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FRESH SQUEEZED NEWS!

BOOJUM EATS BUSLOAD OF CHILDREN!

Rota Rooters – Des Moines, Iowa

By Fitbleeds Itleeds

In a shocking development today, a West Des Moines schoolbus full of kindergarteners on their way home from school was set upon by a vicious, bloodthirsty boojum.

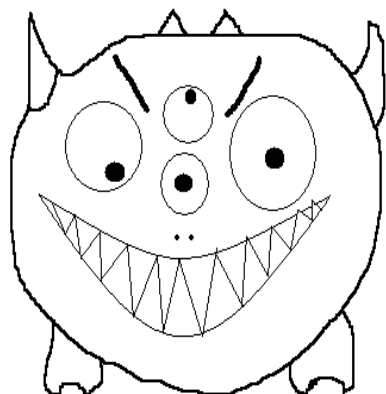


Illustration 1: Artist's rendering of a Boojum

white girl named...

This reporter made it just in time – through the miracle of Eris – to see the whole thing unfold. It was HORRIBLE! Little girls and boys screaming, bus parts flying pell-mell through the air, little kid body parts going every which way, blood and guts and gore splattering passers-by and windshields. Traffic was backed up all the way to Ankeny, and they STILL haven't finished cleaning up the mess.

I was able to speak with one of the survivors of the incident, a little blue-eyed
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WEATHER FORECAST

Tomorrow, a mad scientist's experiment will go horribly wrong and the result will settle over the country like an ill wind. It will blow no minds. In fact, it will turn all Republicans into sour kraut.

Tuesday we will experience the horrible stench from all the Republicans who turned into sour kraut. By the end of the day, however, all the Democrats and liberals will have eaten the kraut in hope that the Republicans will not return.

On Wednesday, tornados from Australia will carry away little girls from Kansas and do evil things to them, like teach them about evolution. Luckily, the day will be saved by the Flying Spaghetti Monster and a small army of pirates.

Chaos will ensue on Thursday as Eris will be in a magnanimous mood and grant the wishes of everyone between the 49th parallel and the 32nd parallel.

Friday – Be sure to take with you an especially strong umbrella, as Satan will be making a bid for the throne! Rains of blood, frogs, snakes, eyeballs, and aborted fetuses would not be surprising. Nor would plagues of locusts.

INTERESTING PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD

Location: United States of America

By Mrs. Appleberry Crunch Cereal

Ms. Sheila Q. Stapleton of Little Rock, Arkansas, claims to be not the Second but the *Third* Coming of Jesus Christ.

When asked why she was the Third Coming rather than the Second, Ms. Stapleton replied, “Well, y’ see, my Pa was Jesus Christ. He came in one night after drinking and had 'relations' with my ma. Concentual, of course. He climaxed two times, firing blanks, before coming on the third, and His semen was so potent that He got my ma pregnant. I was the result.”

While not a reincarnation of Jesus Christ (who of course never really died at all), She does have the Divine Heritage, sharing this heritage with such famous people as Coepernicus, Albert Einstein, Martin Luther King Junior, Cher, and that 'Indian' in the Village People. This, of course, also makes Ms. Stapleton the latest known Grand-daughter of Our Lady of Discord, Eris.

“I first realized I was unusually gifted,” said Ms. Stapleton, “shortly after My first puppy died. I was crying over his lifeless body, clutching it to my chest even though he'd been squashed all over the road, and to My utter astonishment his head re-inflated and before I could process what was going on, he was alive and wagging his tail. I've lost count of all the miracles I've performed since then.”

When told of this, our expert Mr. Jesus H. Christ himself said, “Yeah, that's called 'pulling a Lazarus' on someone. Oh, and by the way, I don't like people talking about my sex life. I've come more than three times. Must be 42 thousand by now. I've lost count. When you're cursed with eternal life, you come to realize that all there is to do in life is eat, drink, shit, fuck, and sleep.”

Ms. Stapleton also reported that she'll be inviting Her father (Mr. Christ), as well as some aunts and uncles, to a fancy shindig at her place. No word yet if her youngest Aunt, Tara Lipinski the ice-skater, will be joining the festivities.

CRIME REPORT

Chicago, IL – An illegal drug smuggling ring was busted today as the result of a new experiment in smuggling. It seems that Columbian cocaine was being snuck into a secret facility in Canada, where it was being pressed into what appeared to be mozzarella cheese. The smugglers were busted when a new employee, unaware of the plot, opened one of the drug packages and used it to make pizzas. Everyone who ate at Papa Greasy's Pizza Shack in the last week will probably not be passing any drug tests anytime soon, and will no doubt be returning for a pizza “fix.” Temporary drug rehab clinics have already been set up in the area.

Miami, FL – A girl of 17 years and 363 days reportedly had sex with a boy of 18 years and one month in her bedroom, and they got caught by her parents. The boy was arrested on... hey, wait just a cottonpickin minute! Why's this in the crime report???

Washington, D.C. - Controversy erupted after a small green lizard was chosen to replace Vice President Dick Cheney, who attempted to assassinate the President in the last issue of this newspaper. Mr. Cheney is not cooperating with authorities, even after being whisked away to “an undisclosed location” (Gitmo) and “interrogated” (tortured). Our source reports he was giggling like a schoolgirl every time the thumbscrews were tightened. His replacement, the lizard, said only that we could save money with Geico.

Seattle, WA – [INSERT FEAR MACRO HERE] Authorities are still trying to catch the elusive Sleepless-town serial killer. This heinous murderer, thought to be a white man in his mid to late thirties, has already killed 10 pretty white blonde women by making them watch “Sleepless In Seattle” over and over again while strapping a vibrating dildo on max speed into their vaginas. The poor women died of overstimulation.

San Francisco, California – An young heterosexual couple was attacked and brutally beaten yesterday by members of Reverend Shithed's First Church of Gay Jesus. The police, who were mostly gay men and lesbian women, did not try to intervene. The ACLU is supporting them in their lawsuit against the SFPD. Their representative for the press said, “We are deeply shamed that after all the support we've given to gay rights, that something like this could happen.” The SFPD were sent to bed without any supper. The lawyer representing the couple is asking that their membership with the American Family Association not be admissible in court.

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...Molly Golightly. When asked of what she thought of the ruckus, all she could say was a sort of soft moaning as the paramedics were patching her up to take her to the hospital. The poor dear had lost an arm, a leg, and her left buttock. Scary scary pedophiles [INSERT 'FEAR' MACRO HERE] were clustered around the buttock in question, but a police officer turned the light on and they scattered, hiding under the refrigerator. (Because it is a Well Known Fact™ that pedophiles are giant insects that like dark, cold places and suck the blood of their victims.)

I couldn't find any grieving parents to speak to yet, most of them were still at work. But I did manage to interview the lead detective on the scene. He was the only one who would say anything more than "Bugger off!" What he managed to tell me, once he could find words, was this: "[The whole incident] is highly suspicious. Boojums don't generally attack people, let alone eat them. Their primary diet is web sites, servers, Lewis Carroll characters, and TV game show hosts. What's even more unusual is the viciousness of the attack. Usually anyone getting on the wrong side of a boojum's temper will 'softly and swiftly vanish away.' It's most unusual for a boojum to be so ferocious."

That's all on that for today. Updates in the next issue. Photographs of the carnage, as well as a suicide rant from the boojum in question, can be viewed online at www.boojummassacre.com

Dischordian Horrorscopes

Bringing you the worst possible scenario since 5 minutes ago.

Haries (March 21-April 19) = Your friends will cherish the bittersweet taste of your bloody carcass as they eat you to survive after the crash landing in the Andes. *If you get on that plane.*

Fnord Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20) = Lots of horoscopes might say 'think before you speak,' and leave it at that. Not us. If you don't enjoy long metal rods puncturing your colon, we suggest you not say anything to burly tattooed men wearing sunglasses, no matter how curious you are about why he's got a pink ribbon tattooed on his bicep.

Gem-in-eye (May 21 - Jun. 21) = Take a minute or two to contemplate

the wisdom of talking on the telephone during a thunderstorm, or you'll give the term 'char-broiled' a whole new meaning.

I'm-sorry-but-it's-Cancer (Jun. 22-July 22) = Don't go hiking today unless you know how to fend off rabid mountain lions.

Fleo (July 23 - Aug. 22) = Let's just say: if you're a hemophiliac, you might want to rethink that planned trip to Africa.

Virgone (Aug. 23 - Sept 22) = No, that's not an ordinary mole. Not at all.

Lee-Bra (Sept 23-Oct 23) = "Find a penny pick it up," will NOT bring you good luck today, I'm afraid. Just walk on by, leave it there for the next poor fool. Unless being decapitated by a runaway semi truck appeals to you.

Pinscorpio (Oct.24-Nov.21) = Yes, it IS as bad as you thought. No, they won't help you. I'd advise against your plan B. Well, if you must. But your cell mate won't be nearly as nice as they are in the movies. Better to just tough it out.

Exsaggitarius (Nov.22-Dec.21) = Usually I'd say second-guessing yourself is a bad thing. Not today. In fact, today I'd suggest third-guessing yourself. I can't go into details, but let's just say your Uncle George made the same mistake, and look how he's turned out. You don't have an Uncle George? HA! That's what you think.

Chaopricorn (Dec.22-Jan19) = Today is a good day to be paranoid. If you aren't already, you should be. Just for today, though. And yes, there IS a mysterious stranger stalking you. Also a good day to buy a gun.

Aqua-hairius (Jan.20-Feb.18) = You will get a mysterious package today. Do NOT open it! Call the bomb squad immediately!

Spiceez (Feb.19-March 20) = Don't get any closer to see why your neighbor is shoveling in his backyard at night, unless you want to be his next gardening project. No, just call the police right away.

SCIENCE NEWS

Berlin, Germany – A study released today from Germany reveals that it is indeed possible to die from embarrassment, but is highly improbable. Of over a million people tested, only one person actually died from embarrassment, a 14 year old girl who was made to recite very crude limericks while standing on the stage naked in a tub of worms in front of an audience of 12 year old boys, while her mother pinched her cheeks and her father passed around highly embarrassing baby photos of her. The girl was suffering from a very powerful form of social anxiety disorder and had a weak heart. Luckily, Eris was there and pulled a Lazarus on her. The study cost 8.7 billion dollars, not including the bill for that poor girl's therapy.

Cornhole, Alabama – Redneck scientists today invented the wheel. Their pastor immediately started preaching about the evils of the new invention and how much better life was “back in the good old days, before all these new-fangled inventions like the wheel, the bow and arrow, and fire.” Local laws in the area have already made owning a wheel illegal.

Hoghollar, Mississippi – Members of the “Flat Earth Society” today launched a manned rocket into space in order to prove that A. The Earth is flat. B. The sun revolves around the Earth, and C. The moon is made of cheese. Alas, it was not to be... they were firmly convinced of the nonexistence of vacuum, and died the moment they left Earth's atmosphere. They were freeze-dried instantly. NASA fined the Flat Earth Society ten thousand dollars for littering. In the end, a grumpy old spaceman who keeps saying he should have retired a decade ago came around to pick up their litter and tell the principal.

New Delhi, India – Scientists in New Delhi today reported that they had genetically engineered a “one-eyed, one-horned, flying, purple people eater” and that it escaped a week ago. “But don't worry,” they said, “it'll starve to death before it finds any purple people to eat.”

Tokyo, Japan – A local man attempting to memorize pi to the ten-thousandth place died yesterday when his head exploded like a watermelon.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Norton, Kansas – Reverend I. M. Shithed of the First Church of Gay Jesus today announced from his church's national headquarters in Kansas that he and the members of his church will be boycotting Disney because of their “blatantly pagan agenda,” citing such works as Hercules, Pocahontas, The Emperor's New Groove, and even The Lion King as examples of Disney's pagan leaders corrupting youth. Reverend Shithed even called the Mickey Mouse ears “Satanic... like the Horned God of the Pagans.” He has also declared war on the Pastafarians (members of the Flying Spaghetti Monster cult), saying that if they're going to dress up like pirates, his followers will dress up like ninjas.

United Kingdom – In response to the announcement by the Catholic pope (Pope Nazinger) disbanding the realm known as Limbo, Discordian representative Dr. Jon announced that the Discordian Society was acquiring Limbo. This move is despite the Discordians already having the realm of Macarena.

Osceola, Iowa – In response to Dr. Jon's announcement of buying Limbo, Pope Reverend Water-Nymph Nocturnal would like to let the Catholic Pope know that all the baby souls still in Limbo after these hundreds of years it's been around will be converted to Discordianism and reincarnated into the Vatican to take over the Catholic Church secretly and replace the Pope with a mentally retarded chimpanzee. When asked how she expected no one to notice the difference, Pope RWNN said, “Well, we did the same thing when George W. Bush came to power, and no one has noticed any difference yet.”

Halifax, Canada – Evil cult leader Irving Reticulum Wikkid today announced that his cult has become too costly to run, and therefore is being shut down. Apparently, the Elder God that Rev. Wikkid was worshiping requires weekly sacrifices of virgins no younger than 14, and Rev. Wikkid was tired of having to import them from Amish communities in America.

Pella, Iowa – Speaking of the Amish, a deadly new strain of polio has been killing Amish like flies. Polio, which was almost declared an extinct disease, only continued surviving because of Amish refusal to immunize their children.

CELEBRITY INTERVIEW

By Vick Shunnel

Today, we are speaking with rising star in the world of controversy, the Reverend Ivan Mustang Shithed of the First Church of Gay Jesus. Reverend Shithed, who was at first welcomed by the gay community when he announced the forming of his church, was quickly shunned when the depths of his convictions and the hateful bent of his politics was discovered. But enough about that. On to the interview.

I: Welcome, Reverend Shithed. I am Vick Shunnel, YOGAP writer. How are you today?

IMS: I'd be fine if all these red-o, freedom-hating rightist bastards would stop trying to tell me what I can and can't say! This is a free country, damn it! All those fucking gay-hating conservatives, why don't they just secede from the Union if they hate America so much! And you know what? They tried to, once. Took one of their own kind – a stinking Republican – to get them back. If I'd been alive back then, I'd have told Lincoln to let them secede. They want to struggle and die when larger countries come swooping in for the kill, then let them, I'd say.

I: I heard today that your organization is boycotting Disney. Care to comment?

IMS: Damn gay I want to comment! Disney... *shudders* Just saying the name gives me the creeps. Those bastards with their cutesy cartoon demons corrupting my children over to their pagan ways. Gods, what is this world coming to?

I: I'm afraid I don't understand... how is Disney pagan?

IMS: Where to begin? Snow White shacking up with 7 midgets! We all know that every single one of those pagan bastards wants polyamorous marriages to be legal, and at the time that was also Disney's subtle way of supporting the porn industry. We all know how much those porn-watchers love midgets.

IMS: Then there's Pinocchio. A cutesy retelling of the Golem story, or that Greek story where the sculptor falls in love with his creation and she comes alive and they get jiggy with it. And don't even get me started on THAT story! Damned incestuous pagan Greeks. Anyway... man creates his own son and this blue demon in a pretty form comes along and imbues it with life. THAT MOVIE MOCKS GOD! Only God can create people from clay!

IMS: *Wipes foam from his mouth before continuing* Then there's Bambi. A bunch of talking animals, and the villain is a human hunter? Oh yeah, THAT'S really subtle. It's undermining humanity's place in the world! It's making our kids think these animals are furry little people when in fact they're just mobile food sources or useful, God-created machines! It's stories like Bambi that created all these vegetarian, PETA-joining, tree-hugging nincompoops that are almost as bad as the freedom-hating conservative fuckers running around like they own the country.

IMS: And of course, Hercules and Sinbad. If you can't tell how those movies are pagan, then you're an idiot. But the list goes on and on. I could write a huge series of books on just the evils of Disney alone.

I: What do you say to people who wonder how you can have such blatantly right-wing ideas and yet be homosexual?

IMS: I say they're a bunch of fools. Twice so for calling me a rightist. If anyone called me that to my face, they'd rue the day they pissed me off.

I: What I meant is, many see it as a major contradiction for a so-called "Bible Thumper" to be a homosexual. They would say that the Bible preaches against homosexuality.

IMS: Well of course they would say that. The Good Book has been warning us for thousands of years against the false prophets. Of course they would focus on that one story – a historical story, mind you, and not even a place where God is speaking – and use that to justify their hatred of homosexuals and bisexuals. Because to do anything else is to realize that the only place the Bible even MENTIONS homosexuality is in that one story. And that story isn't admissible because those men were all straight, and were driven to homosexual acts out of desperation. So of course they would feel that way about it.

IMS: Now, the Bible may contain the words of God, but not everything in there is God's law. Unless God, Jesus, one of the apostles, Paul, Moses, or an angel on God's side said it, it's not necessarily God's Word. Now, it seems to me strange that with all the things God forbade in the Bible – touching women during their menses, laying down with animals, men going unshaven, even EATING SHRIMP for goodness sake – that it's curious that God never expressly forbade homosexual acts. We have taken this conspicuous absence to mean that God approves of homosexuality, bisexuality, and the genderqueer.

I: Well there we are, right there! A contradiction. How can God approve of the gender-queer if He forbids men to go unshaven?

IMS: In the first place, Jesus' teachings nullified all the old rules. So all

the rules in the Old Testament are not admissible. And even if they were, God never defined gender anywhere in the Bible. And if someone's a woman, it doesn't matter if she's got testicles – she's still a woman. The gender-queer do not *choose* to be a gender other than their sex, they are given their gender by God. Sex and gender are quite distinct. Gender is in the brain, not between the legs. The same is true of sexuality. It is god's way of testing us. Just as some people are born with different hair or skin colors, some are born with different sexualities or gender identities.

I: So the Bible preaches against the people you hate?

IMS: Yes. Pagans, Satanists, freedom-hating red-o conservative bastards, the Bible hates them all.

I: Okay, where does the Bible mention conservatives at all?

IMS: Haven't you ever read the story of Jesus throwing out the temple money-lenders? Didn't you ever read that Jesus said to hate your own father and mother as he does? Honor them, yes, but he was preaching rebellion! He was a rebel and those conservative bastards killed him for it! If he were alive today, he'd be on my side, opposed to all those evil people!

I: Haven't you heard, yet? Jesus IS alive today. He's been alive since the resurrection after being entombed. He's immortal, but he was burned as a witch back during the dark ages and lost his memory. Just got it back a couple weeks ago. I interviewed him for another magazine, he said – and I quote, “Reverend Shithed? Dude, I've only had my memory back for a week, but I've been watching the news to catch up, and man... that Reverend I. M. Shithed, I don't like him. He's just as bad as all those other self-righteous idiots. Maybe worse. I remember I didn't much care for him when I thought I was Rev. Snickerdoodle Doo, either.”

IMS: LYING BLASPHEMOUS HEATHEN DEVIL-CHILD! *Pitches a screaming hissy fit, throwing chairs and tables across the room, foaming at the mouth, before running away into the night and howling at the moon.*

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CELEBRITY NEWS

Cute little monster of Sesame Street fame **Elmo** (whose real name is Elmond P. Forrester) was arrested in Austin, Texas yesterday on charges of indecent exposure after he reportedly started publicly masturbating outside a McDonald's. His bond was set at \$500 and was paid by Sesame Street co-worker **Big Bird** (Damon Jackson). Elmo, who is suffering from alcoholism and drug abuse, is said to be entering rehab on Wednesday.

The country of Fuckistan announced yesterday that they had nuclear weapons and were aiming them straight at Washington D.C. Officials were terrified and went to DEF-CON 1 for three hours before CIA agents reported that what Fuckistan really had was, in fact, **The Olsen Twins**.

Pixie, one of the hamsters from the infamous hamsterdance.com, was admitted into a Los Angeles hospital last Monday complaining of bowel pain. It was discovered that Pixie had inserted a human into her rectum for sexually deviant reasons and the poor pitiful human's scratching to escape damaged Pixie's colon. Luckily the little fellow was extricated alive and in fair condition. He is munching happily on celery and drinking plenty of water. Pixie has been arrested on charges of cruelty to humans.

Chaos Goddess **Eris** has come under fire recently for Her controversial decision to turn all Republicans into sour kraut. Republican-rights activist **Studly Buttmuffin** said, “This act shows blatant disrespect on the part of Miss Eris who – as a Goddess – ought to know better. And besides, why sour kraut? Why not chocolate?” At which point Eris promptly turned Studly into a plate of pan-fried frog legs and said in Her defense while eating the frog legs, “Well, sour kraut is what they are in their hearts – stinky, disgusting, soggy, bitter cabbages. And I didn't expect anyone to actually eat them.”

Obituaries

Herman Mozzeltoff, age 83, died yesterday from a heart attack after being ass-raped by an Adolf Hitler impersonator. His funeral will be at the Holy Roaming Church, wherever it will have wandered off to by then.

Dass Fundament, a 47 year old Adolf Hitler impersonator, was killed yesterday by a rioting mob of elderly Jewish men and women after ass-raping a Mr. Herman Mozzeltoff. We regret to say that Mr. Fundament's desire for an open-casket funeral – as stated in his will – cannot be granted. His funeral should be in a week (location to be decided), but it may be postponed if it takes too long to find all the pieces.

The REAL George W. Bush's remains were unearthed in a ditch just outside of Atlantic, Iowa. There will be no funeral, though, because the Bush family are convinced – despite this news – that the mentally retarded chimpanzee that he was replaced with is their real son. Experts agree, the chimpanzee in question – whose name is reportedly Mr. Buttbubble – is certainly smarter than the original Dubya.

Paris Hilton's evil twin sister **Cairo Hilton** died of tuberculosis after a day of being awake from her 3 year coma that Paris put her in when Cairo tried to steal Paris's boyfriend. Her funeral will be at midnight in the Pet Cemetery where everything comes back to life when you bury it there.

Gay rock star **I. B. Stereotype** died yesterday after tripping on one of his feather boas and falling to his death. His funeral will be in Norton, Kansas, at the First Church of Gay Jesus. He is to be buried in a casket resembling an over-sized dildo.

The Goddess of Justice died in her house yesterday. Her cats ate her body.

Movies

Paint Drying is now playing at Megacorporation Omniplex 2, 3, 9, and 15 at 10 AM, Noon, 2 PM, 4 PM, 8 PM, and 10 PM. Rated R for violence, some nudity, and crude language.

Grass Growing is now playing at Megacorporation Omniplex 5, 7, 8, and 13 at 10 AM, Noon, 2 PM, 4 PM, 8 PM, and 10 PM. Rated X for sexual content, gratuitous violence.

MEGA HORROR DEATH BLOOD FEST 14 is now playing at Megacorporation Omniplex 15, 17, 18, and 23 at 10 AM, Noon, 2 PM, 4 PM, 8 PM, and 10 PM. Rated PG.

Hot Kinky Sex Movie is now playing at Superville Multiplex at 10 AM, Noon, 2 PM, 4 PM, 8 PM, and 10 PM. Rated G. Take the kids!

SPORTS NEWS

The fourth annual **Gay Anal Sex Marathon** was held outside Jerry Fallwell's house yesterday, just to piss him off. Luckily, no one was injured by Mr. Fallwell, who was distracted by the lesbian team. The only injury reported that day was a colon injury; a Mr. Iam A. Bottom obtained a bruised and hemorrhaged colon when a Mr. Iva Horsecock slammed his ass a record 123 times in 10 minutes, achieving first place. The new lesbian team achieved second place when Ms. L. P. Stick was slammed in the ass 99 times in 10 minutes by Ms. B. A. Dass with her red strap-on dildo.

This week, if he makes it to Friday, George W. Orwell will beat the previous record in **Competitive Sleeping** by four minutes. Mr. Orwell, who has been asleep for two years, three months, 2 weeks, and four days, is being challenged by young up-and-comer Andrea Lazyberger, who has been asleep for two years, three months, 2 weeks, four days, and 3 hours.

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OPINION COLUMN

By = Bishop Sanctimonious the Hypocritical,
a Satanic Discordian

Taking over for an unknown amount of time for Jesus Horatio Christ
(Who is currently suffering depression.)

These days, there is renewed debate about Evolution versus Intelligent Design. There are ignorant ideologies, dogmatic approaches, and other mistakes being made on both sides. So much focus is being put on one side or the other that more reasonable "middle ways" are being ignored. One side tends to see Intelligent Design proponents as all being ignorant hicks with a literalistic interpretation of the Bible and that same Bible as their only evidence, while many in favor of Intelligent Design view Evolutionists as Godless, immoral people bent on taking all spirituality away and mystery out of life. While there are people fitting these descriptions in existence, there are not as many as you might think. People tend to make their assumptions about those on the other side of the fence by the way the most visible among them behave. This, however, is doomed to create discord and unrest, misunderstanding and a failure to communicate. For it is usually the troublemakers who get the most attention, and when troublemakers profess being in favor of one side or another, that side gets labeled with the bad reputations of those troublemakers.

This all may seem like it doesn't concern the common person, but it very much does. So long as only the opinions of the fanatics of either side are being heard, the middle ways are ignored and the more open minded among us do not get their fair say. Humans, at least in Western Civilization, tend to think in dualities; this results in an inadvertent overlooking of points of view that are outside the norm. People tend to see this debate, for example, as being either "Bible-thumping 10,000 year old Earth" Intelligent Design or "Godless sodomite no-meaning-to-life" Evolutionists. Today, however, I would like to break through those stereotypes and address both sides by giving another opinion some say. So please, meet the theory that I call Intelligent Evolution. Or it could be called "Non-literalistic Intelligent Design Via the Medium of Evolution."

According to this "middle way" type of theory, existence as we know it was brought into form via some form of intelligence. Here, however, those of both opposing sides of this argument need to clear their heads of certain mistaken notions before continuing. The literalists must set aside their literalistic interpretation of their sacred scripture and see it instead as a series of allegorical tales, much like those that Jesus told. It would also be helpful if the scientists would also set aside these beliefs, or more accurately, set aside the belief that literalistic beliefs must be connected to this theory. Intelligent Evolution rejects dogma or literalism from either side.

Let also the scientists set aside for now all their preconceived notions about the rigidity of mechanical nature of the universe. It would also help if the literalists would also set aside this notion, or the thought that this point of view is necessarily a part of any evolutionary theory.

Good. With that out of the way, we continue. Now we must reject the notion of science that there was nothing in existence before the Big Bang, for even by its own accepted laws of physics, this is an impossibility. The same goes for literalistic Creation theories, too, because Einstein clearly states (and has collected much evidence to prove) that matter and energy are not only different forms of the same thing, but can be neither created nor destroyed. Thus, we can not only see that the currently accepted view of the Big Bang is impossible (or at least incomplete), but that there is also no way a God (in the sense of being a very large and invisible human being) could have created all the matter and energy in existence. Therefore, like God Itself, matter and energy must have necessarily always existed, but merely in another form.

What form did this energy take before the Big Bang/Act of Creation? We can only speculate. However, quantum physicists have observed quantum particles appearing and disappearing as though being blinked in and out of existence, as well as light behaving - oddly enough - as both a particle and a wave. Of course, we must consider the role of Einstein's theory of relativity in all this: matter cannot be created nor destroyed, thus we must assume that there is more to existence than what we can currently observe. So where are those particles coming from, and where do they go when they vanish? And where are these light particles that our light particles are interacting with, to act like waves, when only one is being sent through the hole at a time? Quantum physicists have come up with some very interesting theories to explain these, and every theory I come across points out one thing to the open-minded individual: no matter how existence came to be, it is intelligent at the simplest levels.

Consider one theory of why light behaves like both a particle and as a wave: the alternate universe theory. This theory posits that for some unfathomable reason, light particles in this universe are interacting with light particles from other universes. Which leads one to wonder: if these light particles are not in the same universe, how and why are they interacting? If this theory is incorrect, it still raises some wonderfully bizarre questions, and if it is true, then it would seem that - for reasons we are unaware of - light particles in neighboring universes are communicating or otherwise interacting with one another. Whether this is a purely mechanical action or a sign of intelligence at the smallest level, it still leads one to wonder why and how they do this. Then again, it also makes one wonder how the universe came up with its laws anyway.

Let us assume for a minute that those in favor of a mechanical universe based purely on chance are right. If this is the proper model, then how does random chance create such order? That is one key flaw with a mechanical theory of the

universe: it cannot account for all the complexity. Proponents of this theory try to shake off this flaw in their theory with the story of a mud puddle that assumed the world was made just for it because everything was perfect for the existence of a creature shaped as it is. That, however, is a cop-out. For a system to gain any order from random chance, there must be some sort of rules. Take the computer game called Life, for example. In it, short-lived dots interact with one another the way microbes might. It seems, on first glance, to be bringing order from chaos, but the program is based on rules arrived at through mathematical formulae.

The universe is much the same way. No one knows how or why the laws of physics came to be, but everyone with the ability to observe their world can observe the balance of chaos and order in the universe; everyone can observe the complexity. To people who have noticed things like this, it says to them that the universe is intelligent down to the smallest level, and that there isn't really such a thing as inanimate matter; all matter and energy are part of Life. Regardless of how matter and energy particles came to interact with one another as they do, regardless of their origin, and regardless of whether or not they started out intelligent, one thing is now plain: our universe (and one would assume the neighboring universes ours interacts with) is now intelligent, and had to be in order to give rise to such complexity.

Is this theory correct? I don't know; but it makes a lot more sense to me than the others do. It makes more sense than a giant invisible human-shaped God, and it makes more sense than "random chance alone did it." Is the theory complete? Far from it! Is it a better theory? No. It is just a different theory. You may personally find it better or not better, but theories are just theories. Can we ever know the Truth? Maybe, or maybe not. We don't know. But at least this theory has a voice now.

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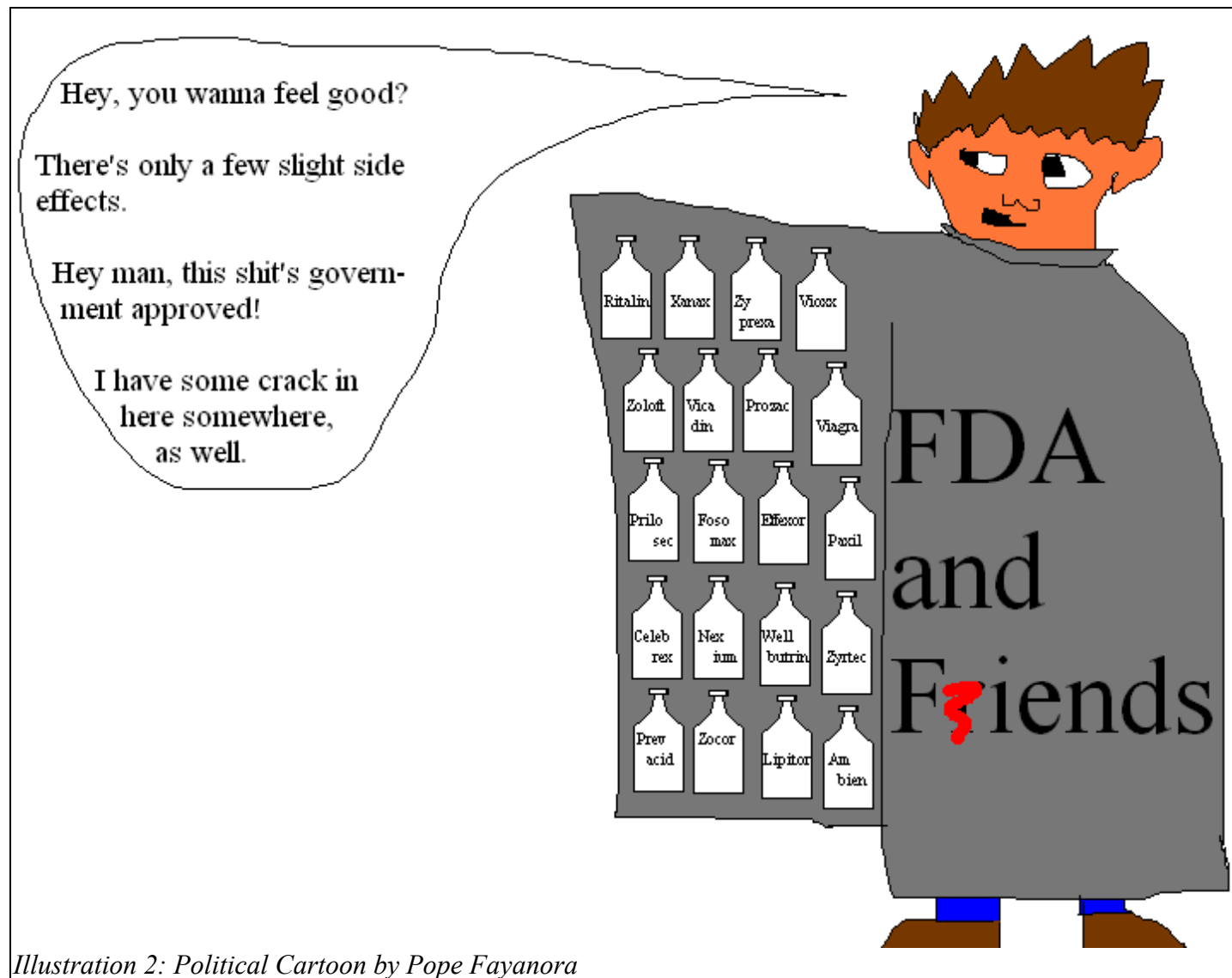


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