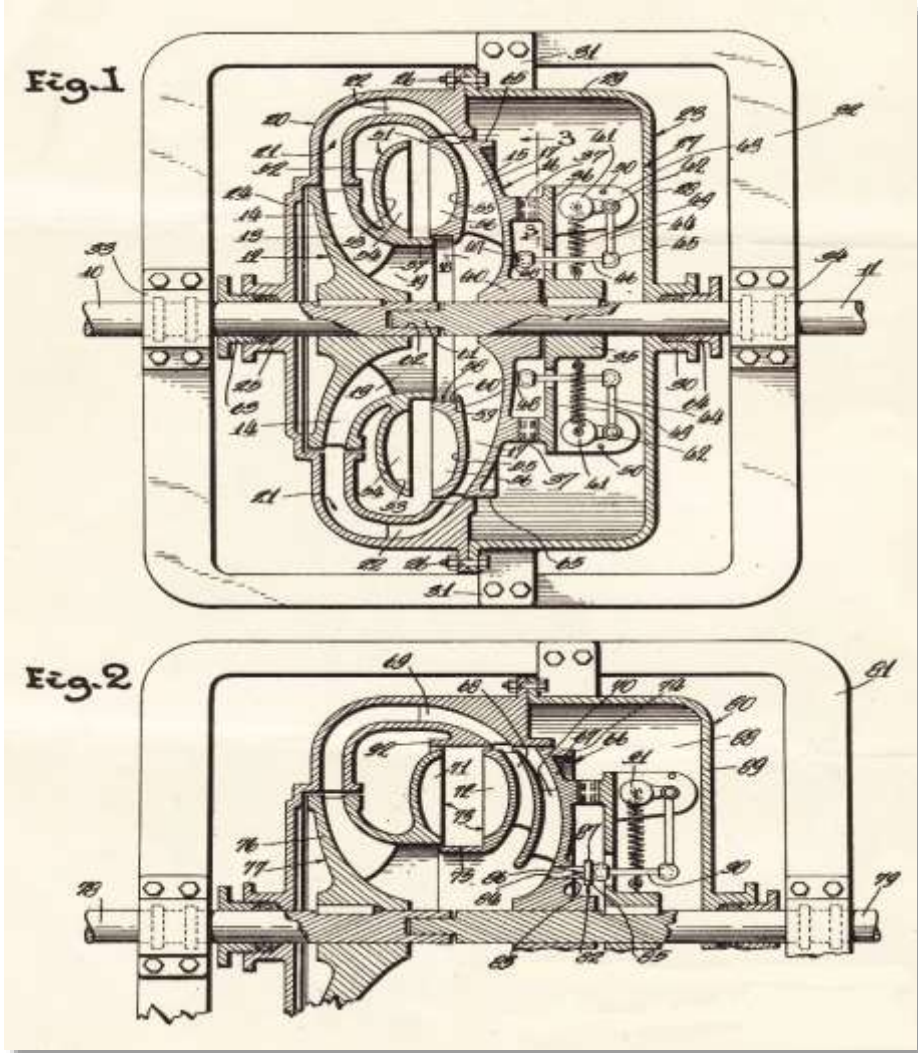


Cards from an 'Ultimate Tarot' deck.

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Newly developed for the 21st century, the Ultimate Tarot deck is simple to use because every card is a death card.

IKEA INSTRUCTIONS

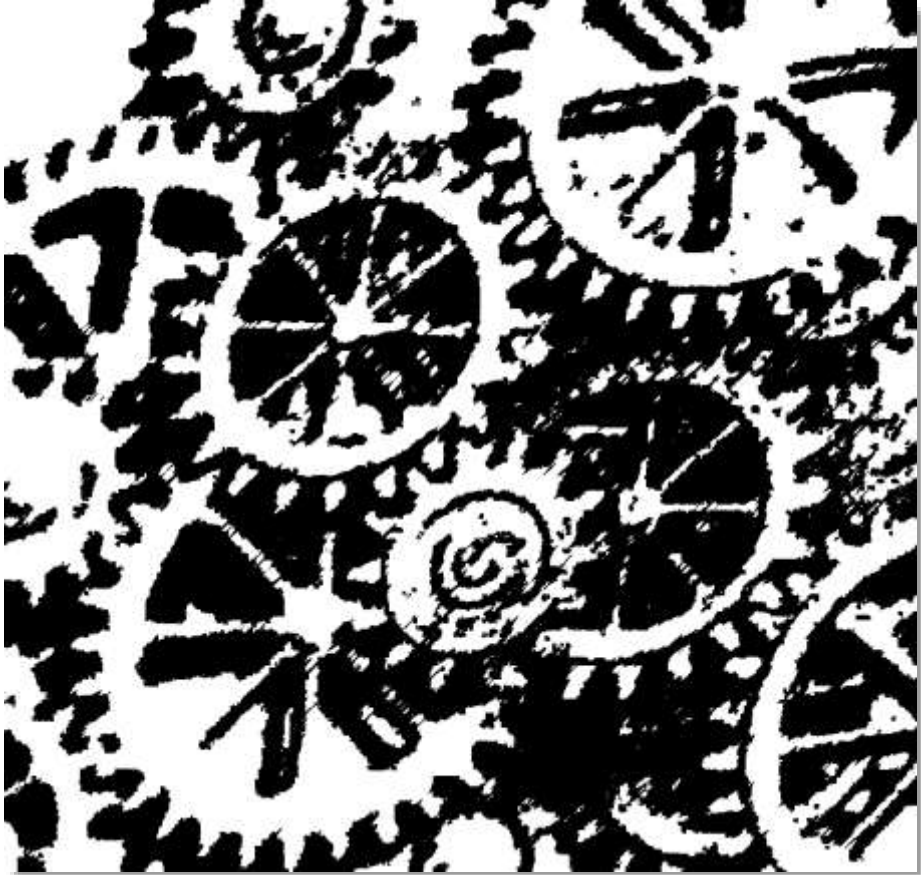


Equally frustrating in every language.

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Hey, you don't need more shelf space for your stuff; you need less stuff.

CORPORATE CAREERS

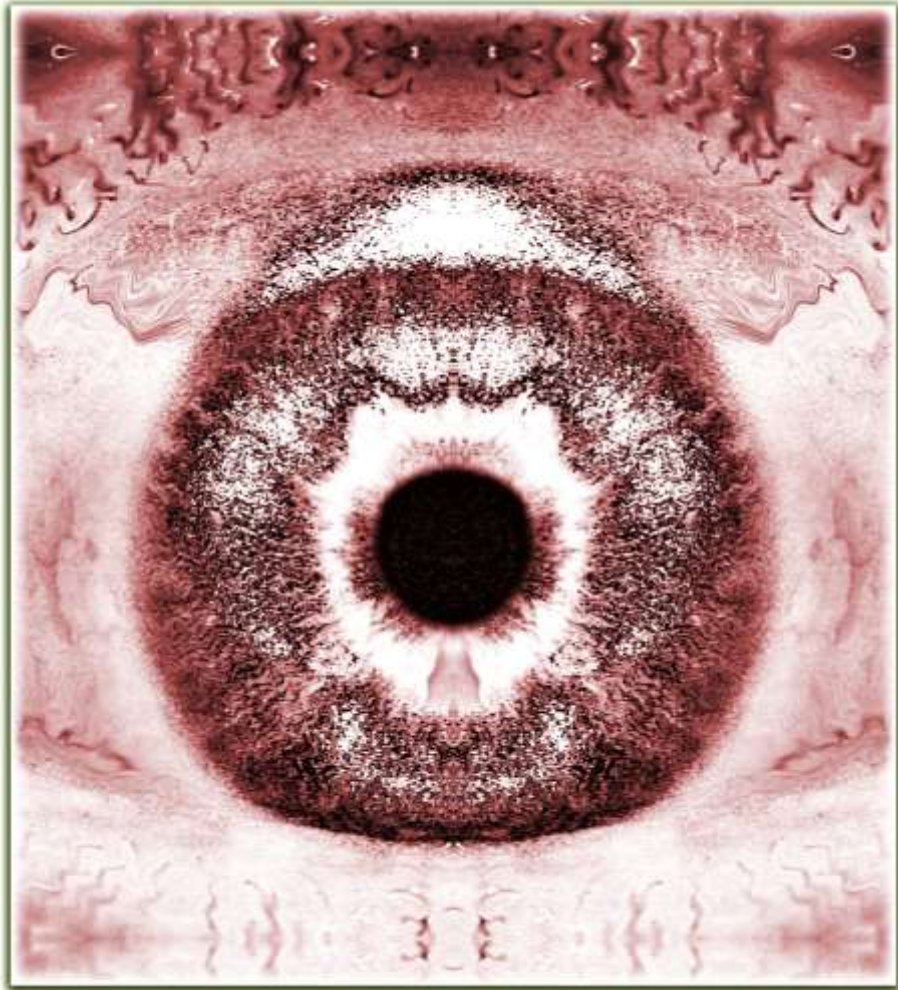


We have the perfect position for you, Cog.

~

Join the firm. Sign the forms. Fit in. Learn the company's mission statement. Fit in. Never complain in public. Fit in. Compliment the boss's suit. Laugh at the boss's jokes. Heed the boss's advice. Fit in. Obey. Fit in. Obey. Fit in. Surrender to the inexorable onset of death.

BINGE WATCHING



Americans have three zillion visual entertainment choices.

~

Thanks to the miracle of technology, you can take part in a multiplicity of virtual reality entertainment with no fear of anything ever going wrong.

RADICAL INTIMACY



Bondage is optional (unless punishment is needed).

~

Oh, for heaven's sake, relax! Chains and restraints are not required for an enhanced erotic experience.

Alright, yes, they are, but you can use the safety type with the secret release buttons so the person being disciplined can escape at any time.

LAUNDRY



“Delicious,” says the dryer.

~

Okay, so just exactly where do all those socks go?

RELATIVES



You cannot choose the blooms on your family tree.

~

There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that I am related to anyone who was in the Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker gang. I'm certain of that. Almost positive. Pretty sure.

NUCLEAR POWER



The author doing his impression of death by radiation.

~

First, search “Chernobyl,” “Fukushima,” and “Three Mile Island.”

Next, consider that nuclear power always produces leftovers that are fatally toxic.

Finally, hope somebody does something.

POLITICS



Conservatism.

~

Liberals and progressives both want to move the country forward, but liberals want to take it a step at a time, while progressives want change *immediately*.

Conservatives always try to block progress because they are right-wing nut-job scum-bag douche-nozzle treason-weasels.

PHOTOGRAPHY



Nick taking a picture of me taking a picture of Nick.

~

Capturing light makes you an artist and allows you to say deep things like, “I am documenting the empirical angst of our time,” and “Are you a model? Would you pose for me? At my studio? Without clothing?”

SPORTS

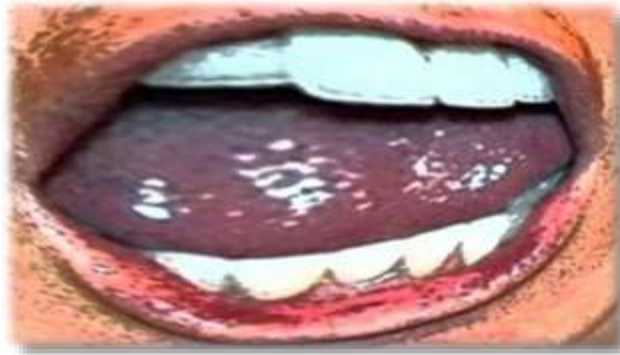


Dolly Kelpnorp demonstrates her skill in solo badminton.

~

Sport is a big business because people enjoy watching highly trained athletes perform with vigor, grace, and style. Or, as my uncle put it, “We like to laugh at overpaid louts sweating, straining, swearing, struggling, spitting, drooling, cheating, and injuring themselves.”

SPORTS BROADCASTING



In 1980, an NFL game was aired without commentary. It was sublime! But couch cretins hated it.

~

A brief selection of great moments in sports broadcasting:

(1) Maury Romello on the kickboxing skills of one MMA fighter, “He definitely has the upper hand when it comes to the feet.”

(2) Dan Krauss on NFL players, “Lots of them have had major knee surgery on many parts of their bodies.”

(3) Hubie Horitzen on the finale of the Tour de Hindenburg, “Oh, the humanity of all the passengers screaming!”

FLIRTING

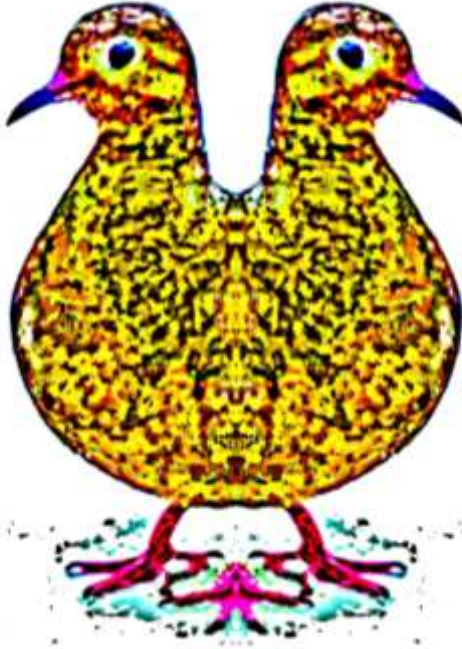


There is a “look” that entices, suggests, excites, arouses, distracts, and... um, what were we talking about?

~

Eve did it. Mata Hari did it. Cleopatra did it. Up until it became politically incorrect, half the people in American business did it. Today, flirting is but a fond memory.

KID LIT



Children's literature contains many oddities.

~

See the book. It is good. It is a good book. The book has words. Oh, oh, so many words! The words in the book are good. Oh, oh, good words!

The writer of the book has a secret. Your mommy and daddy will never know that the writer of the book thinks you are a fucking twatwaffle who will grow up to be a useless asshole. Oh, oh, what a twatwaffle!

TOMBSTONES FOR PETS



Humankind's accomplishments extend to bilking the bereaved.

~

I talked to several family members, and they all had such nice things to say. “Always so warm and friendly.” “A kind soul.” “A bright part of our lives.”

They also said nice things about Grammy.

TECH SUPPORT



It's not as bad as it looks. A second phone has recently been added.

~

All technical support calls in America are handled by a computer at the Pappenski family home in Cooper's Crutch, Iowa.

Pictured above are brothers Eerk and Grozdan; their sister, Darriqa, is in the pantry popping a quaalude.

TATTOOS



This heavy metal band had their EP cover tattooed.

~

“Art you can wear!” “Your body is a living museum!” “Change the design by gaining or losing weight!” “Become existential!”

GHOSTS



I will be back to haunt some of you. (Note: Artist's rendering. Your goblin may differ.)

~

For those who believe, no explanation is necessary; for those who do not believe, no explanation is possible. (The same also applies to religion.)

SAYINGS

When you see “Author Unknown” at the end of an adage, that means they don't know how to spell anonnamuss. (*Author Unknown*)

HUMANITY

Humans are notable for two attributes: first, their cognitive ability; and second, opposable thumbs. Then they combine these qualities by making weapons to kill one another.

NOSTALGIA

Remember when you could assume that people were decent and kind? Remember playing “pretend” with a childhood friend? Remember when you positively knew that the lead singer was performing the song just for you?

REALIST

What people call a cynic.

CYNIC

What people call a realist.

FASHION

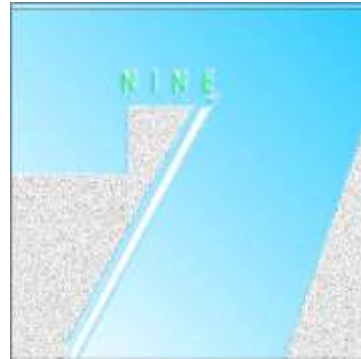


“Our model Mavis is very ‘come hither’ in this stunning Little Red Riding Hood ensemble.”

~

Haute couture is 3% inspiration and 97% presentation.

COGNITIVE DISSONANCE



Add it all up, why doncha?

~

Numerals: 37. Spelled out: forty-seven. So, we're going with 84 as the correct answer.

MARRIAGE



The show must go on.

~

“Ooooooh!” gushes the bride, “The dress I want, the flowers I want, and the music I want! Plus, all my friends have to watch me tie down this guy *and* qualify for half his stuff!”

Meanwhile, the groom maintains a pained smile as disturbing phrases reverberate in his mind: “I should have listened to my bachelor friends,” and “Why didn’t I just stay in Vegas?” and “Damn, even in that crappy bridesmaid dress, Cindy looks really doable.”

PROCREATION

Considering that the earth's air, water, and climate are being destroyed by humanity, the act of having a baby displays a surprising amount of confidence in the existence of a benevolent supreme being.

SEX AND MATH

Birth control pills are 99% effective and condoms are 98% effective. So, combining both methods would make conception miraculous.

TRUTH

Truth is a relative concept with stages of value. In descending order of trustworthiness:

- (1) actual truth
- (2) the truth as stated in this book
- (3) truth-adjacent
- (4) truthiness
- (5) prevarication
- (6) distortion
- (7) lies
- (8) anything a conservative says

RITUALS, PAGAN OR OTHERWISE



All Hallows Eve is one way the American Association of Sugar Producers keeps us off our diets.

~

People in the United States observe an “official overeating season” which extends from October to whenever eggnog is no longer available at the grocery store.

Holiday parties can be fun, but I can do without the calories.

CLIMATE CRISIS

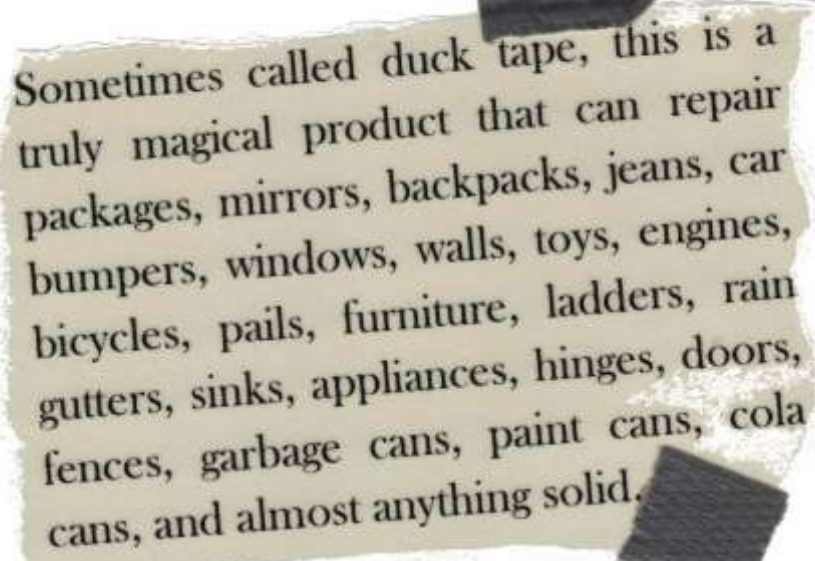


“Poetical Symbolism.” Photo-illustration by Brian Forest, on loan from the artist.

~

Don't worry, the planet will be perfectly fine after the extinction of humanity. Kudzu and cockroaches will peacefully coexist, and neither will cause much pollution. Everything will be peaceful until God decides to begin another life experiment on the tiny blue orb called Earth, or as it is known throughout the universe, The Stupid Place.

DUCT TAPE



Sometimes called duck tape, this is a truly magical product that can repair packages, mirrors, backpacks, jeans, car bumpers, windows, walls, toys, engines, bicycles, pails, furniture, ladders, rain gutters, sinks, appliances, hinges, doors, fences, garbage cans, paint cans, cola cans, and almost anything solid.

SYMBOLISM



“I am beautiful. I am sublime. I am god and goddess. I derive great pleasure in regarding my reflection. If it wasn’t for the emptiness of existence, I might even be happy.”

~

A wood nymph emerges from a river of opals, then soars across a chocolate sky. Behind the cacao clouds, every star in the universe silently explodes, and each blast is enjoyed by a cabal of Baphomets in an orchestra performing the overture from *Tannhäuser* with invisible instruments. A cat purrs. A lark sings. A balloon flutters at the end of a string of barbed wire. Godot arrives, strides to center stage, and concludes that the audience must be waiting somewhere else.

DEATH

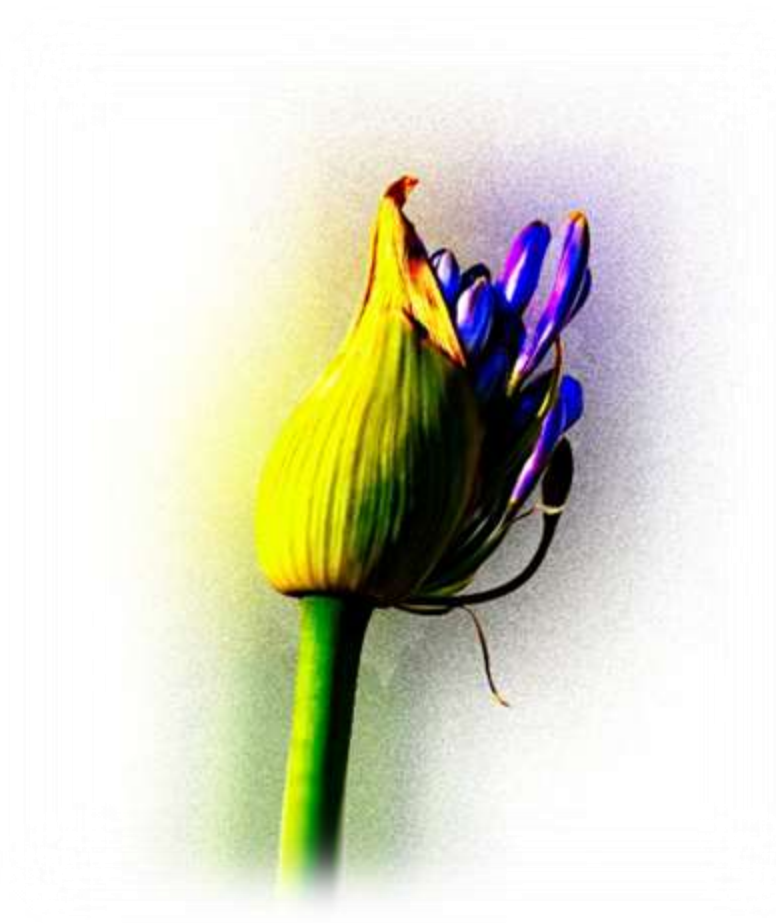


Maybe closer than you think.

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Cessation of your life on earth may be fast or slow, blissful or frightening, loving or painful, but it is to be welcomed as the first step out of purgatory. Take some solace in the knowledge that your energy continues on.

DEDICATION



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This book is dedicated to Ali, Nick, Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, several dogs, and a great many cats.

To conclude on a positive note, I am looking forward to seeing some of you on the other side.

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WRITER



Jimmy Ray is a recluse and misanthrope whose jottings and scribbles are reviled when not being mocked.

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Socially clumsy, physically ordinary, and lingually inept, Jimmy Ray writes lots of stuff, some of which even makes sense, kinda-sorta.

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