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Useless Notes (Darth Wiki)

Everything About Fiction You Never Wanted to Know.

This is a Just for Fun page

Useless Notes on a variety of subjects.

The purpose of these is three-fold:

To enforce, or even top, common media stereotypes.

To base silly facts from tropes on this site.

There is no three.

To play around with Hollywood History, Hollywood Science, and other such Did Not Do the Research tropes.

To just have fun.

This doesn't mean you just post any random fact. Since this is a site about tropes, please try to keep any of these notes related to a trope or established page here. Also, unless it's based on Refuge in Vulgarly or any related trope, let's keep the vulgarity to a minimum, please.

Compare Things We Have Learnt From Media, only that is what media has taught us, while this is things we are trying to teach others, sort of.

Contrast Useful Notes.

Categories:

Medicine & Psychology

It's perfectly safe to shoot people in the arms or legs. In fact, it's safe to shoot them anywhere so long as you don't really mean it.

Dreams follow everyday logic, just without all the denial and stuff. When you dream about the past, it's all going to be in a chronological, rational, and accurate way—as if you were trying to give an imaginary witness a little window into your soul. Also, it's OK for two people to have exactly the same well-ordered, chronological dream about the past at the same time.

Tomatoes cure all wounds. And injuries can be prevented by gold.

Remember, promising cake to someone and then trying to bake them is a way to convey your love to them.

Leeches will solve all medical problems, from the common cold to homosexuality.

Freud Was Right. So was Jung.

All psychologists have German accents, smoke a pipe, and want to know how everything makes you feel.

Also, you were sexually abused and repressed those memories. I'm going to relax with some cocaine, now.

If you die, your body will disappear in the matter of seconds.

Otherwise, your body will detonate itself and release all of its blood.

It is possible to revive someone who has just died by weeping and letting your tears drop on their face.

Or by electrocuting them.

Dreams never include content which would be banned when shown in public.

Concussion causes one of the eyes to spin clockwise and the other eye counter-clockwise. It can get you high.

If your friend has amnesia, just give them a blow to the head. Sure enough, they would be back to normal within a few minutes.

People can always speak even in moments before dying.

It's easy to strangle anyone, even to death, in less than 5 seconds.

Landing a large fall is harmful or nearly fatal. However, hitting your head or slamming into a wall is perfectly safe even at very high speeds.

Religion

The Bible, Genesis 1:3: "And God pressed up, up, down, down, left, right, left, right, B, A, and Start, and there was light."

Then he pressed Down, Down/Right, Right punch and declared the light with a hadouken.

The King Dedede Version of the Bible states that:

In the beginning, there was nothing.

God said "Let there be light".

There was light.

God said "Let there be sound".

There was sound.

God said "Let there be drums".

There were drums.

God said "Let there be guitar".

There was guitar.

God said "Let there be rock".

(guitar solo)

John 1:1: In the beginning was the Word, because God always calls his attacks. (But for Him, Talking Is a Free Action.)

Then everything exploded because it looks cool.

And then everything fell on everybody.

In the beginning, there was the Word. And 'the Bird' was the Word.

Yea, the Word was beholden unto Him, and Grease was the Word, was the Time, was the Place, was the Way He was feeling.

Angel is Jesus, Spike is St. Peter, Buffy and/or Cordelia may be Mary Magdalene, Lorne is St. Thomas, and Marcus Hamilton is either Caiaphas the High Priest or Pontius Pilate.

And Brian from Life of Brian is Jesus. Also, Chu-Chu from Xenogears was the most poignant and convincing Christ figure I've ever seen in any medium, including the New Testament.

Neither Good nor Evil will ever triumph over one another, as the forces of good have a plan in place to defeat any plan the villains could put into play, while the forces of evil plan to be defeated in order to advance their evil goals.

Roman Catholicism is the only Christian denomination in the world. Anyone who tells you otherwise is a heretic and shall be burned at the stake.

And Jack Chick is actually part of the Catholic Ancient Conspiracy which he writes about (how else would he know so much about it?), sowing discord and confusion among... well, everyone.

God is a jealous god, and is never gonna give you up. Never gonna let you down. Never gonna run around and desert you. Never gonna make you cry. Never gonna say goodbye. Never gonna tell a lie, and hurt you.

Actually, He might make you cry, and is all but certainly going to hurt you.

God was one of us. Just a slob like one of us. Just a stranger on the bus trying to make His way home.

The one true religion is Mormonism, everyone else goes to Hell no matter how good they were in life. But, Heaven actually isn't such a great place to be, and Hell isn't really so bad.

But God is a Buddhist. He doesn't believe in Himself.

God speaks English. Specifically, American English.

David Bowie was right. God is an American.

And Satan is a Brit, simply because they're evil.

All Arabs are Muslims, and all Muslims are Arabs.

Everything you've heard about Muslims on Fox News is true.

Yet We go together. Like rama lama ka dinga da dinga dong.

Ey, Norway neighbors Hell.

Even if there is no God or Buddha, there is Kamen Rider.

The Old Testament does not exist, unless we're talking about homosexuality.

Music

Keith Richards is a daywalker.

So is David Bowie.

FREE BIRD!!

Metal is nothing but angry Norsemen screaming into a microphone about burning churches while smashing drums and murdering guitars while praising Satan.

And raping children.

Rap is nothing but angry gangstas talking about sex and drugs and violence.

And listening to the above genres of music will cause you to do all of those things.

It will also cause you to perform a Columbine-style attack against you're classmates, especially if you listen to Marilyn Manson.

FREE BIRD!!

Punk is nothing but death and crime and the rage of a beast!

Nothing made before The Sixties is good, and that's being generous.

And The Beatles was the only band around back then. They were totally original, and they invented rock.

Everything made in The Sixties was extremely high-quality and original, and all of it topped the charts back then.

Elvis was a fat dude who did nothing but dance like Forrest Gump and end every phrase with "Uh-huh huh, thankyouverymuch!".

And then he went home.

FREE BIRD!!

Wangsty emo teenagers only listen to Linkin Park.

Jazz and classical music? It's the same thing.

The older a music genre gets the more dignified it becomes. After it's been around for about forty years it stops being the devil's music and becomes a respectable style to be taught in schools.

Nirvana was the only grunge band ever.

Kraftwerk is secretly plotting to Take Over the World with a massive robot army that they've been building in their top-secret Kling Klang Studios since the 1970's, as revenge for young people forgetting that they invented every new style of music to come out in the last 40 years. And they'll be programmed to take out anybody named Sarah Connor, you know, just in case.

FREE B--ow ow OW! Okay, okay, I'll stop, I swear!

Anything recorded more than five years before your birth or after you've turned 25 is crap not worth listening to.

Yes, all past music was nothing but classic hits that you hear today! There were never any bad bands that got lots of unwarranted attention, no gimmicky technology or instruments used, and no annoyingly catchy yet stupid songs. Sucks for your generation.

Majority of people listen to only one genre of music.

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Weird AI made every funny song ever, especially the really raunchy sexual ones.

As time goes on music becomes more and more corrupt, and all about sex and drugs. Music was much more wholesome and drug-free back in the days of The Beatles and Jimi Hendrix, or back even further to Louis Armstrong and Cab Calloway. They never sang about drugs like singers today do.

Military & Warfare

Soldiers can't actually hit anyone---anyone who matters, at least.

Averted if what they're aiming for is actually something that can defeat whatever needs to be defeated.

Actually, even then, they won't actually HIT it. Not in any lethal way, at least.

Attaching a small tube to the barrel of any gun will make it completely silent. This includes, but is not limited to, rocket launchers.

If a bullet makes contact with a human body, the body will instantly cease to function, even if the bullet only grazed its little toe... unless it hits the shoulder, as mentioned above.

Under the Time-Space Preservation Act of 2089, it is illegal to assassinate Adolf Hitler on or before April 30, 1945.

It takes less time to tell your life story than it takes to throw a jab.

On the other end of the spectrum, Japanese martial artists fight by telling their life stories, explaining how each and every one of their attacks work, and describing their clothing at great length. Well, they do throw a punch or two, but in the end, victory usually goes to the first one to bore his opponent to death.

In hand-to-hand unarmed combat, your ears are an important asset for gauging whether you are winning. A whoosh means you missed, a deep thud means it didn't hit hard enough to matter (unless your opponent then retches; then you have killed), and a crunch, whip-crack, or other noticeably loud noise means it did. The louder you yell, the harder you will hit.

However, unless you happen to be Bruce Lee or one of his 50,000+ government-authorized clones, exaggerated high-pitched yells will only telegraph that you are not a good fighter.

Giant, bipedal robots are the most effective weapon in any situation, time, or universe. Likewise, a bigger robot is always better, Square-Cube Law be damned.

Vehicles with more than two legs are even better.

When in doubt, just punch, slash or cast kickass magic (depending on the genre) with incredible anger and will. The power of hot blood and determination and rage makes you win by default. You, too, can get into your fearsome Berserk Mode through jiggling with your brain chemistry or mindless maiming of your puppies and friends.

If one red military vehicle takes on one hundred differently-colored vehicles of the same model, the red one will win.

If the opposing vehicles are blue, however...

Nuclear bombs are the the main cause of giant radioactive dinosaurs.

And throwing them into the sun is the main cause of evil supermen.

The more your clothing resembles that of any of your allies, the more likely you are to die in battle. If you're wearing a uniform with no customisation, it's probably quicker to just stay at home and shoot yourself.

When heading to battle, you're quite fine not wearing any protective armor. In fact, wearing it gets you killed faster. If you lose while wearing said armor, it's not because you might have failed to choose your battles and the opponent resulted being Crazy Prepared or a better planner, and it's not because you got overconfident in your gear, it's clearly the fault of the armor itself. The solution is 'wear less of it' or 'fight naked' not 'wear better armor'.

If you're female, armour may be worn, but only if it's shaped specifically to parade your considerable curves and fails to protect your forearms, thighs, midriff or any other easy target.

Also make sure to wear the highest heels you can find.

it makes perfect sense to bring a katana or some kind of sword into battle even though your enemies are equipped with rocket launchers, heavy machine guns, and assault rifles.

As a general rule, all combat can be avoided by hiding oneself inside a small bush, cardboard box or similar article which shouldn't move without assistance. If you avoid being directly in someone's path or moving while being observed, this is foolproof.

Being arbitrarily designated a 'boss' is a superior form of protection to any armour.

When the good guy gets into a fight with a bad guy, the good guy will always win. Don't worry if the bad guy appears to have 30 kg more of muscle or has extreme martial arts training.

The Unstoppable Rage of being right always wins even if you weigh 55 kg and sit in front of a computer all day.

Battlefields are divided into squares. Soldiers, depending on specialty, can move in an arbitrary pattern along the battlefield. Religious figures also get involved and move diagonally.

Women are the most powerful soldiers on Earth.

Face-covering helmets pose a dire combat risk to the wearer.

Bikinis made of body armor are quite practical, but only for women. For men, full-body armor is required.

Many battles can be won easily with a game controller.

One of the more common space fighter formations a small group of fighters following each other in a sine-wave like pattern.

Any psychopath can join the military, and they are often rewarded for their psychopathic tendencies.

The more projectiles someone can fire, the less noise they make.

Most monsters and mythical beasts have the decency to wait for their turn while exchanging blows in a fight with you.

Always assume that the leader in any military force is the strongest soldier. In fact, to be promoted, a soldier must be able to at least eliminate an army or defeat his commanding officer.

Every war has good guys and bad guys. The good guys always win.

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Science

Astronomy

A ray of sunlight is made up of many atoms.

All planets which could conceivably support life through any means, even technological ones, are exactly like the more comfortable parts of Earth.

When stargazing without a telescope and with two people, one must point one of their hands in the sky while smiling with mouth open.

As you get closer to the sun, it becomes dimmer and it gets easier to see its features without being blinded like you would be on Earth.

The sun also has a face, which most of the time smiles.

Space travel is rather easy and fun because planets are just a few kilometers away from earth and since sound travels just fine, people can actually open the windows of their spacecraft and talk to each other and to other passing space travellers. Just be sure to be wary of traveling through an asteroid belt and possibly being hit by rocks the size of vans, or those pesky black holes that come out of nowhere and such everything.

The planets orbit along visible white lines going around the sun. They keep the planets from falling down into space.

The moon is made of cheese and was formed by the curdling of milk coming from the Milky Way, and like the sun, it has a sentient face on it. It also harbors life, consisting of a civilization of acrobats in tights whose one weakness is being hit with an umbrella.

When the moon goes through its phases and becomes a crescent, it actually physically changes shape. Scientists sometimes attribute this phenomenon to its cheese-covered surface being eaten by space mice.

The rings on Saturn are solid, and you would be able to walk on them.

People who pronounce Uranus "Yer-uhn-us" are just too embarrassed to say "Your anus", which is the true pronunciation.

Pluto actually experiences emotions, and was greatly depressed when the humans on Earth stopped calling it a planet.

There is controversial scientific debate over whether boys or girls go to Jupiter to get more stupider.

Meteorology

Snowflakes are always larger than 1 cm and still either in perfectly hexagonal shape or resemble ball shape. When snowflakes are in hexagonal form, they have a tendency to face you in a way that the surface area that can be seen, is always at maximum.

When magnified 1000 times under a microscope you will be able to find tiny civilizations living on every snowflake.

The minimum rain intensity is at least 1 millimeter per minute.

It is always either rain or snow. Neither of the things known as sleet exist.

Nor does hail, unless it's relevant to the plot.

Clouds can just fade in from thin air to cover the whole sky without needing to form from small clouds or travel from the distance.

Wind often produces visible white lines.

Strong winds can be recognized by a howling sound. Foliage rubbing against itself never creates any sounds during windy times.

Lightning Can Do Anything, such as make non-sentient robots sentient or raise the dead.

The chances of it raining increases exponentially whenever someone is sad. It's even more likely to start raining if there's a funeral.

Epic battles also tend to cause massive downpours.

People wondering how things can get any worse are the leading cause of sudden downpours.

Tornadoes are living entities that prey on trailer parks and mobile homes, and have the ability to roar. You'll be fine as long as you Do Not Touch the Funnel Cloud. If you do you'll be teleported to Oz.

Paleontology

Dinosaurs are not extinct and are, oddly enough, often found on remote tropical islands or hidden tropical lands found only in the most remote parts of the South Pole.

They also hang around in swamps near volcanoes a lot.

As well as in great subterranean lands, deep underneath the earth.

Dragons and dinosaurs are the same thing. Some dinosaurs were actually able to breathe fire.

Dinosaurs were alive at the same time as Woolly Mammoths, Sabre-tooth Tigers, and of course, humans. Though this does go without saying, since they're still not extinct everywhere in the world. This makes The Flintstones much more scientifically accurate than scientists want you to believe.

By the way, woolly mammoths, pterodactyls and sabertooth tigers are dinosaurs as well.

Any animal that is extinct is a dinosaur.

Cavemen hunted dinosaurs, during the age of the dinosaurs the world was covered in deserts, jungles and swamps, pterosaurs are actually all flying dinosaurs called pterodactyls and were all a cross between a Pteranodon and Rhamphorhynchus. Velociraptors were six feet tall with no feathers, and the dinosaurs lived one million years ago.

Many dinosaurs survived extinction by migrating into The Great Valley.

Evolution occurs when an animal reaches a new Power Level, causing it to instantly morph into a completely different species.

If you were to go back in time to the dinosaur age, you would only see famous dinosaurs. You wouldn't see anything that hasn't been discovered as a fossil yet.

Human meat is apparently like cat nip to Tyrannosaurs. Whenever they meet time traveling humans or are cloned in modern times, they're likely to pass up even a Triceratops carcass just to chase and devour a human.

Mammals survived the asteroid impact 65 million years ago by hiding inside Tyrannosaur skulls, so that millions of years later their descendants could depict them dramatically climbing out at the end of their dinosaur documentaries.

Other biology

There are many types of jellyfish that produce electricity. Jellyfish do not have polyp and planula forms.

Exposing any sort of creature to radiation will not kill it, but rather mutate it into a larger and more powerful form. This is especially true for dinosaurs living near Japan.

Human beings have at least 100 chromosome pairs, not 23, because the number of chromosomes is directly proportional to the complexity of an organism.

Any organism can have its genes spliced with another to create a mutant combination, with no ill effects or imperfections.

Said genes can also be removed or swapped with others, again, with no problems.

But pig and elephant genes just won't splice.

A single gene is more than enough to identify exactly who the DNA came from.

Animals who talk, wear clothes, and generally act like people are perfectly normal.

90% of the Internet wants to have sex with these animals.

"Soldier Genes" can be taken from a sample to create a superior clone of a soldier, while the inferior genes leave the other twin clone with blond hair and a British accent. The DNA can also be used to enhance supersoldiers. An upper skull and spine can survive being removed from a body and grafted to an exoskeleton.

The bones in the human body are made of an as of yet undiscovered yet incredible durable material. Except for the head, so you can hit someone as hard as you want anywhere else because the worst they'll suffer is maybe a broken bone and most likely they'll just get a sprain.

Evolutionary psychology is right. We're constantly thinking of how we can have more children. This is why we never use contraceptives.

Large breasts are scientifically proven to make you want to dress in latex and fight crime.

Dead trees can stand for centuries, especially if they're around swamps and haunted places.

Clams are not filter feeders. They use pearls as a bait.

Sliding is faster than running.

The deeper into the ocean you go, the bigger the fish get.

The bigger the fish get, the more teeth they possess

Whales use blowholes just to produce fountain of water.

Other

Though the Government Conspiracy (and MythBusters) don't want you to know it, ordinary household chemicals can be turned into Applied Phlebotinum which can do everything from create massive fireballs to make you insane though superpowered if you just add a little food coloring.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to reliably replicate these results, so don't lose them.

Erupting volcanoes cannot harm you with contact or exposure to the resulting rocks and ashes, because those rarely actually appear. The lava flow, as well, cannot hurt you unless you touch it. The exception to this rule is the partially molten rocks that hit the ground starting from a one-half-mile radius of the volcano.

Exposure to radiation and other allegedly dangerous conditions will in fact lead to the development of various sweet new abilities. Want to stand out from the crowd? Then get irradiated!

These superpowers almost never come with a drawback.

An example from ballistics: bullet impacts generate enough energy to propel targets backwards. The distance the victim is propelled increases in proportion to their level of seniority in any evil organisation they may belong to, which floor of the building they are on, proximity to plate glass windows and sassiness of the shooter's preceding one-liner.

Science works better when you shout.

The majority of gemstones found weigh about 100 to 2000 carats. The largest gemstones often exceed a size of a car.

It is possible to get propelled 20 meters into air by jumping on a board with a short spring underneath it.
The Theory of Relativity can be disproven by throwing a lorry into reverse.
Drops of water or any liquid are shaped like a hemisphere from the lower side and deformed cones on the upper side.
Large chimneys next to nuclear power plants emit poisonous acidic gases.
To pick up an item, one should just touch or walk or over it and being inside a vehicle doesn't cause any problems either.
When something makes a metallic or hollow "ding" sound, it cannot be destroyed in the method that was tried on it.
A cubic meter of glass is much more fragile than a cubic meter of sandstone or limestone.
Dark matter is visible and colored black.
Lasers fired from guns can be dodged. Similarly, it can be used as cutting tools of various shapes and sizes.

Culture & People

Only the most important people in the world have names. Anyone who tells you otherwise is a terrorist.
The more kind and friendly a person is, the more they will kill you if you push them too hard.
If you can think of a problem, Batman has already come up with a solution for it.
Sometimes, it's okay to root for a likable killer.
Nurses are always sexy, no matter what. Unless they're the Joker in drag. Even then, some people may still find it sexy.
If anyone sounds like they have a really convincing American accent, they're probably faking it.
Native people are either magic or cruel. Sometimes both. There's no such thing as a Native person who lives in a city and has a job. Native Americans, who all live in tipis, may be distinguished by their dramatic feathered war-bonnets, which everyone wears constantly, even while indoors. When not attacking the tribe next door (warpaint and uluating war cries obligatory), they carve totem poles, care for their scalp collections, and hold rain dances. Fortunately for them, all of tribes across the vast North American continent share a single language,[1] in which "hello" is "How" [2] and the rest is either broken English in which the suffix "um" is added to every verb and the phrase "heap big" comes up a lot, or just gibberish best conveyed by speaking English and reversing the sound on the tape. Also, 90% of Native people are men, of whom 99% are warriors and 1% medicine men.
Warrior or magic man, every single word they say will be simple yet honest wisdom. So much their mere presence provokes hallucinations involving magic animals.
Also, every native man wears only a loincloth, in every climate from the Canadian winter to the Amazon. Native women wear either a Fur Bikini or, more often, a buckskin dress. Native men regard pants as unmanly.
When in doubt in an argument, compare your opponent to the Nazis. Automatic victory guaranteed.
Remember, people whose political affiliations are different from yours are Commie Nazis.
Heroes come in groups of five, unless they're part of a trio.
Or a trio of five?

To create a group of four heroes, pour the trio into the five-o twice, leaving one hero in the trio. Empty the five-o, then pour the one hero into the five-o, refill the trio, and pour the three in the trio into the one in the five-o. This leaves four in the five and an emptied three; in other words, forty-five minus three, which is forty-two. Q.E.D.

Elvis lives. He is the President. He will always be the President.

All Germans Are Nazis even to this day, and if they say they aren't, they're lying.

All Canadians live in igloos and live on only donuts, poutine, maple syrup, and the flesh of Mooses. Most Canadians are ice fishers (they export the fish, they don't consider it nearly as tasty or nutritious as Moose). Particularly rich and successful Canadians reinforce their igloos with copious numbers of Celine Dion cds.

All Africans are beautiful refugees who are stuck living in displaced persons camps despite having deceased millionaire fathers who were in the oil business. They're willing to share these millions with the first naive, lovesick American they find on a dating website (or email out of the blue, without ever having met the person they're emailing), as long as the American first gives them their name, address, phone number, credit card number and social security number.

Also, everyone has a distant millionaire relative in Africa too. When they die someone will randomly email you telling you that you're inheriting all their wealth.[3]

"Hasa Diga Eebowai".

All Britons strive to imitate a toff every time they speak. Their diet consists solely of tea, crumpets and foreigners, they have poor oral hygiene and consider three television episodes a complete series. With the exception of their young women and the occasional man, they're all evil, but at least they're not as evil as their Nazi-like ancestors.

Everyone living south of the US / Mexico border, even as far south as Argentina, is Mexican. They all speak Spanish and have brown skin, so they must be all the same nationality, right?

And actual Spaniards are descended from immigrants from Mexico, where the Spanish language has its origins. This is why Spain is exactly like Mexico in every way.

Everyone wants to emigrate north. Eventually the entire Western Hemisphere will be unpopulated except for Canada, where volunteer border patrols will shoot[4] at American immigrants looking for a job harvesting maple syrup.

Here's one for your history class! The only white people from Spain came to America long ago looking for a City of Gold. Some of them sound British.

Everyone in Russia works for the KGB in some way, be they a superspy or simply an assassin. There are no other occupations in Russia, which helps to explain the terrible state of their economy. It should be noted that while the Russian women also work for the KGB, they can be convinced to change sides by any reasonably attractive foreigner.

Similar to how there are no non-KGB occupations in Russia, there is also nothing to drink there except vodka.

There is one basic culture, and a culture which is not your own is basically the same except for a few differences in food and television.

There are exceptions, such as Japan, but America is more culture-neutral than any other country.

All Africans and Middle Easterners circumcise their daughters. They don't circumcise their sons. Except Israelis, where you can reverse that.

All bigots are white, and are also anti-semites, even if they've never even heard of Jews.

"Semite" means just Jews. Jews cannot be anti-Semitic, and are always Zionist Commies.

Your current government leader is evil and desecrating everything your country stands for. Or, they're the the best leader EVER. Anyone who thinks otherwise is just mistaken and just needs convincing.

Likewise, the title of "Anti Christ" has been passed down from president to president in the U.S. since George Washington, though only people with different political views than the president in office can see it.

Similarly, every president since Hitler died is his reincarnation. Again, only people who oppose their political opinions know this and try to warn everyone else by adding Hitler's famous moustache to pictures of the president. Unfortunately, Hitler's spirit can't be killed and will just take over the next president's body.

Japan is still bitter towards the US over losing World War Two, and are retaliating by turning innocent white American children into rice-munching, cosplaying, Pokemon-playing otakus so that when they bomb Pearl Harbor again every American under the age of 25 will join in the overthrow of the US government. The Gratuitous Japanese trope names on This Very Wiki is evidence of their scheme.

Prior to The VJ Day Kiss of August 14, 1945, all Asian people were evil. All Chinese people were monstrous, evil-moustached, if gentlemanly, Diabolical Masterminds who ran Opium Dens. All Japanese people were creepily-bespectacled, buck-toothed killers who said "Velly sofly" constantly. After The VJ Day Kiss, everything changed; Asians were magically transformed into friendlier math and computer/electronics whizzes, martial arts experts, or hot, sexually available women.

Kicking other people's *sses always ensures a healthy social life.

YOU SUCK.

Anyone with global domination intentions says this intention out loud and looks evil. They always break the laws to achieve their goals instead of using those laws to their advantage.

Everyone in the world speaks English, they just have different accents depending on what country they're from.

Safety

Umbrellas save the lives of thousands of falling victims per year.

If you're trapped in a burning building and not promptly rescued, you will inevitably burst into flames. Neither smoke inhalation nor hot air will be your undoing, because fire obeys the Rule of Cool.

However, as long as you do not touch the fire itself, you will be fine. The same goes for incidents involving molten lava.

The only dangerous part of a tornado is the visible funnel. As long as you avoid it, you'll be safe.

You can't get AIDS if it's your first time. Or if you're circumcised. Or if you only did oral. Or...

Everything causes cancer, in one way or another.

Cells and cages are perfectly inescapable even when the length between bars is larger than the wideness of a captured subject.

Don't ever utter the words "How could things get any worse?" while walking alongside the street in fancy clothing. A Roadside Wave will inevitably ensue. It's never a good idea to say those words anywhere really, as covered in the Meteorology section.

All strangers are evil and want to mug you or kidnap children. But don't worry, you can always tell when there's a stranger nearby because they all wear trenchcoats and fedoras, and have shifty eyes.

Doors are indestructible as long as they're not brighter than most of the doors, not glowing or cracked.

If you get hurt, even if it's something as severe as a gunshot wound, you'll be invincible for a second or two.

Geography

Mountains are everywhere.

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The vast, frozen Commie Land called Russia is a mysterious geographic anomaly, simultaneously visible from Alaska (would Sarah Palin lie to you?) and bordering the Deep South of the United States (how else could they invade Georgia?). It might also be near Europe or Asia or something, according to less-than-reliable accounts.

Most of the United States has palm trees, except for the Midwest, which looks exactly like Vancouver and New York City and Chicago, which look exactly like Toronto.

And if anything interesting or supernatural happens, it always happens in New York.

Meanwhile, California is just one gigantic beach where everyone is either a movie star or a surfer, and everyone listens to the Beach Boys. It never rains there either.

Unless someone is sad.

Or if it would be dramatic for it to rain.

There is a country to the north of Europe which can be known as Britain, the UK or England. The capital city is London, where Stonehenge is. The only other city in this country is Cardiff, which is where everyone speaks with a weird version of an English accent and all the aliens are. Except the ones that are from London.

London consists entirely of Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. There's nothing else there. Also, everyone in the city dresses and acts like it's still the 1890's.

Greenland is almost as big as South America. Just look at any world map. Also, land tends to look more stretched out the further north you go.

Texas is the largest state in the US. Some people claim it's Alaska, but if you look at any map of the US you can clearly see that Alaska is actually about half the size of California, and right next to Hawaii (which is right off the coast of California, by the way). Both states are surrounded by an odd box-like landmass.

You can see the Eiffel Tower out of every window in France no matter where you are or which way you are facing. And France is basically just Paris.

In fact, it's a little known fact that the majority of France's population lives within 100 yards of the Eiffel Tower. The only people allowed to live elsewhere are wine-makers and owners of small, romantic inns in the country-side.

Africa is all one country, except for Egypt, and possibly South Africa, that evil country where apartheid happened. Geographically, Africa has two climates. There's the vast Sahara desert, made up of endless sand dunes, pyramids, sphinxes, cacti, and the random oasis, consisting of a small pond and some palm trees (though these will rarely not be a mirage). The second climate is a dense jungle, consisting of gorillas, lions, elephants, hippos, dinosaurs, cannibal natives, and European jungle men who were raised by apes. Besides them, everyone in Africa is black, and their clothing is optional.

Everyone in the Middle East is Islamic, except in Israel. Everyone's a terrorist suicide bomber in the Middle East too. And there's lots of oil everywhere, just laying around in huge black lakes. The terrain is otherwise pretty much the same as the desert part of Africa including sand dunes and pyramids and cacti, just with oil.

South America (no not that South America) is a big rain forest, where people make coffee beans and cocaine. There aren't really any independent countries there, at least if there are they aren't very important. Environmentalists like to whine about trees being cut down there, or something.

Brazil (the only country in South America), is a primitive Banana Republic whose capital is Buenos Aires. Like all Mexicans, they speak Spanish and all have brown skin. They live in jungles villages full of monkeys, snakes and drug dealers. Men wear big sombreros and ponchos, take long naps in the middle of the street and drink tequila. Women walk around naked showing their well-trimmed pubic hair and dance flamenco. Olé!

Asia is just China and Japan. Though there isn't that big of a difference between them. Japan makes electronics and anime, China makes toys tainted with lead paint. It's covered in jungle and bamboo, and populated by pandas, tigers, and people in those funny flat round hats with the point in the middle of them. If you were to dig straight down through the Earth you would end up in China, no matter where you start digging. Everyone knows karate there, and rarely does a day go by where some karate riot doesn't break out in a city where there are two rival martial arts schools. At least until Godzilla arrives and destroys everyone.

Vietnam (a Chinese country) was destroyed by Rambo, Chuck Norris and Dr Manhattan in the Seventies, so it doesn't exist anymore.

In Australia, the land is populated by aborigines, kangaroos, koalas, alligators, Tasmanian Devils, poisonous tarantulas and scorpions, maybe the occasional giant bird, and plenty of other creatures that can't wait to kill you. Besides the aborigines you've got rugged outback men who don't call anything less than a 12-inch dagger a knife, say "G'day mate" a lot, eat shrimp off the barbie, and enjoy harassing the deadly creatures that populate the continent. The terrain consists of the barren outback, maybe a rainforest here and there, but watch out for any evil pollution spirits trapped in the trees. And apparently the word for 'beer' in the local tongue is 'Foster's'. Fosters is a delightful and refreshing drink and not brewed from powered aluminium.

Antarctica is that really long white strip of land you see at the bottom of the map, with ice, snow, penguins and polar bears. Otherwise it's not too interesting, a lot of maps don't even show it, and it's not surprising. Its main landmark is a big red and white striped pole sticking out of the ground with a sign on it that says "The South Pole". It matches The North Pole, except that Santa doesn't live there.

Greenland is at the North Pole, and Santa lives there.

Despite having a Canadian post code.

The American Midwest is incredibly cold, all the time. Even at low altitudes in the summer. Everyone in the Midwest is a white supremacist, and the poorest people in the Midwest vote Republican while the richest people vote Democrat.

The American South is full of racist, banjo picking, inbred hillbillies who either rape or shoot foreigners that they "don't take too kindly to 'round these parts'". Deliverance might as well be a documentary.

Canada is that northern piece of wilderness somewhere above America, eh, where it's always cold and snowing and the trees bleed maple syrup. The locals, where the country is populated at all, consist of Natives, people who are oddly polite and a couple of strange French guys. It's main exports are the aforementioned syrup, flannel (mostly in plaid), small Mountie figurines and hokey sticks (which are harvested annually from the same trees that the syrup comes from), and its main industries are various kinds of woodwork and igloo-craft. The sole religion practiced is also Hokey, which all young children are given a thorough education in, beginning at birth (or earlier, if parents can manage it). The country has no military forces to speak of, nor has it ever had them, or even weapons, except for snowballs (and icicles, but you need a license for those).

Half of the mountains have a spiral path going up the mountain.

All deserted islands can only be found in tropical regions.

History

Between the dawn of time to about 1492, nothing really interesting happened. And even then, things were still pretty boring until the 20th century.

Except for when dinosaurs existed. They're awesome.

Everything that has ever happened in the history of mankind is the result of a Government Conspiracy.

Julius Caesar, Leonardo Da Vinci, Ludwig Van Beethoven, Karl Marx, Susan B. Anthony, Napoleon Bonaparte, Gloria Steinem, and any other revelant historical figures you can think of were all the same immortal being.

They were an alien, too.

Time Lord, to be exact.

Aliens taught humans everything they know, and built every ancient monument ever.

Ancient Japan was the battleground for many conflicts involving large antagonistic crustaceans.

Until everyone attacked their weak point for massive damage.

Also, every day there was a dramatic showdown between two samurai. On days when there weren't samurai fights there were awesome ninja fights.

Napoleon was a short, dead dude. Ceasar was a salad dressing dude. And Joan of Arc was Noah's wife.

History stops being interesting, noteworthy or worth studying once you get past World War II. This is because World War II was the only interesting historical event to happen ever.

World War I wasn't really all that interesting or important either, and it's best to just skim over that so you can focus on World War II, the Even Better Sequel.

World War II started when the Japanese Germans bombed Pearl Harbor, which made America angry enough to finally bail out England and those cowardly Frenchies, beat Germany and get rid of Those Wacky Nazis, and nuke Japan (which was something they totally had coming), and pretty much save the day. See above for what happened next.

The Soviet Union may have had a brief scuffle with Germany too, Or So I Heard, but it was unimportant because the Soviets were bad guys anyway.

The Holocaust was the only genocide ever, in all of history. Any other group that claims to have suffered genocide actually just one day decided to peacefully leave the area where they lived for hundreds of years without a complaint, and now their descendants just want money.

George Washington never told a lie, and Thanksgiving was a wonderful moment of friendship between whites and Native Americans. How could thousands of 1st grade plays be wrong?

Segregation started up very suddenly in the 1950s, but only in Alabama and Mississippi. It was quickly ended by the Civil Rights movement. When Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech, that was the end of racism, forever.

The Americas were visited by all sorts of visitors, from ancient Greece and Rome to the Middle East to West Africa to China to Atlantis to extraterrestrials. These people gave the locals their culture.

Since natives of North and South America such as the Aztecs and Incas couldn't possibly have been advanced enough to have built all their pyramids and monuments due to their lack of European-ness, they had Egyptians, aliens and Atlanteans help them.

The Titanic set sail in 1912, carrying with it an anachronistic rapping dog and talking, singing mice. Almost everyone survived its sinking.

According to other eyewitness accounts, the Titanic and everyone on board were saved thanks to the efforts of talking mice and a giant octopus. And it was deliberately run into an ice berg by evil whale poachers.

Most of humanity's technological achievements came from crashed spacecraft.

The global video game industry was utterly destroyed in 1983, and nothing was developed until Super Mario Bros.. But that doesn't matter, because there were no games before that apart from Pong, Q*bert and Pac-Man.

The first pirates were a bunch of parrot fanciers from the West Country.

Everyone thought the world was flat and consisted only of Europe for a long time. Then came Columbus, who sailed off specifically to prove the world was round. The whole "trade route to India" thing was nonsense.

Likewise, everyone was a geocentrist until Galileo Figaro Magnificoooooooooo.

Ponce De Leon really wanted to find the Fountain of Youth in Florida. He totally wasn't trying to find natives to enslave or anything.

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Everyone used to be able to fly. Then Sir Issac Newton invented gravity and ruined all the fun.

In The Fifties, no matter where you were you could always hear "Mr. Sandman" playing in the background.

In The Sixties, psychedelic rock was playing in the background, except for in Vietnam, where it was CCR's Fortunate Son.

In The Seventies disco was playing 24/7. And everybody loved it.

In The Eighties either I Ran (So Far Away), the Beverly Hills Cop soundtrack, or Girls Just Wanna Have Fun was always playing.

The Nineties had grunge (read: Nirvana) in the background.

Any time in the 20th century before The Fifties had "Sing, Sing, Sing" playing.

Disney movies are completely historically accurate. They may as well be documentaries.

Before the late sixties, everything was in black and white.

Philosophy

Relax, it's just fiction.

Good always wins, Evil always returns, and rule one is not always true.

A man is a miserable little pile of secrets.

All we are, is dust in the wind, dude.

Sexuality

Women are all 90-60-90 cm unless they're old, and even then... Also, there's going to be upward wind every time you wear a skirt. Expect your shirt to rip very often and your cleavage to show accidentally in many situations. By all means, wear a skirt (preferably a sailor fuku) to beat up a villain with karate or kung-fu.

Corollary: Dirty Old Men are everywhere and likable though perverted. Sexual harassment is funny and endearing and totally not a criminal offense.

Also, if a woman isn't a blond chick with ginormous boobs and a tiny waist, she's ugly. If you have sex with her, you're pathetic.

Smooth jazz is played in the background every time somebody has sex.

When you grow up, you'll marry your mom.

That horrible girl who keeps bullying you is secretly in love with you.

The girl who's chopping off your fingers too.

Only men are capable of sexual discrimination.

Similarly, only whites are capable of racism.

Bisexuals only occur in large herds.

If one is isolated, then he or she will almost certainly be psycho and/or evil.

Male bisexuals don't exist. Female bisexuals like to have sex with both a man and a woman at once. So do twin sisters.

It's just a phase. Experimenting in highschool is fine, by all means, but, be warned, when you go back to men, the girl you broke up with will try to kill you or your manly boyfriend. But don't worry, there's no penalty if you kill her first.

Note that all that only applies to women. If you have sex with a man even once, you're a Flamboyant Gay. Even if you were on top.

Also, if you so much as look at another man in a way that someone arbitrarily deems "gay", you're a flaming queer forever.

Gay men only have sex anally. Also, you can get AIDS even from masturbating with another guy. But if you both claim to be straight and have sex, then you cannot transfer AIDS to your partner.

Then again, sometimes it's possible to get AIDS simply by standing too close to someone who has it.

Men being raped is perfectly acceptable. First off, it's impossible for a male to be raped by a female. Besides, shouldn't they enjoy it? If the male happens to be underage, well, isn't he a lucky kid? And of course when it's male on male it's just funny.

Or they got arrested, in which case, they deserve it.

Of course you won't get pregnant if it's your first time. That's impossible.

A girl can get pregnant just from being in the same swimming pool with a man.

If you keep watching cartoons after a certain age, you will become a pedophile.

But if it's anime, you'll just become a regular pervert, with a thing for tentacles.

Only men are pedophiles. And if an adult male who you've never met before so much as glances at your child, they must be a pedophile.

A man must lose their virginity by age 14, or else they're a loser, or possibly gay. A woman should never lose their virginity until after they're married sometime in their thirties. But a man is supposed to lose their virginity with a woman.

Sex is all men ever think about. Women never think about sex.

Unless they are bisexuals, in which case, they always think about it. With everyone.

Masturbation will make you blind and crippled.

Other

Large amounts of money are stored inside sacks with a \$ sign on it.

And carried around by fat men in top hats and suits with dollar sign patterned ties.

The only way to win the game is to kill everyone else, while not thinking about it.

When switching between TV channels, a static is briefly seen.

Modern video games still sound just like arcade games from the early 80's.

All factories have zigzag roofs and at least one big chimney.

Throwing something makes a 'whoosh' sound.

Boats and ships which are dry below the water level cannot be piloted as boats and ships which can be piloted, don't have any space below the water level.

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Anarchism, a projected social revolution, the professed aim of which is that of the emancipation of the individual from the present system of government which makes him the slave of others, and of the training of the individual so as to become a law to himself, and in possession, therefore, of the right to the control of all his vital interests, the project definable as an insane attempt to realise a social system on the basis of absolute individual freedom.

Australia, a continent entirely within the Southern Hemisphere, about one-fourth smaller than Europe, its utmost length from E. to W. being 2400 m., and breadth 1971; the coast has singularly few inlets, though many and spacious harbours, only one great gulf, Carpentaria, on the N., and one bight, the Great Australian Bight, on the S.; the interior consists of a low desert plateau, depressed in the centre, bordered with ranges of various elevation, between which and the sea is a varying breadth of coast-land; the chief mountain range is in the E., and extends more or less parallel all the way with the E. coast; the rivers are few, and either in flood or dried up, for the climate is very parching, only one river, the Murray, 2345 m. long, of any consequence, while the lakes, which are numerous, are shallow and nearly all salt; the flora is peculiar, the eucalyptus and the acacia the most characteristic, grains, fruits, and edible roots being all imported; the fauna is no less peculiar, including, in the absence of many animals of other countries, the kangaroo, the dingo, and the duck-bill, the useful animals being likewise all imported; of birds, the cassowary and the emu, and smaller ones of great beauty, but songless; minerals abound, both the precious and the useful; the natives are disappearing, the colonists in 1904 numbering close upon 4,000,000; and the territory divided into Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, S. Australia, and W. Australia, which with Tasmania federated in 1900 and became the Commonwealth.

Babbage, Charles, a mathematician, born in Devonshire; studied at Cambridge, and professor there; spent much time and money over the invention of a calculating machine; wrote on "The Economy of Manufactures and Machinery," and an autobiography entitled "Passages from the Life of a Philosopher"; in his later years was famous for his hostility to street organ-grinders (1791-1871).

Buddha, Gautama, or Sakya-muni, the founder of Buddhism about the 5th century B.C., born a Hindu, of an intensely contemplative nature, the son of a king, who did everything in his power to tempt him from a religious life, from which, however, in his contemplation of the vanity of existence, nothing could detain him; retired into solitude at the age of 30, as Sakyamuni, i. e. solitary of the Sakyas, his tribe; consulted religious books, could get no good out of them, till, by-and-by, he abstracted himself more and more from everything external, when at the end of ten years, as he sat brooding under the Bo-tree alone with the universe, soul with soul, the light of truth rose full-orbed upon him, and he called himself henceforth and gave himself out as Buddha, i. e. the Enlightened; now he said to himself, "I know it all," as Mahomet in his way did after him, and became a preacher to others of what had proved salvation to himself, which he continued to do for 40 years, leaving behind him disciples, who went forth without sword, like Christ's, to preach what they, like Christ's, believed was a gospel to every creature.

Buddhism, the religion of Buddha, a religion which, eschewing all speculation about God and the universe, set itself solely to the work of salvation, the end of which was the merging of the individual in the unity of being, and the "way" to which was the mortification of all private passion and desire which mortification, when finished, was the Buddhist Nirvāna. This is the primary doctrine of the Buddhist faith, which ere long became a formality, as all faiths of the kind, or of this high order, ever tend to do. Buddha is not answerable for this, but his followers, who in three successive councils resolved it into a system of formulæ, which Buddha, knowing belike how the letter killeth and only the spirit giveth life, never attempted to do. Buddha wrote none himself, but in some 300 years after his death his teachings assumed a canonical form, under the name of Tripitaka, or triple basket, as it is called. Buddhism from the first was a proselytising religion; it at one time overran the whole of India, and though it is now in small favour there, it is, in such form as it has assumed, often a highly beggarly one, understood to be the religion of 340 millions of the human race.

Comet, a member of the solar system under control of the sun, consisting of a bright nucleus within a nebulous envelope, generally extended into a tail on the rear of its orbit, which is extremely eccentric, pursuing its course with a velocity which increases as it approaches the sun, and which diminishes as it withdraws from it; these bodies are very numerous, have their respective periods of revolution, which have been in many cases determined by observation.

Cynics, a sect of Greek philosophers, disciples of Antisthenes, who was a disciple of Socrates, but carried away with him only part of Socrates' teaching and enforced that as if it were the whole, dropped all regard for humanity and the universal reason, and taught that "virtue lay wholly in the avoidance of evil, and those desires and greeds that bind us to enjoyments," so that his disciples were called the "Capuchins of the Old World." These in time went further than their master, and conceived a contempt for everything that was not self-derived; they derived their name from the gymnasium in Athens, where their master taught.

Dates of Epoch-making Events, the Ascendency in Athens of Pericles (445 B.C.); the Fall of the Persian Empire (330 B.C.); the Death of Alexander the Great (323 B.C.); the Reduction of Greece to a Roman province, and the Ruin of Carthage (146 B.C.); the Battle of Actium (31 B.C.); Birth of Christ, 14th year of Augustus; Commencement of the Middle Ages (395); Ruin of the Roman Empire by the Barbarians (476); Clovis, ruler of Gaul (509); the Flight of Mahomet (622); Charlemagne, Emperor of the West (800); Treaty of Verdun (843); the Crusades (1096-1291); Employment of Cannon at Crécy (1346); Invention of Printing (1436); Taking of Constantinople by Mahomet II. (1453); Discovery of America by Columbus (1492); Copernican System published (1500); Accession of Leo X. as Pope (1513); the Reformation of Luther (1517); Publication of Bacon's "Novum Organon" (1620); Publication of Descartes's "Discourse on Method" (1637); the Peace of Westphalia (1648); Reign of Louis XIV. at its Height, and Peace of Nimeguen (1678); Publication of Newton's Theory of Gravitation (1682); Watt's Invention of the Steam-Engine (1769); Independence of the United States (1776); Coup d'état of 10th Brumaire (1799); Waterloo, and Congress of Vienna (1815); Introduction of Railroads into England (1830); First Attempt at Electric Telegraphy in France (1837); Africa traversed by Livingstone (1852-1854); Publication of Darwin's "Origin of Species" (1859); Opening of the Suez Canal (1869); Proclamation of the German Empire (1871); Congress of Berlin (1878).

Diocletian, Roman emperor from 284 to 308, born at Salona, in Dalmatia, of obscure parentage; having entered the Roman army, served with distinction, rose rapidly to the highest rank, and was at Chalcedon, after the death of Numerianus, invested by the troops with the imperial purple; in 286 he associated Maximianus with himself as joint-emperor, with the title of Augustus, and in 292 resigned the Empire of the West to Constantius Chlorus and Galerius, so that the Roman world was divided between two emperors in the E. and two in the W.; in 303, at the instance of Galerius, he commenced and carried on a fierce persecution of the Christians, the tenth and fiercest; but in 305, weary of ruling, he abdicated and retired to Salona, where he spent his remaining eight years in rustic simplicity of life, cultivating his garden; bating his persecution of the Christians, he ruled the Roman world wisely and well (245-313).

Diogenes the Cynic, born in Sinope, in Pontus, came to Athens, was attracted to Antisthenes (q. v.) and became a disciple, and a sansculotte of the first water; dressed himself in the coarsest, lived on the plainest, slept in the porches of the temples, and finally took up his dwelling in a tub; stood on his naked manhood; would not have anything to do with what did not contribute to its enhancement; despised every one who sought satisfaction in anything else; went through the highways and byways of the city at noontide with a lit lantern in quest of a man; a man himself not to be laughed at or despised; visiting Corinth, he was accosted by Alexander the Great: "I am Alexander," said the king, and "I am Diogenes" was the prompt reply; "Can I do anything to serve you?" continued the king; "Yes, stand out of the sunlight," rejoined the cynic; upon which Alexander turned away saying, "If I were not Alexander, I would be Diogenes." D'Alembert declared Diogenes the greatest man of antiquity, only that he wanted decency. "Great truly," says Carlyle, but adds with a much more serious drawback than that (412-323 B.C.). See "Sartor Resartus," bk. iii. Chap. 1.

Edward I., surnamed Longshanks, king of England, born at Westminster, son of Henry III., married Eleanor (q. v.) of Castile; came first into prominence in the Barons' War; defeated the nobles at Evesham, and liberated his father; joined the last Crusade in 1270, and distinguished himself at Acre; returned to England in 1274 to assume the crown, having been two years previously proclaimed king; during his reign the ascendancy of the Church and the nobles received a check, the growing aspiration of the people for a larger share in the affairs of the nation was met by an extended franchise, while the right of Parliament to regulate taxation was recognised; under his reign Wales was finally subdued and annexed to England, and a temporary conquest of Scotland was achieved (1239-1307).

Europe (361,000), the most important, although the second smallest, of the five great land divisions of the globe; is, from a geographical point of view, a peninsula of Asia; the Caspian Sea, Ural River and mountains, form its Asiatic boundary, while on the other three sides it is washed by the Mediterranean on the S., Atlantic on the W., and Arctic Ocean on the N.; its coast-line is so highly developed that to every 190 sq. m. of surface there is 1 m. of coast; this advantage, combined with the varied adaptability of its land, rivers, and inland seas, and its central position, has made it the centre of civilisation and the theatre of the main events of the world's history. Its greatest length is 3370 m. from Cape St. Vincent to the Urals, and its greatest breadth 2400 m. from Cape Matapan to Nordkyn, while its area is about 3,800,000 sq. m.; it is singularly free from wild animals, has a fruitful soil richly cultivated, and possesses in supreme abundance the more useful metals. Its peoples belong to the two great ethnological divisions, the Caucasian and Mongolian groups; to the former belong the Germanic, Romanic, Slavonic, and Celtic races, and to the latter the Finns, Magyars, and Turks. Christianity is professed throughout, except amongst the Jews, of whom there are about six millions, and in Turkey, where Mohammedanism claims about seven millions; of Catholics there are about 155 millions, of Protestants 85, and of the Greek Church 80. Amongst the 18 countries the form of government most prevailing is the hereditary monarchy, resting more and more on a wide representation of the people.

Jesus Christ (i. e. the anointed Divine Saviour), the Son of God and the hope of Israel, Saviour of mankind, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary four years before the commencement of the Christian era, and who suffered death on the cross for the salvation of His people in A.D. 33, after a life of sorrow over the sins of the world and an earnest pleading with men to turn from sin unto God as revealed in Himself, in the life He led, the words He spoke, and the death He died, and after leaving behind Him a Spirit which He promised would guide those who believed in Him unto all truth, a Spirit which was and would prove to be the spirit of His manifestation in the flesh from birth onwards to death, and through death to the very grave. See Christianity.

Jews, The, a people of Semitic origin, descended from Abraham in the line of Jacob; conspicuous for the profession of a religion that has issued from them, and affected to the core the rest of the civilised world. Their religion was determined by a moral standard; through them more than through any other race has the moral principle, or the law of conscience, been evolved in humanity as the sovereign law of life, and this at length resolved itself into a faith in one God, the sole ruler in heaven and on earth, the law of whose government is truth and righteousness, only they stopped short with the assertion of this divine unity, and in their hard monotheism stubbornly refused, as they do still, to accept the doctrine of trinity in unity which, spiritually understood is, as it has been well defined, the central principle of the Christian faith, the principle that to have a living morality one must have a faith in a Divine Father, a Divine Son, and a Divine Spirit, all three equally Divine. But, indeed, it is to be noted that the Jewish religion never was nor ever has been the religion of the Jewish people, but was from first to last solely the religion of the law-givers and prophets sent to teach them, to whom they never as a race paid any heed. There was never such antagonism of Yea to God and Nay to Him in the history of any nation as among them; never such openness to whisperings, and such callousness to the thunder of God's voice; on the one side, never such tenderness, and on the other, never such hardness, of heart. Nor except by their religion, which they did not believe at heart themselves, and of which they have but been the vehicles, have they as a race contributed anything to the true wealth of the world, "being mere dealers in money, gold, jewels, or else old clothes, material and spiritual." And it has been noted they have all along shown a want of humour, a want of gentle sympathy with the under side, "a fatal defect, as without it no man or people is good for anything." They were never good for much as a nation, and they are still more powerless for good since it was broken up, numerous as they have been, and are in their widely scattered state; for there are 4,500,000 in Russia, 1,600,000 in Austria-Hungary, 1,567,000 in Germany, 567,000 in Roumania, 300,000 in Turkey, 120,000 in Holland, 97,000 in France, 72,000 in England, 101,000 in Italy, 50,000 in Switzerland, 4652 in Servia, and 15,792 in Greece, in all, 7,701,261 in Europe; throughout the globe altogether 11,000,000, while the numbers in Palestine are increasing.

Lion, The, the king of animals, was the symbol of power, courage, and virtue, and in Christian art of the resurrection; is in general, as Mr. Fairholt remarks, "a royal symbol, and in emblem of dominion, command, magnanimity, vigilance, and strength; representing when couchant sovereignty, when rampant magnanimity, when passant resolution, when guardant prudence, when salient valour, when sciant counsel, and when regardant circumspection."

Mars, the exterior planet of the Solar system, nearest the earth, of one-half its diameter, with a mean distance from the sun of 141,000,000 m., round which it takes 686 days to revolve, in a somewhat centric orbit, and 24½ hours to revolve on its own axis, which inclines to its equator at an angle of 29°; examination of it shows that there is four times as much land as water in it; it is accompanied by two moons, an outer making a revolution round it in 30 hours 18 minutes, and an inner in 7 hours and 38 minutes; they are the smallest heavenly bodies known to science.

Moon, the satellite of the earth, from which it is distant 238,800 m., and which revolves round it in 27-1/3 days, taking the same time to rotate on its own axis, so that it presents always the same side to us; is a dark body, and shines by reflection of the sun's light, its diameter 2165 m.; it has a rugged surface of mountains and valleys without verdure; has no water, no atmosphere, and consequently no life.

Negritos, Spanish name for certain distinctive tribes of a diminutive race resembling negroes, occupying the central portions of some of the Philippine Islands, also known as Aëtas or Itas; sometimes loosely used to designate Papuans and all the Melanesian peoples of Polynesia.

Negroes, the dark race of tropical Africa, distinguished by their dark woolly hair, their black eyes, their flat noses, and their thick lips; they occupy rather a low level in the scale of humanity, and are lacking in those mental and moral qualities which have impressed the stamp of greatness on the other races that have distinguished themselves in the history of the world.

Neptune, the remotest planet of the solar system at present known; it is twice as far distant from the sun as Uranus (q. v.) is, deemed before its discovery the remotest; its diameter is four times greater than that of the earth, and it takes 60,126 days to revolve round the sun, accompanied by a solitary satellite; it was discovered in 1846 by Adams (q. v.) and Leverrier (q. v.), who were guided to the spot where they found it from the effect of its neighbourhood on the movements of Uranus.

Philosophy, the science of sciences or of things in general, properly an attempt to find the absolute in the contingent, the immutable in the mutable, the universal in the particular, the eternal in the temporal, the real in the phenomenal, the ideal in the real, or in other words, to discover "the single principle that," as Dr. Stirling says, "possesses within itself the capability of transition into all existent variety and varieties," which it presupposes can be done not by induction from the transient, but by deduction from the permanent as that spiritually reveals itself in the creating mind, so that a Philosopher is a man who has, as Carlyle says, quoting Goethe, "stationed himself in the middle (between the outer and the inner, the upper and the lower), to whom the Highest has descended and the Lowest mounted up, who is the equal and kindly brother of all." "Philosophy dwells aloft in the Temple of Science, the divinity of the inmost shrine; her dictates descend among men, but she herself descends not; whoso would behold her must climb with long and laborious effort; may still linger in the forecourt till manifold trial have proved him worthy of admission into the interior solemnities." Indeed philosophy is more than science (q. v.); it is a divine wisdom instilled into and inspiring a thinker's life. See Thinker, The.

https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_conspiracy_theories&oldid=108472594 (2007)

List of conspiracy theories

Global conspiracy theories

Bilderberg Group—A well-known informal, international, annual meeting of influential people that some critics allege have a sinister purpose. Its name is that of the hotel in the Netherlands where the group first met in 1954.

Council on Foreign Relations—Conspiracy theories surrounding the membership of this foreign policy think tank.

Elders of Zion—A supposed conspiratorial group bent on Jewish global domination, as portrayed by the forged document, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion.

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Freemasons.

New World Order

The Gemstone File—Details a wide ranging conspiracy involving Aristotle Onassis, the CIA, FBI, and the Mafia in addition to John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, Ted Kennedy, Richard Nixon, the Washington Post, San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto, Howard Hughes, Martin Luther King Jr., and the Watergate conspirators.

The Illuminati—Thought of as a secret group attempting to control the world.

Korean Air Flight KAL-007.

Priory of Sion—Various different theories.

Reptilian humanoids—According to David Icke, a group of reptilian humanoids called the Babylonian Brotherhood control a secret world government. Icke has accused many prominent politicians and celebrities of being such creatures, including George W. Bush, Queen Elizabeth II, and Kris Kristofferson.

SARS conspiracy theory—Suggests that the SARS virus could be developed artificially.

Trilateral Commission—Theories concerning the motives of this group.

United Nations—Theories regarding the UN and its various Secretaries General.

Vril Society Conspiracy which suggests that a secret form of energy, called Vril is used and controlled by a secret, subterranean society of matriarchal, socialist utopian superior beings.

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Lusitania & Pearl Harbor – According to some theories these were events deliberately done to draw the United States into WWI and WWII.

AIDS conspiracy theories—Some people believe that the CIA created the AIDS epidemic and deliberately administered it to blacks, and gays through tainted hepatitis vaccinations in the 1970s. Another theory posits that HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, was invented by either white scientists in the World Health Organization (WHO), or by "The Jews", as a way to kill African Americans and destroy the black race. This latter view is heard most often among groups such as the New Black Panther Party and Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam. Still more theorists claim that HIV does not exist, does not cause AIDS, or that persons who test HIV positive can take certain nutritional supplements (or other forms of alternative medicine) and eventually test HIV negative. See AIDS Reconsideration for more information on the topic.

Apollo moon landing hoax accusations—Proponents of this theory claim that all of the Apollo moon landings never happened and were "staged" in a Hollywood movie studio.

Area 51—Various theories surround the activity of this secretive military base, including the theory that it contains hidden alien spacecrafts and/or bodies.

Assassination—Conspiracy theories of varying popularity surround the deaths, disappearances, assassination attempts and attacks on, several prominent figures including: ...

Black helicopters.

Cattle mutilation.

Denver International Airport—Believed by many conspiracy theorists to be the Western headquarters of the New World Order, and a massive underground base and city is believed to exist underneath the airport. Reasons for this include: the airport is unusually large (larger than some major cities), is somewhat distant from the Denver, Colorado city center, there were in the airport a set of bizarre murals (some of which have been painted over) depicting burning cities, gas-mask wearing soldiers, girls in coffins, Masonic symbols and strange writing.

Elvis sightings.

High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program

Hurricane Katrina-several theories[2] are advanced.

Kentucky Fried Chicken—It is sometimes claimed that the franchise is owned by the Ku Klux Klan, and the chicken is laced with a drug that makes only black men impotent. In actuality KFC is owned by Yum! Brands, Inc., a publicly traded Fortune 500 company. Sometimes, Church's Fried Chicken is named instead of KFC.

Majestic 12.

Men in Black.

Montauk Project-A continuation of the Philadelphia Experiment, this time with the intent to create a weapon that would cause enemies to turn insane.

Oklahoma City bombing—Various conspiracy theories surround this event, asserting that Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols received assistance from other parties, such as neo-Nazi groups, an Iraqi intelligence agent, or the U.S. government. Much of this speculation surrounds the identity of "John Doe 2", sometimes referred to as the "Third Man" or "Third Terrorist".

[3]

Philadelphia Experiment- An attempt to turn a ship invisible, that allegedly caused severe harm to onboard crewmembers.

Roswell UFO incident.

Satanic ritual abuse.

Skull & Bones—This Yale University fraternity is often thought of as being a secret society producing many financial and political leaders who have control or seek to gain control.

TWA Flight 800— Some theorists allege that the explosion of this plane, officially ruled an accident for a short circuit in the fuel-tank wiring, was actually due to a missile attack. The most widely-repeated theory suggests that the plane was accidentally shot down during a Navy training exercise. Writer Peter Lance alleges that TWA 800 was blown up by a bomb intended to disrupt the trial of terrorist Ramzi Yousef.[4]

New Coke— That the Coca Cola company intentionally changed to an inferior formula with the intent of driving up demand for their classic product, later reintroducing it for their financial gain.

Vast right-wing conspiracy theory.

Conspiracy theories peculiar to Australia

Port Arthur Massacre - A theory that the massacre was carried out by the government to justify tighter gun control laws.[citation needed]

Harold Holt - Australian Prime Minister who went missing on the 17th of December 1967 while swimming at a Cheviot Beach, south of Melbourne.

Conspiracy theories peculiar to Cameroon

A ubiquitous and persistent rumour in Cameroon has it that the Lake Nyos disaster of 1986 was caused by the US or French (depending on the version) military testing a secret bomb in the lake.

Conspiracy theories peculiar to Canada

Avro Arrow—Cancellation of this system.

Shag Harbor incident—Said to be "Canada's Roswell."

Shirley's Bay—Supposed UFO-monitoring station.

Conspiracy theories peculiar to Denmark

For the assassination of the Danish king Eric Klipping on the 22 November, 1286, a number of the nation's most powerful noblemen, led by Marsk Stig Andersen Hvide were outlawed.

However rumours persist to this day that they may have been unfairly framed, and the real assassins may have been somebody else entirely.

Conspiracy theories peculiar to Germany

Termination of rocket experiments at Cuxhaven.

Conspiracy theories peculiar to Israel

Yitzhak Rabin assassination conspiracy theories.

Conspiracy theories peculiar to Poland

Warsaw Radio Mast Collapse.

Zydokomuna-A theory stating that Jewish Communists control (or want to control) the Polish government.

Conspiracy theories peculiar to Spain

11 March 2004 Madrid train bombings - A theory that the attacks were not carried out by a local group of Islamist radicals, as the judiciary indictment states, but by a group which in various versions includes the Basque terrorist group ETA, socialist government officials (then in the opposition), police forces, foreign secret services, the Spanish secret service, a powerful media group and members of the judiciary in different combinations. A lighter version accuses the government and police forces of cover up.

Conspiracy theories peculiar to Vietnam

Ho Chi Minh is claimed by some people the father of Nong Duc Manh

The body of Ho Chi Minh was in fact cremated and buried on Tan Vien mountain in Ha Tay, the body inside the mausoleum in Hanoi is believed to be a wax statue.

Ngo Dinh Diem was involved in John F. Kennedy assassination.

Conspiracy theories peculiar to the Arab and Muslim worlds

Daniel Pipes has written a book[5] and many essays on the prevalence of conspiracy theories throughout the Arab and Muslim world. Conspiracy theories extend far beyond those concerning international events or those biased against Jews. They extend even to the results of sporting events.

For some time the Arab press reported that there was a plot by Jews to make Egyptian and Palestinian schoolgirls sexually promiscuous by selling them bubble-gum laced with aphrodisiacs. This story closely resembles the tale of LSD-laced papers or candies which continues to periodically surface in the US. In this case the story is considered to be an urban legend as opposed to a conspiracy theory, because no group is blamed for the "attacks". Like the Palestinian case, there is no evidence that anything like this has ever happened. An example of this conspiracy theory is that written by Mohammad Daibah:

Palestinian authorities uncovered Israeli efforts to spread a special kind of gum that contains sexual hormone between Palestinians. The authorities requested laboratory tests on the gum which were conducted in Cairo. Those tests showed that the gum contains progesterone which is responsible for sexual arousal and also prevents pregnancies. Palestinian authorities confiscated 200 tonnes of gum in the city of al-Khalil alone. The Washington Post claimed in report that if it asked a chemistry professor in the Hebrew university to examine the gum. His tests were negative, however the paper also reported that the majority of Palestinians believe the conspiracy. It quoted one Palestinian saying that it was possible to send a space ship to Mars then it is possible to manufacture a 'sexual gum' it is after all a war.

On several occasions, Palestinians have claimed that the Israeli government has used nerve gas against them, and then suppressed the evidence of such. No independent investigation has ever substantiated such claims.

Some Arabs, mostly Egyptians, believe that Israelis engineered the crash of EgyptAir Flight 990 in 1999, despite strong evidence that the pilot committed suicide.[6] Others insist that the US is covering up for Boeing, the airplane's manufacturer.[7]

Many in the Arab world believe that Jewish doctors deliberately give Palestinians AIDS.

The Asian economic crisis of 1997 was popularly attributed to Jewish speculators by Malaysian and Indonesian commentators and some government figures.

Conspiracy theory that the Madrid railway bombings were not perpetrated by Muslims since they took place in the Hijri month of Muharram, one of the four sacred months during which attacks on "infidels" are forbidden by the Qu'ran.

A rumor has recently been spread in Nigeria that the US or other western countries have added either the AIDS virus or a sterilizing agent to polio vaccines being distributed by the World Health Organization. The rumor has caused a marked increase in the number of polio cases in the country, due to Muslim clerics urging parents not to have their children vaccinated. It has also caused the Nigerian strain of polio to travel to other nations.

Shortly after the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami took place, the Al-Osboa' newsweekly in Egypt alleged that the tsunami could have been caused by an Indian nuclear experiment in which Israeli and American nuclear experts participated. Al-Osboa' further alleged that India, in its heated nuclear race with Pakistan, has acquired lately sophisticated nuclear know-how from the United States and Israel, both of which "showed readiness to cooperate with India in experiments to exterminate humankind," beginning with the heavily populated Muslim regions of southeast Asia, where the bulk of casualties took place. Conspiracy theories are not uncommon after natural disasters, but this one is particularly implausible, since even the estimated 5000 megatons of destructive power in the entire world's combined nuclear arsenal is but a small fraction of the energy required to create the Boxing Day quake.

Several conspiracy theories were concocted in response to the football player John Pantil waving the Israeli flag to celebrate a goal. The Egyptian sports analyst Hassan el-Mestekawi asserted that many Ghanaian players go through football training camps set up by an Israeli coach who "discovered the treasure of African talent, and abused the poverty of the continent's children" with the ultimate goal of selling them off to European clubs. He also stated that "The training program for these children starts every morning with a salute to the Israeli flag".[8] Others hinted at Pantil being a Mossad agent.[9]

The Islamist organization Hamas states in their charter that The Protocols of the Elders of Zion accurately describe the Zionist plan to take over Palestine, and that the Freemasons, Lions Club, and the Rotarians are organizations promoting "the interest of Zionism." It accuses those organizations, and the "Zionist invasion" in general, of being "behind the drug trade and alcoholism in all its kinds."

Other conspiracy theories by topic

Bielefeld conspiracy—A joke conspiracy which was never intended to be taken seriously.

Chemtrail theory—Clouds behind aircraft, having the general appearance of contrails, but alleged to be chemical spraying performed for some secretive purpose.

Free energy suppression.

Government Warehouse: A conspiracy that alleges that the Government has secret warehouses which contain articles that they do not want people to know about.

Lost cosmonauts.

Norman Kirk—There is a persistent theory that the CIA or a related agency was involved in the unexpected death of Prime Minister of New Zealand Norman Kirk in 1974.

Water fluoridation—Theories relating to the fluoridation of drinking water, generally in an attempt to poison the populace.

Conspiracy theories pertaining to the 9/11 attacks

See also: 9/11 conspiracy theories.

Many conspiracy theories have been presented concerning the September 11, 2001 attacks, many of them claiming that President George W. Bush and/or individuals in his administration knew about the attacks beforehand and purposefully allowed them to occur because the attacks would generate public support for militarization, expansion of the police state, and other intrusive foreign and domestic policies by which they would benefit.

Proponents point to the Project for the New American Century, a conservative think tank that argues for increased American global leadership, whose former members include ex-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, Vice President Dick Cheney and several other key Bush administration figures. An internal memo of the group allegedly claims that "some catastrophic and catalyzing event — like a new Pearl Harbor" would be needed to budge public opinion in their favor. David Ray Griffin, in "The New Pearl Harbor", p. 2004, questions this idea as it relates to the Bush 43 government and September 11 (Vancouver Indymedia article), as does film-maker Alex Jones in "911: the Road to Tyranny" (Internet Archive item).

Proponents of this theory also note Bush's ties to Saudi Arabia, the nation of origin for 15 of the 19 hijackers, the fact that all but one of the videotapes of the attack on the Pentagon have been confiscated, rumors that several dignitaries were told not to fly that day, and Bush's initial opposition to a commission to investigate the attacks.

On December 1, 2003, Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean told National Public Radio's Diane Rehm "The most interesting theory that I've heard so far — which is nothing more than a theory, I can't think — it can't be proved — is that [President Bush] was warned ahead of time [about the 9/11 attacks] by the Saudis." Although he never stated he believed such a theory, Dean was widely criticized for his comments. Critics accuse him, notably, of spreading disinformation and unfounded conspiracy theories for partisan political purposes.

In response to some of the least creditable theories about the attacks Philip D. Zelikow, the executive director of the 9/11 Commission said that "One reason you tend to doubt conspiracy theories when you've worked in government is because you know government is not nearly competent enough to carry off elaborate theories. It's a banal explanation, but imagine how efficient it would need to be." [1]

This response does not, however include Alex Jones' theorized global government.

The BBC News website posted two stories, stating that some of the alleged hijackers are still alive. Link here and here Although BBC sources later recanted such claims. [2]

Conspiracies pertaining to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales

Polls continue to suggest that around a quarter of the UK public, and a majority of people in some Arab countries, believe that there was a plot to murder Diana, Princess of Wales. Motivations which have been advanced for such a conspiracy include suggestions that Diana intended to marry Dodi Al-Fayed, that she intended to convert to Islam, that she was pregnant, and that she was to visit the holy land. Organizations which conspiracy theorists suggest are responsible for her death have included French Intelligence, the British Royal Family, the press, the British Intelligence services MI5 or MI6, the CIA, Mossad, the Freemasons, or the IRA. It has been suggested that the intent of some of the co-conspirators was not to cause death. Alternatively, Diana and Dodi Al-Fayed are believed to be alive and living incognito. As of December 12 2006, a public inquiry has concluded that the deaths of both the Princess of Wales and Dodi Al-Fayed was simply 'a tragic accident', with evidence corroborating that the chauffeur of their car was intoxicated on alcohol, and possibly recreational drugs. These conclusions have stipulated that there is 'no evidence of a conspiracy'. The case has not been concluded as further investigation has been employed.

2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami conspiracy

Tsunamis are caused by earthquakes under the sea but some people think the U.S. and Indian militaries deliberately caused the Indian Ocean tsunamis with electromagnetic pulse technology. This conspiracy theory is mostly expressed by popular Arab news services.[3] The natural disaster dominated news agendas around the world for about a fortnight, effectively causing a news blackout of all other stories. Another type of theory bases its claims on oil and gas interests. [4]Others also reason that the technology is at least feasible if not highly probable since research into such technology has been conducted by the military as far back as World War II. According to declassified files, top-secret "tsunami bomb" experiments utilizing nuclear explosions to trigger "mini-tidal waves" were conducted off the coast of New Zealand in 1944 and 1945. [5] The U.S. Defense Department had even expressed concern about earthquake-inducing technology in warfare well before the 2004 disaster. In 1997 Defense Secretary William S. Cohen stated, "Others are engaging even in an eco-type of terrorism whereby they can alter the climate, set off earthquakes, volcanoes remotely through the use of electromagnetic waves. So there are plenty of ingenious minds out there that are at work finding ways in which they can wreak terror upon other nations. It's real, and that's the reason why we have to intensify our efforts, and that's why this is so important." [6]

Paranormal Conspiracies

Evil aliens

A somewhat different version of this theory maintains that humanity is actually under the control of shape-shifting alien reptiles, who require periodic ingestion of human blood to maintain their human appearance. :Related articles: Alien invasion

Extraterrestrials

Main article: UFO conspiracy theory

A sector of conspiracy theory with a particularly detailed mythology is the extraterrestrial phenomenon, which has become the basis for numerous pieces of popular entertainment —the Area 51/Grey Aliens conspiracy, and allegations surrounding the Dulce Base. Simply put, this is the allegation that the United States government conspires with extraterrestrials involved in the abduction and manipulation of citizens. A variant tells that particular technologies — notably the transistor — were given to American industry in exchange for alien dominance. The enforcers of the clandestine association of human leaders and aliens are the Men in Black, who silence those who speak out on UFO sightings. This conspiracy theory has been the basis of numerous books, as well as the popular television show The X-Files and the movies Men in Black and Men in Black II.

The X-Files based the plots of many of its episodes around urban legends and conspiracy theories, and had a framing plot which postulated a set of interlocking conspiracies controlling all recent human history. A possible ET link to the crop circle phenomenon has been speculated upon.

David Icke's theory, which encompasses all the other conspiracy theories, is that humanity is actually under the control of dinosauroid-like alien reptiles who must consume human blood to maintain their human appearance, with evidence ranging from Sumerian tablets describing the "Anunnaki" (which he translates as "those who from heaven to earth came"), to the serpent in the Biblical Garden of Eden, to child abuse, fluoridation, and the genealogical connections between the Bush family and the House of Windsor. This theory has been the subject of several books.

Trans-dimensional travel

There are claims about secret experiments known as the Montauk Project conducted at Camp Hero, Montauk, New York.

Relevant article: Time travel

The PEC

A US government organization known as the PEC (Psionic (Psychic) Energy Commission) has been accused by New Agers of implanting children at birth in England and America with computer chips that suppress their innate psychic powers. It is unlikely that such an organization actually exists.

Secret Society Conspiracies

Secret societies and fraternities

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Secret societies and fraternal societies have aroused nervousness from some non-members since at least the time of the ancient Greeks. A secret society is a club or organization whose members do not disclose their membership, and may be sworn to hold it secret. However, the term is also used in conspiracy theory to refer to fraternal organizations such as the Freemasons or the Skull-and-Bones Society who do not conceal membership, but are thought to harbor secret beliefs or political agendas.

College fraternities such as Yale's Skull and Bones society are also popular suspects among conspiracists. Many men form lifelong friendships with their fraternity "brothers" which some believe often carry on into the political and business world. This particular conspiracy theory was presented in the movie "The Skulls".

Masonic conspiracy theories

Conspiracy theory about the Freemasons goes back at least to the late 18th century. The Masons were accused of plotting the American and French Revolutions, the Jack the Ripper killings, the downfall of religion, and of dominating republican politics. In fact, the historian Georges Lefebvre, generally considered an authoritative source on the subject, concedes that the Masons had a role in organizing the revolution in Paris, but says it is unclear how important their role was. Worry about Masonic conspiracy grew to such an extent in the early United States as to spawn a political party, the Anti-Masonic Party. The Bavarian Illuminati, a German secret society related to Masonry, also figures into conspiracy theories of that time. Rosicrucianism and the Priory of Sion are popular topics of conspiracists.

All the Catholic Popes in the last three centuries are subjects of conspiracy theories. Some people believe that Freemasonry was condemned by the Church primarily because of its view that all religions are equal; this view was diametrically opposed to the Catholic belief that it is the only true religion. Since a number of Catholics and Protestants now agree with the Masonic principles condemned by the Church, new theories about the Masons have emerged, such as that they are devil worshippers. Others hold that these views about the origins of conspiracy theories about Masons are themselves conspiracy theories.

Ethnic/Racial Conspiracies

The Jewish world domination conspiracy theory

The Protocols of the Elders of Zion are widely considered to be the beginning of contemporary conspiracy theory literature.[10] The Protocols is an antisemitic literary forgery that purports to describe a Jewish plot to achieve world domination. Numerous independent investigations have repeatedly proven it to be a plagiarism and a hoax.[11] The text takes the form of an instruction manual to a new member of the "elders," describing how they will run the world through control of the media and finance, and replace the traditional social order with one based on mass manipulation.

Scholars generally agree that the Okhrana, the secret police of the Russian Empire, fabricated the text in the late 1890s or early 1900s. Among the most notable early refutations of the Protocols as a forgery were a series of articles printed in The Times of London in 1921. This series revealed that much of the material in the Protocols was plagiarized from earlier political satire that did not have an antisemitic theme. Since 1903, when the Protocols appeared in print, its earliest publishers have offered vague and often contradictory testimony detailing how they obtained their copy of the rumored original manuscript.[12]

The text was popularized by those opposed to Russian revolutionary movement, and was disseminated further after the revolution of 1905, becoming known worldwide after the 1917 October Revolution. It was widely circulated in the West in 1920 and thereafter. The Great Depression and the rise of Nazism were important developments in the history of the Protocols, and the hoax continued to be published and circulated despite its debunking. Continued usage of the Protocols as an antisemitic propaganda tool substantially diminished with the defeat of the Nazis in World War II. It is still frequently quoted and reprinted by antisemites, and is sometimes used as evidence of an alleged Jewish cabal, especially in the Middle East.[13]

See also: Zionist Occupation Government, Jewish lobby, Holocaust denial, Blood libel against Jews, and Well poisoning

Armenian International Conspiracy

The belief that an international conspiracy of ethnic Armenians are attempting to change history and hide certain facts for political gain has become popular in some countries in the past decade. The most well-known example would be controversial Arkansas writer and convicted felon Samuel Weems. In his book Armenia: The Secrets of a Christian Terrorist State he has stated that the Armenian Genocide was a gigantic fraud designed to "fleece" Christian nations out of billions of dollars. He also claims that the Armenian Church is a "state owned" entity that organizes and funds terrorist attacks and that Armenians have "infiltrated" the United States. That book states that Armenian Diaspora communities in the United States and throughout the world are actually "colonies": political bases intended to gain money and support for Armenian Republic. The books also claims Armenia is founded on land stolen from Muslims and that Armenians have perpetrated enormous massacres against Turks and Azeris, both recently (in the Nagorno-Karabakh war) and in the past. He has been quoted as saying "The religion of the Armenians is fake" and that his research shows "that there is clearly an Armenian Master Plan that generates Armenian hate around the world"[14]. Prior to his death in 2003, he was preparing to write a second book claiming the international Armenian community collaborated with and supported Nazi Germany.

The book has been translated in Turkish and distributed in Turkey[15], where it is already widely believed that the Armenian Genocide was fabricated in order to gain money and land reparations from Turkey, and that Armenians instead massacred Turks. Belief in an "International Armenian Conspiracy" are also prevalent in Azerbaijan[16], which frequently clashes with Armenia over Nagorno Karabakh. Such theories are though have helped motivate the assassination of Hrant Dink, a Turkish-Armenian newspaper editor. The book, as well as essays and homemade videos by Weems (available on his website, www.armenianreality.com), has been criticized as Racist and Anti-Armenian.[17]

"Babylon" and racist oppression

Some Rastafarians who take their beliefs to an extreme maintain that a white racist patriarchy ("Babylon") controls the world in order to oppress the black race. They believe that Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia did not die when it was reported in 1975, and that the racist, white media (again, "Babylon") propagated that rumour in order to squash the Rastafari Movement and its message of overthrowing Babylon. Other Rastafarians, however, believe in peace and unity, and interpret Babylon as a metaphor for the established "system" that oppresses (or "downpresses", in Rasta terminology) minority groups such as blacks and the poor.

Business Conspiracies

Suppressed technologies

Suppressed inventions take conspiracy theory more into the realm of business, rather than strict politics for instance.

Suppressed automotive technology

A typical suppressed invention story is that of the incredibly efficient automobile carburetor, whose inventor was supposedly killed or hounded into obscurity by petroleum companies desirous to protect their business from an engine that would make their product obsolete. It has been claimed that the Elsbett diesel engine running on plant oil had to put up against unfair competition practices.

Tesla and "free energy"

Nikola Tesla has been the object of several conspiracy theories, with claims relating to revolutionary energy generation and distribution technologies which may or may not have been utilised by "HAARP", an American military-funded research program. Similarly, there are claims that Wilhelm Reich's 'orgone energy' was suppressed by the establishment.

Lightbulb conspiracy

The Phoebus cartel set up in 1924 certainly seems to have stopped competition in the light bulb industry for some years, and has been accused of preventing technological advances that would have produced longer-lasting light bulbs. [7] However, the Phoebus cartel also features in Thomas Pynchon's fictional Gravity's Rainbow, which has led some to blur fact and fiction.

Medical Conspiracies

Medicine and the FDA

Main article: FDA conspiracy theories

The subject of suppressed-invention conspiracy also touches on the realm of medical quackery: proponents of more unlikely forms of alternative medicine are known to allege conspiracy by mainstream doctors to suppress their cures, particularly when faced with charges of medical fraud. Such conspiracies are often said to include government regulators, to the extent that a legal decision may be relevant. The experience of Durk Pearson and Sandy Shaw, who advocate the extensive use of supplements and drugs for life extension, contrary to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommendations, may shed some light. They won a court case arguing that the FDA was preventing them from making medical assertions that were, in fact, well-supported.

Some medical conspiracy theorists argue that the medical community could actually cure supposedly "incurable" diseases such as Cancer and AIDS if it really wanted to, but instead prefers to suppress the cures as a way of extorting more funding from the government and donors, as well as the patients themselves. There are generally higher costs associated with long-term treatment than in a one-time cure. This was given some credibility by a report from the World Aids Council which stated that researchers lack the incentive to create an HIV vaccine.

AIDS conspiracy theories; Some even claim AIDS/HIV to be man-made and mandated by the World Health Organisation

Drug legalization

Activists and spokespersons for legalization of drugs (especially marijuana) have long espoused a theory that government and private industry conspired during the first half of the 20th Century to outlaw hemp, allegedly so that it would no longer provide inexpensive competition to pulp paper and synthetic materials. William Randolph Hearst is often pointed to as one of the businessmen responsible because of his involvement in the printing industry and his eminence in the public eye.

Apocalyptic Conspiracy Theories

Apocalyptic prophecies

Apocalyptic prophecies, particularly Christian apocalyptic and eschatological claims about the end times, the Last Judgment, and the end of the world have inspired a range of conspiracy theories. Many of these deal with the Antichrist, the foremost figure of worldly evil from the Book of Revelation. This Antichrist, also known as the Beast 666, is supposed to be a leader who will create a world empire and oppress Christians (and, in some readings, Jews as well). In apocalyptic conspiracy theory, some person from current events is alleged to be the Antichrist, and some organisation (such as the Roman Catholic Church or the United Nations) is alleged to be the Antichrist's world organization of evil.

Countless historical figures have been called "Antichrist" in their times, from the Roman emperor Nero to Ronald Reagan to Javier Solana. At times, apocalyptic speculation has mixed with anti-Catholicism to yield the interpretation that the reigning Pope is the Biblical Antichrist. A more recent conspiratorial interpretation sees the Antichrist as a world leader involved with the United Nations, who will create a one world government and establish a single monetary system. The latter is identified with the Mark of the Beast, which the Bible states that people in the end times will need in order to conduct trade.

Two nations often involved in apocalyptic conspiracy theories are Israel and Iraq. The former is the location of both the Temple Mount and Armageddon (Megiddo), places seen as important in prophecy. The latter is the ancient location of Babylon, which also figures in Revelation. During the Gulf War, some suggested that Saddam Hussein had ordered the excavation and repopulation of the city of Babylon, thus casting Saddam as an Antichrist figure. Other interpretations have held that "Babylon" in Revelation refers to another mighty nation, such as the Roman Empire, or more recently the Soviet Union or the United States of America.

Barcodes

Some conspiracy theorists have proposed that barcodes are really intended to serve as means of control by a putative world government, or that they are Satanic in intent. Mary Stewart Relife claims in *The New Money System* 666 (1982) that barcodes secretly encode the number 666 - the Biblical "Number of the Beast". [8] This theory has been adopted by other fringe figures such as the "oracle" Sollog, who refuses to label any of his books with barcodes on the grounds that "any type of computer numbering systems MANDATED by any government or business is part of the PROPHECY of the BEAST controlling you." [9]

Religious Conspiracies

Islamic-Fascist Axis

Radio talk show host David Emory claims that Nazi leader Martin Bormann never died and has built a global empire involving, among many others, the Bush family, Hassan al Banna, Grover Norquist, Meyer Lansky, and Michael Chertoff. This may have sprung from the factual World War Two alliance between Nazi Germany and the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, a religious and political leader of the area then known as Palestine.

Wahhabism and terrorism

Stephen Schwartz has advanced a theory that most terrorist organizations are funded by Saudi Arabian Wahhabists. Days after the September 11, 2001 attacks, Schwartz wrote an article in *The Spectator* drawing a connection between the Wahhabi movement and terrorism. In it he argued, "Not all Muslims are suicide bombers, but all Muslim suicide bombers are Wahhabis." [18]

Eurabia

Italian journalist Oriana Fallaci and British-Egyptian writer Bat Ye'or believed there was a conspiracy hatched between a cadre of French elites within the European Economic Community and the Arab League in the mid-1970s to form a strategic alliance against the United States and Israel, and to turn Europe into an appendage of the Islamic world.

General Conspiracies

Diseases and epidemics

There are conspiracy theories based on the notion that AIDS was a man-made disease (i.e. created by scientists in a laboratory). Some of these theories allege that HIV was created by a conspiratorial group or by a secret agency as a tool of genocide. Other theories suggest that the virus escaped into the population at large by accident, or may have been deliberately unleashed as a means of population control or as an experiment in biological and/or psychological warfare. See: AIDS conspiracy theories.

Some who believe that HIV was a government creation see a precedent for it in the Tuskegee syphilis study, in which government-funded researchers deceptively denied treatment to black patients infected with a sexually transmitted disease.

Assassinations

Assassinations are a classic subject of conspiracy theories. The assassination of a prominent figure is a singular event which can dramatically change the course of public affairs. Those drawn to conspiracy theory are led to ask, in the aftermath of an assassination, Who benefited from this death? Though some assassinations are committed by lone individuals, and many others are overt acts by governments (such as that of Leon Trotsky), and other assassinations are committed as the result of a provable conspiracy, there have been several assassinations whose purposes and evidence remain mysterious in the public eye — and suspicious to most people.

Among the most important assassinations to have ever taken place is the assassination of crown prince of Austria Archduke Francis Ferdinand by a Serbian nationalist called Gavrilo Princip, who had been trained and equipped by a covert group within Serbia agitating for Bosnia and Hercegovina's independence from Austria-Hungary. Soon after the attack, Austria-Hungary issued an ultimatum to Serbia which ultimately triggered World War I.

Best-known among assassination conspiracy theories in the United States are those dealing with a rash of seemingly politically motivated deaths in the 1960s, notably those of U.S. President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and civil rights leaders Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr.

They can also relate to the deaths of people important because they were already famous in popular culture such as Charlotte Coleman, John Lennon and Marilyn Monroe.

Investigations and scientific testing and recreations into the circumstances of John F. Kennedy's death have not settled the question of who killed him. That U.S. public opinion considers this still to be an open issue is suggested by three polls in 2003. An ABC News random telephone poll found that just 32% (plus or minus 3%) of Americans believe that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of John F. Kennedy, while 68% do not believe Oswald acted alone. [10] The "Discovery Channel" poll (sampling method not given) reveals that only 21% believe Oswald acted alone, while 79% do not believe Oswald acted alone. [11] The "History Channel" poll (self-selected responses) details that only 17% of respondents believe that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the assassination of John F. Kennedy, while 83% do not believe Oswald acted alone. [12] It should, however, be noted that opinion polls of this type are often subject to selection and response biases.

Similar theories have arisen around the murder of Beatle John Lennon and the attempted assassination of U.S. President Ronald Reagan. In recent years, theories about the death of former White House legal counsel Vincent Foster, former Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, and the circumstances surrounding the death of Diana, Princess of Wales have all made headlines.

War

The motivations for nations starting, entering, or ending wars is often suspect. Wars, after all, are by nature destructive of both people and property, and frequently have thoroughly undesirable consequences for the nations who start them. As with assassinations, the question that is often asked by conspiracists when a war breaks out is "who benefits?"

For decades, a common answer has been "munitions suppliers" — as argued by, e.g., Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler in the 1935 jeremiad "War is a Racket". [13] According to this view, there is always a party within the nation which would benefit from going to war, on whatever pretext: the sellers of weapons and other military material. President Dwight Eisenhower referred to this source of potential conflict of interest as the military-industrial complex. President Abraham Lincoln is known to have made a similar observation near the close of the Civil War.

Related is the allegation that certain wars which are claimed by politicians to be in the national interest, or for humanitarian purposes, are in fact motivated by the conquest and control of natural resources for commercial interest. In 1898's Spanish-American War, the explosion of the USS Maine prompted the US annexation of Puerto Rico, the Philippines, and Guam. Opponents of the war, such as Mark Twain and Andrew Carnegie, claimed that it was being fought for imperialist motives.

In recent times, wars in the Middle East such as the Gulf War and the invasion of Iraq have been described as wars for oil. During the 20th century the United States has also often been accused of plotting foreign coups d'état for commercial interest. In many cases, critics have accused the U.S. of engaging in realpolitik in the cynical sense of political action without regard for principle or morals. A war planned for economic gain can be seen as a conspiracy in the conventional sense of a secret plot — particularly when the public is presented with false pretexts for war.

It has been suggested that war is a perfect way of distracting citizens, as an electoral tactic, from difficulties facing the then current administration. This premise is the basis of the film *Wag the Dog*.

Any of the other frequently-alleged conspiratorial groups described above; secret societies, "The Jews", etc, have also been alleged as the mastermind behind wars. For instance, Adolf Hitler repeatedly claimed in speeches that the "international finance Jews" were responsible for World War I.

Espionage agencies

Many governments use intelligence agencies to promote national policies in secretive ways — in several cases including the use of sabotage, propaganda, and assassination.

Intelligence agencies, such as the CIA, KGB, MI6,BND and Mossad, are a common element of political conspiracy theories precisely because they are known to participate in some activities similar to those described in conspiracy theories.[14]. Indeed, conspiracy theories about espionage agencies go back at least as far as the 1600s, with allegations the English spymaster Robert Cecil was responsible for the Gunpowder plot of 1605.

Modern conspiracy theories of this sort include many about various forms of mind control and different types of electronic implant called "mind control devices".

Surveillance technologies

Particular technologies of surveillance and control arouse concern that has bordered upon, or crossed over into, conspiracy theory. These are technologies being developed by governments which are intended to intrude into the privacy or harm the persons of citizens, particularly dissenters. Conspiracy theories of this sort cast government agencies as pursuing vast technical powers in order to spy on people, control their minds, or otherwise suppress an alienated populace.

The plausibility of establishing such surveillance capabilities, by technical means or by a widespread network of informants, should perhaps be viewed in the context of events in former Eastern bloc countries, particularly the activities of the East German Stasi before the fall of the Berlin Wall. The various services provided by Google have also been considered to invade people's privacy, thus enabling intelligence agencies to monitor their activities.

Technology and population control

Unusual technical projects such as HAARP and chemtrail theory are in this category.

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McGowan's Madison Avenue Axiom: If an item is advertised as "under \$50", you can bet it's not \$19.95.

Van Roy's Law: An unbreakable toy is useful for breaking other toys.

How long a minute is depends on which side of the bathroom door you're on.

Underlying Principle of Socio-Genetics: Superiority is recessive.

Don't worry over what other people are thinking about you. They're too busy worrying over what you are thinking about them.

Ducharm's Axiom: If you view your problem closely enough you will recognize yourself as part of the problem.

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A Law of Computer Programming: Make it possible for programmers to write in English and you will find the programmers cannot write in English.

Turnaucka's Law: The attention span of a computer is only as long as its electrical cord.

One good reason why computers can do more work than people is that they never have to stop and answer the phone.

Bradley's Bromide: If computers get too powerful, we can organize them into a committee -- that will do them in.

At the source of every error which is blamed on the computer you will find at least two human errors, including the error of blaming it on the computer.

If you put garbage in a computer nothing comes out but garbage. But this garbage, having passed through a very expensive machine, is somehow enobled and none dare criticize it.

Old programmers never die. They just branch to a new address.

The past always looks better than it was. It's only pleasant because it isn't here. -- Finley Peter Dunne (Mr. Dooley)

Military intelligence is a contradiction in terms. -- Groucho Marx

Military justice is to justice what military music is to music. -- Groucho Marx

Eggheads unite! You have nothing to lose but your yolks. -- Adlai Stevenson

A university is what a college becomes when the faculty loses interest in students. -- John Ciardi

The IQ of the group is the lowest IQ of a member of the group divided by the number of people in the group.

Imagination is the one weapon in the war against reality. -- Jules de Gaultier

Ingrate: A man who bites the hand that feeds him, and then complains of indigestion.

Justice: A decision in your favor.

Kin: An affliction of the blood

Lie: A very poor substitute for the truth, but the only one discovered to date.

Love at first sight is one of the greatest labor-saving devices the world has ever seen.

Lunatic Asylum: The place where optimism most flourishes.

Majority: That quality that distinguishes a crime from a law.

Man is the only animal that blushes -- or needs to. -- Mark Twain

Man is a rational animal who always loses his temper when he is called upon to act in accordance with the dictates of reason. -- Oscar Wilde

Menu: A list of dishes which the restaurant has just run out of
"The way to make a small fortune in the commodities market is to start with a large fortune."

Noncombatant: A dead Quaker. -- Ambrose Bierce

The Law, in its majestic equality, forbids the rich, as well as the poor, to sleep under the bridges, to beg in the streets, and to steal bread. -- Anatole France

BLISS is ignorance

God is a comic playing to an audience that's afraid to laugh
Predestination was doomed from the start.

Duct tape is like the force. It has a light side, and a dark side, and it holds the universe together... -- Carl Zwanzig

Xerox does it again and again and again and ...

Never call a man a fool; borrow from him.

Misery loves company, but company does not reciprocate.

Love is sentimental measles.

Life is like an onion: you peel off layer after layer, then you find there is nothing in it.

If you make people think they're thinking, they'll love you; but if you really make them think they'll hate you.

I never fail to convince an audience that the best thing they could do was to go away.

If we do not change our direction we are likely to end up where we are headed.

"All my friends and I are crazy. That's the only thing that keeps us sane."

"If you go on with this nuclear arms race, all you are going to do is make the rubble bounce" -- Winston Churchill

But scientists, who ought to know

Assure us that it must be so.

Oh, let us never, never doubt

What nobody is sure about. -- Hilaire Belloc

Hello Dr. Falken.

Would you like to play Global Thermo-nuclear War?

Real Programmers don't write specs -- users should consider themselves lucky to

get any programs at all and take what they get.

Real Programmers don't comment their code. If it was hard to write, it should

be hard to understand.

Real Programmers don't write application programs; they program right down on the bare metal. Application programming is for feebs who can't do systems programming.

Real Programmers don't eat quiche. In fact, real programmers don't know how to SPELL quiche. They eat Twinkies, and Szechwan food.

Real Programmers don't write in COBOL. COBOL is for wimpy applications programmers.

Real Programmers' programs never work right the first time. But if you throw them on the machine they can be patched into working in "only a few" 30-hour debugging sessions.

Real Programmers don't write in FORTRAN. FORTRAN is for pipe stress freaks and crystallography weenies.

Real Programmers never work 9 to 5. If any real programmers are around a 9 AM, it's because they were up all night.

Real Programmers don't write in BASIC. Actually, no programmers write in BASIC after the age of 12.

Real Programmers don't write in PL/I. PL/I is for programmers who can't decide whether to write in COBOL or FORTRAN.

Real Programmers don't play tennis, or any other sport that requires you to change clothes. Mountain climbing is OK, and real programmers wear their climbing boots to work in case a mountain should suddenly spring up in the middle of the machine room.

Real Programmers don't document. Documentation is for simps who can't read the

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listings or the object deck.

Real Programmers don't write in PASCAL, or BLISS, or ADA, or any of those pinko computer science languages. Strong typing is for people with weak memories.

The secret to success is sincerity. Once you learn to fake that you have it made.

Never let your child play with a loaded carp.

The answer is 42.

-Deep Thought

I don't do booze, it dulls the drugs.

LSD consumes 47 times its weight in excess reality.

I'm not as thick as you stoned I am.

Computers are infallible.

The three laws of thermodynamics:

The First Law: You can't get anything without working for it.

The Second Law: The most you can accomplish by working is to break even.

The Third Law: You can only break even at absolute zero.

Famous last words: 1) "Don't worry, I can handle it." 2) "You and what army?" 3) "If you were as smart as you think you are, you wouldn't be a cop."

Our OS who art in CPU, UNIX be thy name. Thy programs run, thy syscalls done, in kernel as it is in user!

Nothing is faster than the speed of light...

To prove this to yourself, try opening the refrigerator door before the light comes on.

Q: How many heterosexual males does it take to screw in a light bulb in San Francisco?

A: Both of them.

San Francisco isn't what it used to be, and it never was.

Insanity is hereditary. You get it from your kids.

Anarchy may not be the best form of government, but it's better than no government at all.

Do molecular biologists wear designer genes?

Whenever the literary German dives into a sentence, that is the last you are going to see of him until he emerges on the other side of his atlantic with his verb in his mouth. -- Mark Twain

"Now is the time for all good men to come to." -- Walt Kelly

Laetile is the pits

Got Mole problems?

Call Avogardo 6.02 x 10^23

There's no future in time travel

Vitamin C deficiency is apauling

Time flies like an arrow

Fruit flies like a banana

Science is what happens when preconception meets verification.

Electrical Engineers do it with less resistance.

"Really ?? What a coincidence, I'm shallow too!"

But in our enthusiasm, we could not resist a radical overhaul of the system, in which all of its major weaknesses have been exposed,

analyzed, and replaced with new weaknesses. -- Bruce Leverett "Register Allocation in Optimizing Compilers"

Psychiatrists say that one out of four people are mentally ill. Check

three friends. If they're ok, you're it.

USER n.: A programmer who will believe anything you tell him.

Worst Month of the Year: February. February has only 28 days in it, which means that if you rent an apartment, you are paying for three full days you don't get. Try to avoid Februarys whenever possible.

Worst Vegetable of the Year: The brussels sprout. This is also the worst vegetable of next year.

Worst Month of 1981 for Downhill Skiing: January. The lines are the shortest, though.

There once was a girl named Irene

Who lived on distilled kerosene But she started absorbin' A new hydrocarbon

And since then has never benzene.

Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped. -- Elbert Hubbard

Computer programmers do it byte by byte

"I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but

World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones." -- Albert Einstein

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. -- Eleanor Roosevelt

I must have slipped a disk -- my pack hurts

What is worth doing is worth the trouble of asking somebody to do.

This login session: \$13.99, but for you \$11.88

"I just need enough to tide me over until I need more." -- Bill Hoest

Q: How many Oregonians does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Three. One to screw in the lightbulb and two to fend off all those

Californians trying to share the experience.

Now and then an innocent person is sent to the legislature.

She missed an invaluable opportunity to give him a look that you could have poured on a waffle.

He looked at me as if I was a side dish he hadn't ordered.

People will buy anything that's one to a customer.

It was a book to kill time for those who liked it better dead.

How wonderful opera would be if there were no singers.

The new Congressmen say they're going to turn the government around. I hope I don't get run over again.

What garlic is to salad, insanity is to art.

Do not take life too seriously; you will never get out of it alive.

Forgetfulness: A gift of God bestowed upon debtors in compensation for their destitution of conscience.

Absentee: A person with an income who has had the forethought to remove himself from the sphere of exaction.

You will be surprised by a loud noise.

As of next week, passwords will be entered in Morse code.

"In short, _N is Richardian if, and only if, _N is not Richardian."

President Reagan has noted that there are too many economic pundits and forecasters and has decided on an excess prophets tax.

Absent: Exposed to the attacks of friends and acquaintances; defamed;

slandered.

Brain, v.: [as in "to brain"] To rebuke bluntly, but not pointedly; to dispel a source of error in an opponent.

Truthful: Dumb and illiterate.

A computer, to print out a fact,

Will divide, multiply, and subtract. But this output can be No more than debris,

If the input was short of exact. -- Gigo

Corrupt: In politics, holding an office of trust or profit.

Nature and nature's laws lay hid in night,

God said, "Let Newton be," and all was light.

It did not last; the devil howling "Ho!

Let Einstein be!" restored the status quo.

Razors pain you; Rivers are damp; Acids stain you;

And drugs cause cramp. Guns aren't lawful; Nooses give;

Gas smells awful; You might as well live. -- Dorothy Parker

Whenever you find that you are on the side of the majority, it is time to reform. -- Mark Twain

There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full. -- Henry Kissinger

Whenever people agree with me I always feel I must be wrong. --Oscar Wilde

The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it. -- Oscar Wilde

About the time we think we can make ends meet, somebody moves the ends. -- Herbert Hoover

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about. -- Oscar Wilde

The sun was shining on the sea,

Shining with all his might:

He did his very best to make

The billows smooth and bright --

And this was very odd, because it was

The middle of the night. -- Lewis Carroll

It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens. -- Woody Allen.

The typewriting machine, when played with expression, is no more annoying than the piano when played by a sister or near relation. -- Oscar Wilde

I can't complain, but sometimes I still do. -- Joe Walsh

43rd Law of Computing: Anything that can go wr

fortune: Segmentation violation -- Core dumped

Never try to outstubborn a cat. -- Lazarus Long

FLASH! Intelligence of mankind decreasing. Details at ... uh, when the little hand is on the

Only God can make random selections.

Space is big. You just won't believe how vastly, hugely, mind-bogglingly big it is. I mean, you may think it's a long way down the road to the drug store, but that's just peanuts to space.

-- "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy"

Limericks are art forms complex,

Their topics run chiefly to sex. They usually have virgins, And masculine urgin's,

And other erotic effects.

Kinkler's First Law: Responsibility always exceeds authority.

Kinkler's Second Law: All the easy problems have been solved. "Why be a man when you can be a success?" -- Bertold Brecht

"Matrimony isn't a word, it's a sentence."

How many Zen masters does it take to screw in a light bulb?

None. The Universe spines the bulb, and the Zen master stays out of