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6. There are 100 light bulbs lined up in a row in a long room. Each bulb has its own switched off. The room has an entry door and an exit door. There are 100 people lined up outside the entry door. Each bulb is numbered consecutively from 1 to 100. So is each person. Person No. 1 enters the room, switches on every bulb, and exits
Person No. 2 enters and flips the switch on every second bulb (turning off bulbs 2, 4, 6...). Person No. 3 enters and flips the switch on every third bulb (changing the state on bulbs 3, 6, 9...). This continues until all 100 people have passed through the room. What is the final state of bulb No. 64? And how many of the light bulbs are illuminated after the 100th
person has passed through the room? Right first the answers: Light Bulb 64 is on. The total number of bulbs which are on including #64 is 10. Before reading the answer can I interest you in a clue? We'll use a more eloquent way of working this out, but first lets just brute force it. To that end I've written a simple simulator, and for even more detail below
that there is a spread sheet, if you want the extra detail then un-hide it:- Note: no information is sent to me, the calculation is done entirely locally, on your computer. Person 1 is ready to work. Delay between people =ms I'll just briefly explain to you the function used: =IF(($A65/CX$1)=INT($A65/CX$1),NOT(CW65),CW65) The 'if' command checks to see if
the bulb number divided the person number is an integer that is to say it does the calculation twice (bulb number / person number) and rounded one. If these are the same then the person is entitled to switch that light bulb. Eg: Person 5 is entitled to
switch bulb 50 but not 51, do the sum if you like. (This is not the most optimised command, but it is the easiest to follow.) You can view the spreadsheet on google sheets here or if you want it to edit, grab the file lightbulb.xls Whichever way you went, the important thing is what you notice about the bulbs that stayed on? If you haven't seen a pattern then
write them down... First think who will operate each bulb, obviously person #2 will do all the even numbers, and say person #10 will operate all the bulbs that end in a zero. So who would operate each bulb, obviously person #2 will be in pairs. This
means that for every person who switches a bulb on there will be someone to switch it off. This will result in the bulbs off? Think of bulb 36:- The factors are: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 36 OR 1 & 36, 2 & 18, 3 & 12, 4 & 9 and 6 Previously the pairs canceled, if 2 flicks the switch one way then 18 would
flick it back, but in this case 6 is not paired, it's by itself, there is no body to cancel out his action. This problem is often written as 100 doors in a row, with each person switching their corresponding door.
It's exactly the same. Where next?List of Puzzles Random Puzzle Search thout further permission, I do not claim copyright over them. The answers are mine and may not be reproduced without my expressed prior consent. Please inquire using the link at the top of the page.
Secure version of this page. Wikipedia list article This is a dynamic list and may never be able to satisfy particular standards for completeness. You can help by adding missing items with reliable sources. This is a list of common misconceptions. Each entry is worded as a correction; the misconceptions themselves are implied rather than stated. These entries
are concise summaries of the main subject articles, which can be consulted for more detail. Arts and culture Food and cooking Searing does not seal moisture in meat; in fact, it causes it to lose some moisture. Meat is seared to brown it, improving its color and flavor.[1] Monosodium glutamate (MSG) does not trigger migraine headaches or other symptoms
of so-called Chinese restaurant syndrome, nor is there evidence that some individuals are especially sensitive to MSG.[2] Twinkies have a shelf life of approximately 45 days[3] (25 in their original formulation)—far shorter than the common (and somewhat jocular) myth that Twinkies are edible for decades or longer.[4] They generally remain on a store shelf
for only 7 to 10 days.[5] There are no known cases of children having been killed or seriously injured by poisoned their own children.[6] Most food is edible long after its expiration date, with the exception of some perishables.[7]
Seeds are not the spicy part of chili peppers. In fact, seeds contain a low amount of capsaicin, the component which induces the hot sensation in mammals. The highest concentration of capsaicin is located in the placental tissue (the pith) to which the seeds are attached.[8] Turkey meat is not particularly high in tryptophan, and does not cause more
drowsiness than other foods.[9] Rice does not cause birds to die by inflating their stomachs until they burst. Birds do eat wild rice, though some species avoid it. This common misconception has often led to weddings substituting millet, confetti, or other materials to shower the newlyweds as they leave the ceremony, instead of traditionally throwing rice.[10]
[11] Food history Fortune cookies are associated with Chinese cuisine, but were actually invented in Japan, [12] and are almost never eaten in Chinese restaurants in the United States. They were invented in Japan and introduced to the US
by the Japanese. [12] In China, they are considered American, and are rare. [13] Spices were an expensive luxury item; those who could afford them could afford meat. [14] Steak
tartare was not invented by Mongol warriors who tenderized meat under their saddles.[15] Whipped cream was not invented by François Vatel at the Château de Chantilly only in the 19th century.[16] Catherine de' Medici and her entourage did not introduce Italian
foods to the French royal court and thus create French haute cuisine.[17] Microwave ovens do not cook food from the inside out.
2.45 GHz microwaves can only penetrate approximately 1 centimeter (3/8 inch) into most foods. The inside portions of thicker foods are mainly heated by heat conducted from the outer portions.[19] Microwave ovens cannot cause cancer, as microwave radiation is non-ionizing, and therefore does not have the cancer risks associated with ionizing radiation
such as X-rays. No studies on the cancer risk associated with microwaves have identified any carcinogenicity from microwave radiation, even with exposure levels far greater than is likely for humans to encounter from leaking ovens. [20] Looking into a microwave oven does not damage the eyes. [21] Any heat or radiation that could harm the eyes is contained
within the oven.[22] Law, crime, and military Violent crime rates in the United States declined significantly between 1994 and 2003 It is rarely necessary to wait 24 hours before filing a missing person report. In instances where there is evidence of violence or of an unusual absence, law enforcement agencies in the United States often stress the importance
of beginning an investigation promptly.[23] The UK government website reads in large type, "You do not have to wait 24 hours before contacting the police."[24] Twinkies were not claimed to be the cause of San Francisco mayor George White's
diminished capacity as a result of severe depression. While eating Twinkies was cited as evidence of this depression, it was never claimed to be the cause of the murders. [25] The US Armed Forces have generally forbidden military enlistment as a form of deferred adjudication (that is, an option for convicts to avoid jail time) since the 1980s. US Navy
protocols discourage the practice, while the other four branches have specific regulations against it.[26] Legal tender laws in the United States do not state that a private business, a person, or an organization must accept cash for payment, though it must be regarded as valid payment for debts tendered to a creditor.[27] The United States does not require
police officers to identify themselves as police in the case of a sting or other undercover work, and police officers may lie when engaged in such work. [28] Claiming entrapment as a defense instead focuses on whether the defendant was induced by undue pressure (such as threats) or deception from law enforcement to commit crimes they would not have
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or petition,[32] not restrictions imposed by private individuals or businesses[33] unless they are acting on behalf of the government.[34] Other laws may restrict the ability of private businesses and individuals to restrict the speech of others.[35] Neither the Mafia nor other criminal organizations regularly use cemented shoes to drown their victims. This
method is more often used to submerge (already) dead bodies.[36] However, there are at least two cases of the tactic being used: one in 2016 and the other in 1964.[37] Literature Main article: Wikiquote: List of misquotations Many quotations are incorrect or attributed to people who never uttered them, and quotations from obscure or unknown authors are
often attributed to more famous figures. Commonly misquoted individuals include Mark Twain, Albert Einstein, Adolf Hitler, Winston Churchill, Abraham Lincoln, William Shakespeare, and the Buddha.[38] The title of Mary Shelley's 1818 novel Frankenstein actually refers to protagonist Victor Frankenstein, the scientist who created the sapient creature in
the novel, not the creature itself, which is never named and is called Frankenstein's monster. However, as latter adaptations started to refer to the monster itself as Frankenstein, this usage became well-established and some do not consider it erroneous anymore. [39][40] Music See also: Mondegreen § In songs Absolute or "perfect" pitch is far more common
than the oft-cited 1 in 10,000 persons.[41] Its prevalence has been estimated at as high as 1 in 25 persons.[42] The melody of "Twinkle, Little Star", the "Alphabet Song", and "Baa, Black Sheep" was not composed by Mozart when he was 5 years old; it was already a popular French folk song when he composed a series of variations on the tune,
when he was 25 or 26.[43] Mozart was not Austrian. During his life, Salzburg was not part of the Archduchy of Austrian Empire. It was only in 1805, 14 years after his death, that Salzburg was annexed to the Austrian Empire.[44]
Mozart did not die from poisoning, and was not poisoned by his colleague Antonio Salieri or anyone else. [45] The false rumor originated soon after Salieri's involvement in Mozart's death, but he was not shown to use poison. [47] The
minuet in G major by Christian Petzold is commonly attributed to Johann Sebastian Bach, although the piece was identified in the 1970s as a movement from Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach, a book of sheet music by various composers (mostly Bach) in which the minuet is found.[48]
Compositions that are doubtful as works of Bach are catalogued as "BWV Anh.", short for "Bach-Werke-Verzeichnis Anhang" ("Bach works catalogue annex"); the minute sto play as originally written.[49] Its name comes from the adjective minute, as in small, and not the noun; it
is thus a case of heteronym confusion.[50] "Edelweiss" is not the national anthem of Austria, but an original composition created for the Mountains, Land on the River").[52] The edelweiss is also Austria's state flower. The Beach Boys were not
always replaced by session musicians on the backing tracks for their early studio recordings. The band members played on virtually all of their hits from the early 1960s. [53] The Beatles' 1965 appearance at Shea Stadium was not the first time that a rock concert was played at a large, outdoor sports stadium in the U.S. Such venues were employed by Elvis
Presley in the 1950s and the Beatles themselves in 1964.[54] The Beatles were not the first to experiment with sounds processed through a Leslie speaker.[55] Phil Collins did not sing his 1981 hit "In the Air Tonight" about witnessing someone drowning and then confronting the person in the audience who let it happen. According to Collins himself, it was
about his emotions when divorcing from his first wife.[56] "Don't Worry, Be Happy", written and sung by Bobby McFerrin, is commonly believed to be sung by Bob Marley instead.[57] Indeed, a YouTube video entitled "Bob Marley never recorded a version
of "Don't Worry, Be Happy", as he died seven years before the song was written. [57] "Three Little Birds," which Marley did write, includes a similar line: "don't worry about a thing, every little thing's gonna be all right." [59] Religion Not all religions teach that there is a god or gods in the Western sense. For example, Buddhism and Jainism do not have a
creator god and Unitarian Universalism has no creed at all.[60] Buddhism The historical Buddha is not known to have been fat. The "chubby Buddha" or "laughing Buddha" or "laughing Buddha" is a 10th-century Chinese folk hero by the name of Budai. In Chinese Buddhist culture, Budai came to be revered as an incarnation of Maitreya, the Bodhisattva who will become a Buddha
to restore Buddhism after the teachings of the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama, have been forgotten. [61] Judaism Often shown as an apple in art, the fruit in the Garden of Eden is not named in Genesis. [62] The forbidden fruit mentioned in the Book of Genesis is never identified as an apple, [62] a misconception widely depicted in Western art. The
original Hebrew texts mention only tree and fruit. Early Latin translations use the word mali, which can mean either "evil" or "apple" depending on if the A is short or long respectively, although the difference in vowel length had already vanished from speech in Latin at the time. In early Germanic languages the word apple and its cognates usually simply
meant "fruit". German and French artists commonly depict the fruit as an apple from the 12th century onwards, and John Milton's Areopagitica from 1644 explicitly mentions the fruit as an apple. [63] Jewish scholars have suggested that the fruit could have been a grape, a fig, an apricot, or an etrog. [64] While they are forbidden by the Book of Leviticus,
having tattoos does not mean someone cannot be buried in a Jewish cemetery as is commonly believed, just as violating any other prohibition does not prevent a Jew from ultimately being buried in a Jewish cemetery. [65] Christianity Jesus was most likely not born on any date corresponding to December 25, the date on which his birth is traditionally
celebrated as Christmas. It is more likely that his birth was in either the season of spring or perhaps summer, while December 25 in the Northern Hemisphere is at the beginning of winter. Also, although the Common Era ostensibly counts the years since his birth, [66] it is unlikely that he was born in either AD 1 or 1 BC, as such a numbering system would
imply. Modern historians estimate a date closer to between 6 BC and 4 BC.[67] The Bible does not say that exactly three magi came to visit the baby Jesus, nor that their names were kings, or rode on camels, or that their names were casper, Melchior, and Balthazar, nor what color their skin was. Three magi are inferred because three gifts are described, but the
Bible says only that there was more than one;[68] still, artistic depictions of the nativity have almost always depicted three magi since the 3rd century.[69] The Bible only specifies an upper limit of 2 years for the interval between the birth and the visit (Matthew 2:16[non-primary source needed]), and artistic depictions and the closeness of the traditional
dates of December 25 and January 6 encourage the popular assumption that the visit took place in the same season as the birth, but later traditions varied, with kings comes from efforts to tie the visit to prophecies in the Book of Isaiah.[71][failed verification] No Biblical or
historical evidence supports Mary Magdalene having been a prostitute.[72] The idea that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute before she met Jesus is not found in the Bible or in any of the other earliest Christian writings. The misconception likely arose due to a conflation between Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany (who anoints Jesus's feet in John 11:1-12),
and the unnamed "sinful woman" who anoints Jesus's feet in Luke 7:36-50.[72] Paul the Apostle did not change his name from Saul. He was born a Jew, with Roman citizenship inherited from his father, and thus carried both a Hebrew and a Greco-Roman name from birth. Luke indicates the coexistence of the names in Acts 13:9: "...Saul, who also is called
Paul...".[73] The Roman Catholic dogma does not state that Jesus or his mother Mary was born to a virgin. Rather, it states that Mary was not in a state of original sin from the moment of her own conception.[74] Roman Catholic dogma does not say that the pope is either sinless or always infallible.[75] Catholic dogma since
1870 does state that a dogmatic teaching contained in divine revelation that is promulgated by the pope (deliberately, and under certain very specific circumstances; generally called ex cathedra) is free from error, although official invocation of papal infallibility is rare. While most theologians state that canonizations meet the requisites, [76] aside from that,
 most recent popes have finished their reign without a single invocation of infallibility. Otherwise, even when speaking in his official capacity, dogma does not hold that he is free from error. St. Peter's Basilica is not the mother church of Roman Catholicism, nor is it the official seat of the Pope.[77] These equivalent distinctions belong to the Archbasilica of
Saint John Lateran, which is located in Rome outside of Vatican City but over which the Vatican has extraterritorial jurisdiction.[77] St. Peter's is, however, used as the principal church for many papal functions.[77] Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day
Saints (LDS Church) no longer practice polygamy. [78] Currently, the LDS Church excommunicates any members who practice polygamy within their groups. [80] For more details on this subject, see Mormonism and polygamy. Saint Augustine did not say "God
created hell for inquisitive people".[81] He actually said: "I do not give the answer that someone is said to have given (evading by a joke the force of the objection), 'He was preparing hell for those who pry into such deep subjects.' ... I do not know,' concerning what I do not know than say something for
which a man inquiring about such profound matters is laughed at, while the one giving a false answer to the question. Islam Afghan women wearing burqas Most Muslim women do not wear a burqa (also transliterated as burka or burkha), which covers
the body, head, and face, with a mesh grille to see through. Many Muslim women, though not all, do cover their hair with a hijab, or their hair with a hijab, or their hair and face (excluding the eyes) with a niqab.[83] A fatwā is a non-binding legal opinion issued by an Islamic scholar under Islamic law; it is therefore commonplace for fatāwā from different authors to disagree. The
popular misconception[84] that the word means a death sentence probably stems from the fatwā issued by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini of Iran in 1989 regarding the author Salman Rushdie, who he stated had earned a death sentence for blasphemy. This event led to fatāwā gaining widespread media attention in the West.[85] The word "jihad" does not
always mean "holy war"; literally, the word in Arabic means "struggle". While there is such a thing as "jihad bil saif", or jihad bil saif", or jihad bil saif", or jihad "by the sword in Arabic means "struggle". While there is such a thing as "jihad bil saif", or jihad bil saif" or jihad bil saif".
Islam are widespread in both the Muslim societies and the West", as much following 9/11 as before.[88] The Quran does not promise martyrs 72 virgins in heaven. It does mention companions, houri, to all people—martyr or not—in heaven, but no number is specified. The source for the 72 virgins is a hadith in Sunan al-Tirmidhi by Imam Tirmidhi.[89][90]
Hadiths are sayings and acts of the prophet Muhammad as reported by others, and as such they are not meant to necessarily believe all hadiths, and that applies particularly to those hadith is a matter of
debate.[89] In the same collection of Sunni hadiths, however, the following is judged strong (hasan sahih): "There are six things with Allah for the martyr. He is forgiven with the first flow of blood (he suffers), he is shown his placed upon
his head—and its gems are better than the world and what is in it—he is married to seventy two wives among wide-eyed houris (Al-Huril-'Ayn) of Paradise, and he may intercede for seventy of his close relatives."[92] Bahá'í Faith Because adherents of the Bahá'í Faith Because adherent adhere
major world religions, it is wrongly assumed that the Bahá'í Faith is a composite of those other religions or that the Bahá'í Faith offers the belief that all of those major world religions are equivalently applicable to the current time. Rather, the Bahá'í Faith teaches progressive revelation which is based on the belief that each of the previous major world
religions are sequential stages in the development of humanity and that it is God's intention for His faithful to recognize new Revelation and to follow its teachings. [93] better source needed Sports Marcos Torregrosa wearing the BIJ black belt with a red bar indicating first degree Abner Doubleday did not invent baseball, nor did it originate in Cooperstown,
New York. It is believed to have evolved from other bat-and-ball games such as cricket and rounders and first took its modern form in New York City.[94] The black belt in martial arts does not necessarily indicate expert level or mastery. It was introduced for judo in the 1880s to indicate competency at all of the basic techniques of the sport. Promotion
beyond 1st dan (the first black belt rank) varies among different martial arts such as Brazilian jiu-jitsu, holders of higher master ranks are awarded alternating red and white panels, and the highest grandmasters wear solid red belts.[95] Other arts such as taekwondo use black belts with a number of gold bars to indicate the
holder's dan rank. The use of triangular corner flags in English football is not a privilege reserved for those teams that have won an FA Cup in the past, despite a wide belief to the contrary[96] that inspired a scene in the film Twin Town. The Football Association's rules are silent on the subject, and often the decision over what shape flag to use has been up
to the individual club's groundskeepers.[97] India did not withdraw from the 1950 FIFA World Cup because their squad played barefoot, which was against FIFA regulations.[98] In reality, India withdraw from the 1950 FIFA World Cup because their squad played barefoot, which was against FIFA regulations.[98] In reality, India withdraw from the 1950 FIFA World Cup because their squad played barefoot, which was against FIFA regulations.
reasons for withdrawing, including a lack of funding and prioritizing the Olympics. [99] However, the myth frequently resurfaces in both India and abroad as fact (especially come World Cup time). [100] The AIFF itself may have been the source of this myth. [101] Language See also: List of common misconceptions about language learning Nonstandard, slanguage See also:
or colloquial terms used by English speakers are sometimes alleged not to be real words, despite appearing in numerous dictionaries. All words in English became accepted by being commonly used for a certain period of time; thus, there are many vernacular words currently not accepted as part of the standard language, or regarded as inappropriate in
formal speech or writing, but the idea that they are somehow not words is a misconception.[102] Examples of words that are sometimes alleged not to be words include "irregardless",[103] "conversate", "funnest",[104] "mentee", "impactful", and "thusly",[105] all of which appear in numerous dictionaries as English words.[106] The pronunciation of coronal
fricatives in Spanish did not arise through imitation of a lisping king. Only one Spanish king, Peter of Castile, is documented as having a lisp, and the current pronunciation originated two centuries after his death.[107] The Chevrolet Nova sold very well in Latin American markets; General Motors did not need to rename the car. While "no va" does mean "it
doesn't go" in Spanish, "nova" was easily understood to mean "new" due to its similarity to the Spanish word "nueva," with which it shares a common origin. Drivers in Mexico and Venezuela, where it was first sold, bought it eagerly. There was no need to change the model name,[108] despite claims to the contrary.[109] Sign languages are not the same
myth comes from a misconstruction of Franz Boas's original statement noting that Eskimos had a variety of words for various snow-related concepts; Boas noted that the same was true of English.[111] The word "the" was never pronounced or spelled "ye" in Old or Middle English.[112] The confusion, seen in the common stock phrase "ye olde," derives from
the use of the character thorn (b), which in Middle English represented in Modern English by "th." In blackletter, by and y were difficult to distinguish, meaning that "be" () very closely resembled "ye." [113] The Hopi people do in fact have a concept of time, and the Hopi language does have ways of expressing temporal concepts.
though they are organized differently from those in Western languages.[114] The Chinese word for "crisis" (危机) is not composed of the symbols for "danger" and "opportunity;" the first does represent danger, but the second instead means "inflection point" (the original meaning of the word "crisis").[115] The myth was perpetuated mainly by a campaign
speech from John F. Kennedy.[116] African American Vernacular English speakers do not simply replace "is" with "be" across all tenses, with no added meaning. In fact, AAVE speakers use "be" to mark a habitual grammatical aspect not explicitly distinguished in Standard English.[117] English etymology Main articles: List of common false etymologies and
 Common English usage misconceptions Easter is in no way connected to the Mesopotamian goddess Ishtar, who in turn had no connection to eggs. The name Easter, used only in Germanic languages (Romance languages use variants of Pascha), derives from the West Germanic goddess Eostre, who represents the dawn. Easter eggs draw upon ancient use of
the egg as a symbol of rebirth and resurrection, in this case symbolizing the Resurrection of Jesus.[118] The false etymology associating Easter with Ishtar originated in an 1853 anti-Catholic pamphlet, The Two Babylons, by Alexander Hislop, which has been thoroughly debunked.[119] The word "fuck" did not originate in Christianized Anglo-Saxon England
(7th century CE) as an acronym for "fornication under consent of king"; nor did it originate as an acronym for "for unlawful carnal knowledge", either as a sign posted above adulterers in the stocks, or as a criminal charge against members of the British Armed Forces; nor did it originate during the 15th-century Battle of Agincourt as a corruption of "pluck
yew" (an idiom falsely attributed to the English for drawing a longbow).[120] Modern English was not spoken until the influence of Anglo-Norman in the late 12th century. The earliest certain recorded use of "fuck" in English comes from c. 1475, in the
poem "Flen flyvs", where it is spelled fuccant (conjugated as if a Latin verb meaning "they fuck"). It is of Proto-Germanic originate from the word "crap" did not originate as a back-formation of British plumber Thomas Crapper's surname, nor does his name originate from the word "crap" did not originate as a back-formation of British plumber Thomas Crapper's surname, nor does his name originate from the word "crap" did not originate as a back-formation of British plumber Thomas Crapper's surname, nor does his name originate from the word "crap" did not originate as a back-formation of British plumber Thomas Crapper's surname, nor does his name originate from the word "crap" did not originate as a back-formation of British plumber Thomas Crapper's surname, nor does his name originate from the word "crap" did not originate from
 "crap", although the surname may have helped popularize the word.[122] The surname "Crapper" is a variant of "Cropper", which originally referred to someone who harvested crops.[123] The word "crap" ultimately comes from Medieval Latin crappa, meaning "chaff".[124] The expression "rule of thumb" did not originate from a law allowing a man to beat
his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb, and there is no evidence that such a law ever existed.[125] The true origin of this phrase remains uncertain, but the false etymology has been broadly reported in media including The Washington Post (1983).[126] The word "gringo" as a term for someone foreign to Latin
America did not originate during the Mexican-American War (1846-48), the Venezuelan War of Independence (1811-23), the Mexican Revolution (1910-20), or from the English lyrics "green grow" in either "Green Grow the Lilacs" (Irish folk song) or "Green Grow the Rushes, O" (English folk song), as
sung by US soldiers or cowboys; [127] nor did it originate during any of these times as a corruption of "Greek (along the lines of the idiom "It's Greek to me"). [129] The word originally simply meant 'foreigner', and is probably a corruption of the Spanish word griego for 'Greek' (along the lines of the idiom "It's Greek to me"). [129]
"Xmas", along with a modern Santa Claus, used on a Christmas postcard (1910) The anti-Italian slur wop did not originate from an acronym for "without papers" or "without papers" or "without passport", as is widely believed;[130] it is actually derived from the term guappo (roughly meaning thug), and was in use by 1908,[131] predating modern immigration laws.[132] A
variant etymology indicates that the derogatory term is from the Italian dialectal guappo meaning "dandy," from Spanish guapo [133] Wetback, an ethnic slur for Mexican immigrants coming into the consequences of the supposed method of
immigration, crossing the Rio Grande river, which would result in a wet back.[134] "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[135] In California, Police Code 420 means "juvenile disturbance",[136] and California Penal Code section 420 prohibits the obstruction of access to public land.[135][137] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[136] and California, Police Code 420 means "juvenile disturbance",[136] and California Penal Code section 420 means "juvenile disturbance",[136] and California Penal Code section 420 means "juvenile disturbance",[136] and California Penal Code section 420 means "juvenile disturbance",[137] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[137] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[137] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[137] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[138] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[138] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[138] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[138] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[138] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[138] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police or penal code for marijuana use.[138] The use of "420" did not originate from the Los Angeles police from the Los Angeles po
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be traced to the year 1021, when monks in Great Britain used the X in place of "Christ" for abbreviation, while transcribing classical manuscripts into Old English Dictionary's "first recorded use of 'Xmas' for 'Christmas' dates to 1551."[140] Film and television Jerry Lewis was not a revered celebrity in France. He was renowned in
            amakers' and critics' circles for the full control he exerted over his films and the unorthodox techniques he used in them, but this did not extend to the general public. Lewis was held in similarly high esteem among critics in much of continental Europe.[141] Jane Russell never wore a special bra designed by director Howard Hughes during filming
of The Outlaw. She said the "ridiculous" contraption hurt so much "I never wore it in The Outlaw, and he never knew. He wasn't going to take my clothes off to check if I had it on. I just told him I did."[142] Architecture Although the name "Big Ben" is frequently used to refer to one of the towers of the Palace of Westminster or even to the entire building, it is
actually a nickname for the Great Bell, the largest bell inside that tower, which is called the Elizabeth Tower (formerly Clock Tower and Stephen's Tower).[143] History Ancient Greek and Roman sculptures were originally painted
bright colors; they only appear white today because the original pigments have deteriorated. Some well-preserved statues of their original coloration. [144][145] Tutankhamun's tomb is not inscribed with a curse on those who disturb it. This was a media invention of 20th century tabloid journalists. [146] The ancient Greeks did not use the
word "idiot" (Ancient Greek: ἰδιώτης, romanized: idiṓtēs ) to disparage people who did not take part in civic life or who did not vote. An ἰδιώτης was simply a private citizen as opposed to a government official. Later, the word came to mean any sort of non-expert or layman, then someone uneducated or ignorant, and much later to mean stupid or mentally
deficient.[147] There is no evidence that the Roman salute, in which the arm is fully extended forwards or diagonally with fingers touching, was actually used in ancient times originated in the 1784 painting Oath of the Horatii by French artist Jacques-Louis David
which inspired later salutes, most notably the Nazi salute. Vomiting was not a regular part of Roman dining customs.[149] In ancient Rome, the architectural feature called a vomitorium was the entranceway through which crowds entered and exited a stadium, not a special room used for purging food during meals.[150] The death of Greek philosopher
had likely already ceased to exist centuries before Hypatia was born.[152] Scipio Aemilianus did not plow over the city of Carthage and sow it with salt after defeating it in the Third Punic War.[153] Roman dictator Julius Caesar was not born via caesarean section.[154] Such a procedure would have been fatal to the mother at the time,[155] and historical
evidence indicates Caesar's mother being alive during his own lifetime. Although the names are similar, the caesarean section was not named after Caesar, as is commonly believed; it is more likely derived from the Roman verb caedere, meaning "to cut." Middle Ages and Renaissance See also: List of myths about the Middle Ages Were not
"a time of ignorance, barbarism and superstition", and the Church did not place religious authority over personal experience and rational thoughts were expressed in the Age of Reason, they were made possible because of the long medieval tradition that established the use
of reason as one of the most important of human activities".[157] Furthermore, historian of science David C. Lindberg says that, contrary to common belief, "the late medieval scholar rarely experienced the coercive power of the church and would have regarded himself as free (particularly in the natural sciences) to follow reason and observation wherever
they led".[158] Describing the period as the "Dark Ages" in that matter is a common misconception that persists to this day among the lay public. While it is true that modern life expectancies are much higher, by any measure, than they were in the Middle Ages and earlier, [159] there is no evidence that adults in the Middle Ages were expected to live to an
average of 30 or 40 years old. According to statistics this was the average at birth, as earlier low life expectance by high infant and adolescent mortality. On the other hand, the average life expectance by high infant and adolescent mortality. On the other hand, the average life expectance by high infant and adolescent mortality.
to injuries.[162] There is no evidence that Vikings wore horns on their helmets; this would have been highly impractical in battle.[163] In fact, the image of Vikings wearing horned helmets stems from the skulls of
vanquished enemies. This was based on a mistranslation of the skaldic poetic use of or bjúgviðum hausa (branches of skulls) to refer to drinking horns.[165] Vikings did not name Iceland "Iceland" as a ploy to discourage others from settling it. Naddodd and Hrafna-Flóki Vilgerðarson both saw snow and ice on the island when they traveled there, giving the
island its name.[166] Greenland, on the other hand, was named in the hope that it would help attract settlers.[167] King Canute did occur, was most likely to prove a point to members of his privy council that no man is all-powerful, and we all
must bend to forces beyond our control, such as the tides. There is no evidence that iron maidens were used for torture, or even yet invented, in the Middle Ages. Instead they were pieced together in the 18th century from several artifacts found in museums in order to create spectacular objects intended for (commercial) exhibition.[169] An anti-clockwise
spiral staircase at Hohenzollern Castle in Germany. The choice of anticlockwise or clockwise spiral staircases in castles were not designed in a clockwise spiral staircases in castle. Spiral staircases in castles were not designed in a clockwise spiral staircases in castles were not designed in a clockwise spiral staircases are more
common in castles than anti-clockwise, they were even more common in medieval structures without a military role such as religious buildings.[172] Studies of spiral stairs in castle have concluded that "the role and position of spirals in castles ... had a much stronger domestic and status role than a military function" [172] and that "there are sufficient
did not stop soldiers from moving around or necessitate a crane to get them into a saddle. They would routinely fight on foot and could mount and dismount without help. In fact, soldiers equipped with plate armor were more mobile than those with mail armor (chain armor), as mail was heavier and required stiff padding beneath due to its pliable nature
[173] It is true that armor used in tournaments in the late Middle Ages was significantly heavier than that used in warfare, [174] which may have contributed to this misconception. Whether chastity belts, devices designed to prevent women from having sexual intercourse, were invented in medieval times is disputed by modern historians. Most existing
chastity belts are now thought to be deliberate fakes or anti-masturbatory devices from the 19th and early 20th centuries. The latter were made due to the then widespread belief that masturbation could lead to insanity, and were mostly bought by parents for their teenage children.[175] Medieval depiction of a spherical Earth. Medieval Europeans did not
believe Earth was flat. Scholars have known the Earth is spherical since at least 500 B.C.[176] This myth was created in the 17th century by Protestants to argue against Catholic teachings.[177] Christopher Columbus' efforts to obtain support for his voyages were hampered not by belief in a flat Earth, but by valid worries that the East Indies were farther
than he realized.[178] In fact, Columbus grossly underestimated the Earth's circumference because of two calculation errors.[179] He and all of his crew would have died of starvation, thirst, or scurvy had they not inadvertently reached Caribbean islands off the coast of North America.[180] The myth that Columbus proved the Earth was round was
propagated by authors like Washington Irving in A History of the Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus was not the first European to visit the Americas:[182] Leif Erikson, and possibly other Vikings before him, explored Vinland, which was either the island of Newfoundland, part of modern Canada, or a term for
voyages, including the initial October 12, 1492 landing (the anniversary of which forms the basis of Columbus Day), were on Caribbean islands that are now independent countries. However, Columbus Day), were on Caribbean islands that are now independent countries. However, Columbus Day), were on Caribbean islands that are now independent countries.
Hernán Cortés and his landing party for gods during Cortés' conquest of the empire. This myth came from Francisco López de Gómara, who never went to Mexico and conjured the myth while working for the retired Cortés in Spain years after the conquest. [183] Marco Polo did not import pasta from China, [184] a misconception that originated with the
Macaroni Journal, published by an association of food industries with the goal of promoting the use of pasta in the United States. [185] Marco Polo describes a food similar to "lasagna" in his Travels, but he uses a term with which he was already familiar. Early modern The phrase "let them eat cake" is commonly attributed to Marie Antoinette. Contrary to the
popular image of the Pilgrim Fathers, the early settlers of the Plymouth Colony in North America usually did not wear all black, and their capotains (hats) were shorter and rounder than the widely depicted tall hat with a buckle on it. Instead, their fashion was based on that of the late Elizabethan era: doublets, jerkins and ruffs. Both men and women wore
the same style of shoes, stockings, capes, coats and hats in a range of colors including reds, yellows, purples, and greens.[186] According to Plimoth Plantation historian James W. Baker, the traditional image was formed in the 19th century when buckles were a kind of emblem of quaintness.[187] (The Puritans, who also settled in Massachusetts near the
same time, did frequently wear all black.)[188] The familiar story that Isaac Newton was inspired to research the nature of gravity by an apple hitting his head is almost certainly apocryphal. All Newton himself ever said was that the idea came to him as he sat "in a contemplative mood" and "was occasioned by the fall of an apple." The accused at the Salem
nine years old and not attributed to her, just to "a great princess". Most scholars believe that Rousseau coined it himself, or that it was said by Maria Theresa, the wife of Louis XIV. The phrase was used as anti-monarchist propaganda. [190] George Washington did not have wooden teeth. His dentures were made of gold, hippopotamus ivory, lead, animal teeth
(including horse and donkey teeth),[191] and probably human teeth purchased from slaves.[192] The signing of the United States Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. After the Second Continental Congress voted to declare independence on July 4, and it was printed and
distributed on July 4-5.[193] However, the actual signing occurred on August 2, 1776.[194] Benjamin Franklin did not propose that the wild turkey be used as the symbol for the United States instead of the bald eagle. While he did serve on a commission that tried to design a seal after the Declaration of Independence, his proposal was an image of Moses. Historian tried to design a seal after the Declaration of Independence, his proposal was an image of Moses.
objections to the eagle as a national symbol and preference for the turkey were stated in a 1784 letter to his daughter in response to the Society of the Cincinnati's use of the former; he never expressed that sentiment publicly.[195] Benjamin Banneker did not recall from memory or reproduce Pierre (Peter) Charles L'Enfant's plan for the city of Washington,
D.C., did not assist in the planning or surveying of that city, did not write one of the first almanacs in the United States, did not invent a clock and was not one of the first people to record observations of the periodical cicada (see Mythology of Benjamin Banneker for further information and references). There was never a bill to make German the official
language of the United States that was defeated by one vote in the House of Representatives, nor has one been proposed at the state level. In 1794, a petition from a group of German immigrants was put aside on a procedural vote of 42 to 41, that would have had the government publish some laws in German. This was the basis of the Muhlenberg legend
named after the Speaker of the House at the time, Frederick Muhlenberg, a speaker of German descent who abstained from this vote. [196] Modern Napoleon on the Bellerophon, a painting of Napoleon Bonaparte was not short. He was actually slightly
taller than the average Frenchman of his time.[197] After his death in 1821, the French emperor's height was recorded as 5 feet 2 inches in French feet, which in English measurements is 5 feet 7 inches (1.70 m).[198] He was actually nicknamed le Petit Caporal (The Little Corporal) as a term of endearment.[199] Napoleon was often accompanied by his
imperial quard, who were selected for their height[200]—this may have contributed to a perception that he was comparatively short. Cinco de Mayo is not Mexico's Declaration of Independence from Spain in 1810 is
celebrated on September 16.[201] The Alaska Purchase was generally popular in the United States, both among the public and the press. The opponents of the purchase who characterized it as "Seward's Folly", alluding to William H. Seward, the Secretary of State who negotiated it, represented a minority opinion at the time.[202] Cowboy hats were not
initially popular in the Western American frontier, with derby or bowler hats being the typical headgear of choice. [203] Heavy marketing of the Stetson "Boss of the Plains" model in the years following the American Civil War was the primary driving force behind the cowboy hat's popularity, with its characteristic dented top not becoming standard until near
the end of the 19th century.[204] Despite being referenced commonly in culture[205][208] and society at large,[207][208] the idea that Victorian Era doctors invented by most historians.[205][208][210] The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 was not caused by
Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicking over a lantern. A newspaper reporter later admitted to having invented the story to make colorful copy. [211] The claim that Frederic Remington, on assignment to Cuba in 1897, telegraphed William Randolph Hearst, "There will be no war. I wish to return," and that Hearst responded, "Please remain. You furnish the pictures, and
no records other than checking ship manifests created at the point of origin, and there was simply no paperwork that would have let them recast surnames, let alone any law. At the time in New York, anyone could change the spelling of their name simply by using that new spelling. [213] These names are often referred to as an "Ellis Island Special". The
common image of Santa Claus (Father Christmas) as a jolly old man in red robes was not created by The Coca-Cola Company as an advertising gimmick. Despite being historically represented with different characteristics in different colors of robes, Santa Claus had already taken his modern form in popular culture and seen extensive use in other companies
advertisements and other mass media at the time Coca-Cola began using his image in the 1930s.[214] The paralytic illness of Franklin D. Roosevelt is now thought unlikely to be polio, which was the diagnosis at the time in 1921, but rather more consistent with Guillain-Barré syndrome.[215] Italian dictator Benito Mussolini did not "make the trains run on
time". Much of the repair work had been performed before Mussolini and the Fascists came to power in 1922. Accounts from the era also suggest that the Italian railways' legendary adherence to timetables was more propaganda than reality. [216] There was no widespread outbreak of panic across the United States in response to Orson Welles's 1938 radio
reacted apologetically, later came to realize that the myth benefited them and actively embraced it in later years. [217] There is no evidence of Polish cavalry mounting a brave but futile charge against German tranks using lances and sabers during the German invasion of Poland in 1939. This story may have originated from German propaganda efforts
weapons.[218] During the occupation of Denmark by the Nazis during World War II, King Christian X of Denmark were never forced to wear the Star of David. The Danish resistance did help most Jews flee the country before the end of the war.[219] Albert
entrance exam into the Swiss Federal Polytechnic School (ETH) in 1895, when he was two years younger than his fellow students, but scored exceedingly well in the mathematics and science sections, then passed on his second attempt. [221] Actor Ronald Reagan was never seriously considered for the role of Rick Blaine in the 1942 film classic Casablanca
eventually played by Humphrey Bogart. This belief came from an early studio press release announcing the film's production that used his name to generate interest in the foreseeable future since he was no longer able to defer his entry into military
service.[222] Studio records show that producer Hal B. Wallis had always wanted Bogart for the part.[223] U.S. Senator George Smathers never gave a speech to a rural audience describing his opponent, Claude Pepper, as an "extrovert" whose sister was a "thespian", in the apparent hope they would confuse them with similar-sounding words like "pervert" whose sister was a "thespian", in the apparent hope they would confuse them with similar-sounding words like "pervert" whose sister was a "thespian", in the apparent hope they would confuse them with similar-sounding words like "pervert" whose sister was a "thespian", in the apparent hope they would confuse them with similar-sounding words like "pervert" whose sister was a "thespian", in the apparent hope they would confuse them with similar-sounding words like "pervert" whose sister was a "thespian", in the apparent hope they would confuse them with similar-sounding words like "pervert" whose sister was a "thespian", in the apparent hope they would confuse them with similar sounding words like "pervert" whose sister was a "thespian", in the apparent hope they would confuse them with similar sounding words like "pervert" whose sister was a "thespian", in the apparent hope they would confuse them with similar sounding words like "pervert" whose sister was a "thespian" which is a similar sounding words like "pervert" whose sister was a "the apparent hope they would confuse the pervert was a "the apparent hope they would confuse the pervert was a "the apparent hope they would confuse the apparent hope the apparent hope the apparent hope the apparent hope the apparent ho
and "lesbian". Time, which is sometimes cited as the source, described the story of the purported speech as a "yarn" at the time,[224] and no Florida newspaper reported such a speech during the campaign. The leading reporter who could
prove he had made the speech; it was never claimed.[225] Rosa Parks was not sitting in the front ("white") section of the bus, where African Americans were expected to sit, but refused to give up her
 seat to a white man who asked for it (which was also the expected action of African Americans at the time). US President John F. Kennedy's words "Ich bin ein Berliner" are standard German for "I am a Berliner." [226] There is a widespread belief that by not leaving out the indefinite article "ein," he changed the meaning of the sentence from the intended "I
am a citizen of Berlin" to "I am a Berliner" is used for a jelly doughnut in the north, west and southwest of Germany, it is not used in Berlin itself or the surrounding region, where the usual word is "Pfannkuchen'
(literally "pancake").[227] African-American intellectual and activist W.E.B. Du Bois did not renounce his U.S. citizenship while living in Ghana shortly before his death,[228] as is often claimed.[229] In early 1963, his membership in the Communist Party and support for the Soviet Union incited the U.S. State Department not to renew his passport while he
was already in Ghana overseeing the creation of the Encyclopedia Africana. After leaving the embassy, he stated his intention to renounce his citizenship, he never went through the process of renouncing his American citizenship, he never went through the process of renouncing his American citizenship in protest. But while he took Ghanaian citizenship, he never went through the process of renouncing his American citizenship, he never went through the process of renouncing his American citizenship.
was murdered outside her Queens apartment in 1964, there were not 37 neighbors standing idly by and watching who failed to call the police until after she was dead, as The New York Times initially relied on was
inaccurate, that Genovese had been attacked twice in different locations, and that, while the many witnesses heard the attack, they only heard brief portions and did not realize what was occurring, with only six or seven actually reporting seeing anything. Some called police; one said "I didn't want to get involved", [failed verification] an attitude later
attributed to all the residents who saw or heard part of the attack.[232] The Rolling Stones were not performing "Sympathy for the Devil" at the 1969 Altamont Free Concert when Meredith Hunter was stabbed to death by a member of the local Hells Angels chapter that was serving as security. While the incident that culminated in Hunter's death began
while the band was performing the song, prompting a brief interruption before the Stones finished it, it concluded several songs later as the band was performing "Under My Thumb".[233] The misconception arose from mistaken reporting in Rolling Stone.[234] While it was praised by one architectural magazine before it was built as "the best high apartment
of the year", the Pruitt-Igoe housing project in St. Louis, Missouri, considered to epitomize the failures of urban renewal in American cities after it was demolished in the early 1970s, never won any awards for its design. [235] The architectural firm that designed the buildings did win an award for an earlier St. Louis project, which may have been confused
with Pruitt-Igoe.[236] Although popularly known as the "red telephone", the Moscow-Washington hotline was never a telephone line, nor were red phones used. The first implementation of the hotline has been a secure computer link over which the two
countries exchange emails.[237] Moreover, the hotline links the Kremlin to the Pentagon, not the White House.[238] There is little contemporary documentary evidence for the notion that US Vietnam veterans were spat upon by anti-war protesters upon return to the United States. This belief was detailed in some biographical accounts and was later
popularized by films such as Rambo.[239][240][241] Russia does not explicitly have an independence day, nor is there a date that officially commemorates such an occasion. There have been many states that predate the current Russian Federation, and the public holiday of Russia Day only celebrates the establishment of present-day Russia, which occurred
on June 12, 1990. Both Russians and foreigners commonly refer to Russia from 1918 to 1991.[242] Science and technology Main article: Scientific misconceptions See also: Tornado myths and Urban legends about drugs Astronomy and
spaceflight A satellite image of a section of the Great Wall of China, running diagonally from lower left to upper right (not to be confused with the much more prominent river running from upper left to lower right). The region pictured is 12 by 12 kilometers (7.5 mi × 7.5 mi). The Great Wall of China is not, as is claimed, the only human-made object visible
from space or from the Moon. None of the Apollo astronauts reported seeing any specific human-made object from the Moon, and even Earth-orbiting astronauts can see it only with magnification. City lights, however, are easily visible on the night side of Earth from orbit. [243] Black holes have the same gravitational effects as any other equal mass in their
place. They will draw objects nearby towards them, just as any other planetary body does, except at very close distances to the black hole - within the innermost stable circular orbit. [244] If, for example, the Sun were replaced by a black hole - within the innermost stable circular orbit.
cleaner" and pull a substantial inflow of surrounding matter, but only if the star from which it formed was already doing so.[245] Seasons are not caused by the entire Earth being closer to the Sun in the summer than in the winter, but by the Earth's 23.4-degree axial tilt. Each hemisphere is tilted towards the Sun in its respective summer (July in the
Northern Hemisphere and January in the Southern Hemisphere, the heat of entry is not (primarily) caused by friction, but by adiabatic compression
of air in front of the object. [248][249][250] Egg balancing is possible on every day of the year, not just the vernal equinox, [251] and there is no relationship between any astronomical phenomenon and the ability to balance an egg. [252] The Fisher Space Pen was not commissioned by NASA at a cost of millions of dollars, while the Soviets used pencils. It was
independently developed by Paul C. Fisher, founder of the Fisher Pen Company, with $1 million of his own funds. [253] NASA tested and approved the pen for space use, then purchased 400 pens at $6 per pen. [254] The Soviet Union subsequently also purchased the space pen for its Soyuz spaceflights. Tang, Velcro, and Teflon were not spun off from
technology originally developed by NASA for space flight, though many other products were [255] The Sun is actually white rather than yellow, orange, or red at sunrise and sunset. [256] Biology See also: Common misunderstandings of genetics Vertebrates The color of a red cape does not
enrage a bull Old elephants that are near death do not leave their herd and instinctively direct themselves toward a specific location known as an elephants' graveyard to die.[257] Bulls are not enraged by the color red, used in capes by professional matadors. Cattle are dichromats, so red does not stand out as a bright color. It is not the color of the cape, but
the perceived threat by the matador that incites it to charge. [258] Dogs do not sweat by salivating. [259] Dogs actually do have sweat glands and not only on their tongues; they sweat mainly through their footpads. However, dogs do not age consistently seven
times as quickly as humans. Aging in dogs varies widely depending on the breeds, such as giant dog breeds and English bulldogs, have much shorter lifespans than average. Most dogs age consistently across all breeds in the first year of life, reaching adolescence by one year old; smaller and medium-sized breeds begin to age more slowly in
adulthood. [261] Lemmings do not engage in mass suicidal dives off cliffs when migrating. This misconception was popularized by the Disney film White Wilderness, which shot many of the migration scenes (also staged by using multiple shots of different groups of lemmings) on a large, snow-covered turntable in a studio. Photographers later pushed the
lemmings off a cliff.[262] The misconception itself is much older, dating back to at least the late 19th century, though its exact origins are uncertain.[263] Bats are not blind. While about 70 percent of bat species, mainly in the microbat family, use echolocation to navigate, all bat species have eyes and are capable of sight. In addition, almost all bats in the
megabat or fruit bat family cannot echolocate and have excellent night vision. [264] Ostriches do not stick their heads in the sand to hide from enemies or to sleep. [265] This misconception's origins are uncertain but it was probably popularized by Pliny the Elder (23-79 CE), who wrote that ostriches "imagine, when they have thrust their head and neck into a
bush, that the whole of their body is concealed."[266] A duck's quack actually does echo,[267] although the echo may be difficult to hear for humans under some circumstances. [268] Frogs die immediately when cast into boiling water, rather than leaping out; furthermore, frogs will attempt to escape cold water that is slowly heated past their critical thermal
maximum.[269] The memory span of goldfish is much longer than just a few seconds. It is up to a few months long.[270][271] Sharks can suffer from cancer. The misconception that sharks do not get cancer was spread by the 1992 book Sharks Don't Get Cancer, which was used to sell extracts of shark cartilage as cancer prevention treatments. Reports of
carcinomas in sharks exist, and current data do not support any conclusions about the incidence of tumors in sharks (272] Great white sharks do not mistake human divers for pinnipeds. When attacks violently. In contrast, attacks on humans are slower and less violent: the shark charges at a normal pace,
bites, and swims off. Great white sharks have efficient eyesight and color vision; the bite is not predatory, but rather for identification of an unfamiliar object. [273] There is no such thing as an "alpha" in a wolf pack. An early study that coined the term "alpha wolf" had only observed unrelated adult wolves living in captivity. In the wild, wolf packs operate
more like human families: there is no defined sense of rank, parents are in charge until the young grow up and start their own families, vounger wolves do not overthrow an "alpha" to become the new leader, and social dominance fights are situational. [274][275] Snake jaws cannot unhinge. The posterior end of the lower jaw bones contains a guadrate bone.
allowing jaw extension. The anterior tips of the lower jaw bones are joined by a flexible ligament allowing the mouth gape. Tomato juice is ineffective at neutralizing the odor of a skunk; it only appears to work due to olfactory fatigue. [276] For dogs that get sprayed, The Humane Society of the United States recommends
using a mixture of dilute hydrogen peroxide (3%), baking soda, and dishwashing liquid. [277] Porcupines do not shoot their quills. They can detach, but do not project. [278][279] Mice do not have a special appetite for cheese, and will eat it only for lack of better options; they actually favor sweet, sugary foods. It is unclear where the myth came from [280]
There is no credible evidence that the Candiru, a South American parasitic catfish, can swim up a human urethra if one urinates in the water in which it lives. The sole documented case of such an incident, written in 1997, has been heavily criticized upon peer review and this phenomenon is now largely considered a myth. [281] The bold, powerful cry
commonly associated with the bald eagle in popular culture is actually that of a red-tailed hawk. Bald eagle vocalizations are much softer and chirpy, and bear far more resemblance to the calls of gulls. [282] [283] Piranhas do not only eat meat but are omnivorous, and they only swim in schools to defend themselves from predators and not to attack. They very
rarely attack humans, only when under stress and feeling threatened, and even then bites typically only occur on hands and feet. [284] Invertebrates Bombus pratorum over an Echinacea purpurea inflorescence; a widespread misconception holds that bumblebees should be incapable of flight. Earthworms do not become two worms when cut in half. Only a
limited number of earthworm species[285] are capable of anterior regeneration. When such earthworms are bisected, only the front half dies. [286] Some species of planarian flatworms, however, actually do become two new planarians when bisected or split down the middle
[287] Houseflies have an average lifespan of 20 to 30 days, not 24 hours. [288] The misconception may arise from confusion with mayflies, which, in some species, have an adult lifespan of 20 to 30 days, not 24 hours. [289] A housefly egg will hatch into a maggot within 24 hours of being laid. [290] The daddy longlegs spider (Pholcidae) is not the most venomous
spider in the world; though they can indeed pierce human skin, the tiny amount of venom they carry causes only a mild burning sensation for a few seconds. [291] In addition, there is confusion regarding the use of the name daddy longlegs, because harvestmen (order Opiliones, which are arachnids but not spiders, and have no venom), crane flies (which are
insects), and male mosquitoes (also insects) are also sometimes called daddy longlegs in regional dialects, and may occasionally share the misconception of being venomous. [292][293] The flight mechanism and aerodynamics of the bumblebee (as well as other insects) are quite well understood, despite the urban legend that calculations show that they should
not be able to fly. In the 1930s, the French entomologist Antoine Magnan indeed postulated that bumblebees theoretically should not be able to fly in his book Le Vol des Insectes (The Flight of Insects). [294] Magnan later realized that bumblebees theoretically should not be able to fly in his book Le Vol des Insectes (The Flight of Insects).
bumblebees should not be able to fly". The widespread urban legend that one swallows a high number of spiders during sleep in one's life has no basis in reality. A sleeping person causes all kinds of noise and vibrations by breathing, heart beat, snoring etc., all of which warn spiders of danger. [295][296] Earwigs are not known to purposely climb into
external ear canals, though there have been anecdotal reports of earwigs being found in the ear. [297] Entomologists suggest that the origin of the name is actually a reference to the appearance of the hindwings, which are unique and distinctive among insects, and resemble a human ear when unfolded. [298] [299] European honey bees are often described as
essential to human food production, leading to claims that without their pollination, humanity would starve or die out.[300] The quote "If bees disappeared off the face of the earth, man would only have four years left to live" has been misattributed to Albert Einstein.[301][302] In fact, many important crops need no insect pollination at all. The ten most
important crops. [303] comprising 60% of all human food energy. [304] all fall into this category. Female praying mantises rarely eat the males during coitus, especially in their natural environment. In a study in a laboratory at the University of Central Arkansas, it was observed that 1 out of 45 times the female ate the male before mating and the male ate the
female with that same frequency. [305] Ticks do not fall from trees onto people. Instead, they lie in wait in high grass. [306] Plants Sunflowers with the sun clearly visible behind them. Carnivorous plants do survive without food. Catching insects, however, supports their growth. [307] Poinsettias are not highly toxic to humans or cats. While it is true that they
are mildly irritating to the skin or stomach, [308] and may sometimes cause diarrhea and vomiting if eaten, [309] an American Journal of Emergency Medicine study of 22,793 cases reported to the ASPCA, poinsettias may
cause light to mid-range gastrointestinal discomfort in felines, with diarrhea and vomiting as the most severe consequences of ingestion. [311] Sunflowers do not necessarily face the sun. [312] However, in an earlier developmental stage, before the
appearance of flower heads, the immature buds do track the sun (a phenomenon called heliotropism) and the fixed alignment of the mature flowers toward a certain direction is often the result.[313] Evolution and paleontology Further information: Introduction to evolution and Objections to evolution The word theory in "the theory of evolution" does not
imply scientific doubt regarding its validity; the concepts of theory and hypothesis have specific meanings in a scientific theory is a set of principles that explains an observable phenomenon in natural terms. [314][315] "Scientific fact and theory are not categorically
separable",[316] and evolution is a theory in the same sense as germ theory of gravitation.[317] Evolution does not attempt to explain the origin and development of the universe. The theory of evolution does not attempt to explain the origin and development of the universe.
model concerned with the origin of the first organisms from organic molecules is known as abiogenesis, and the prevailing theory for explaining the early development of our universe is the Big Bang model. A reconstruction of Aegyptopithecus, a primate predating the split between the human and Old World monkey lineages in human evolution
Humans did not evolve from either of the living species of chimpanzees (common ancestor.[321][322] The most recent common ancestor of humans and the living chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor.[321][322] The most recent common ancestor of humans and the living chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor.[321][322] The most recent common ancestor of humans and the living chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor.[321][322] The most recent common ancestor of humans and the living chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor.[321][322] The most recent common ancestor of humans and the living chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and the living chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and the living chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a common ancestor of humans and chimpanzees did, however, evolve from a co
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inferior to superior organisms, and it also does not necessarily result in an increase in complexity. A population can evolve to become simpler, having a smaller genome, but biological devolution is a misnomer. [324][325] Evolution does not "plan" to improve an organism's fitness to survive. [326][327] The misconception is encouraged as it is common
shorthand for biologists to speak of a purpose as a concise form of expression (sometimes called the "metaphor of purpose");[328] it is less cumbersome to say "Dinosaurs may have evolved feathers for courtship over their non-feathers may have been selected for when they arose as they gave dinosaurs a selective advantage during courtship over their non-feathers may have been selected for when they arose as they gave dinosaurs may have evolved feathers for courtship over their non-feathers may have been selected for when they arose as a concise form of expression (sometimes called the "metaphor of purpose");[328] it is less cumbersome to say "Dinosaurs may have been selected for when they arose as they gave dinosaurs may have been selected for when they arose as they gave dinosaurs may have been selected for when they arose as a concise form of expression (sometimes called the "metaphor of purpose");[328] it is less cumbersome to say "Dinosaurs may have been selected for when they arose as a concise form of expression (sometimes called the "metaphor of purpose");[328] it is less cumbersome to say "Dinosaurs may have been selected for when they arose as a concise form of expression (sometimes called the "metaphor of purpose");[328] it is less cumbersome to say "Dinosaurs may have been selected for when they are say the say the say they are 
rivals".[329] Not all dinosaurs became extinct during the Cretaceous-Paleogene extinction event. Birds evolved from small feathered theropods in the Jurassic, and while most dinosaurs became extinct during the Cretaceous, some birds survived. Consequently, dinosaurs became extinct during the Cretaceous-Paleogene extinct during the Cretaceous, some birds survived. Consequently, dinosaurs became extinct during the Cretaceous-Paleogene extinct d
birds) did not coexist.[331] The last of the non-avian dinosaurs died 66 million years ago in the course of the Cretaceous-Paleogene extinction event, whereas the earliest members of genus Homo (humans) evolved between 2.3 and 2.4 million years ago. This places a 63-million-year expanse of time between the last non-avian dinosaurs and the earliest
humans. Humans did coexist with woolly mammoths and saber-toothed cats—mammals often erroneously depicted alongside dinosaurs from dinosaurs but rather bacteria and algae.[333] Tyrannosaurus rex. Non-avian dinosaurs but rather bacteria and algae.
sauropsids) about 320 million years ago, in the mid-Carboniferous period. Only later (in the late Carboniferous or Early Permian) did the modern reptilian groups (lepidosaurs, turtles and crocodiles) diverge. The mammals themselves are the only survivors of the synapsid line.[335] Computing and the Internet Computers running macOS or Linux are not
immune to malware such as trojan horses or computer viruses. [336] Specialized malware designed to attack macOS and Linux systems does exist. However, the vast majority of viruses are developed for Microsoft Windows. [337] The deep web is not primarily full of pornography, illegal drug trade websites and stolen bank details. The area that contains this
illegal information is a small portion of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the "dark web." Much of the deep web known as the 
can still use information such as IP addresses and user accounts to uniquely identify users. [339] Quantum computers do use quantum superposition to simultaneously examine huge numbers of possible solutions at once, effectively a form of parallel computation,
but the computer cannot "pick" the right one. [340][341][342][343] Economics Total population living in extreme absolute poverty, by world region 1987 to 2015[344] The total number of people living in extreme absolute poverty, by world region 1987 to 2015[344] The total number of people living in extreme absolute poverty, by world region 1987 to 2015[344] The total number of people living in extreme absolute poverty globally, by the widely used metric of $1.00/day (in 1990 U.S. dollars) has decreased over the last several decades, but most people
surveyed in several countries incorrectly think it has increased or stayed the same. Additionally, the portion of people living in extreme poverty has declined as well, no matter which income threshold is used. [345] Monopolists do not try to maximize total
profit.[346] For any given production set, there is not a set amount of labor input (a "lump of labor") to produce that output. This fallacy is commonly seen in Luddite and later, related movements as an argument either that automation causes permanent, structural unemployment, or that labor-limiting regulation can decrease unemployment. But, in fact,
changes in capital allocation, efficiency, and economies of learning can change the amount of labor input for a given set of production.[347] Income is also
considered when evaluating creditworthiness more generally. The US public vastly overestimates the amount spent on foreign aid.[349] "Trickle-down economics" is not a term or model used by economists, but rather a derisive term coined by opponents of President Reagan's tax cut proposals, and more broadly adopted for all tax cut schemes. [350] Are
increase in gross income (such as a promotion at a salaried job) will never reduce one's post-tax earnings (net income) due to putting one in a higher tax bracket. In every country with tax bracket is taxed at the
elevated rate, and the income received before is taxed at lower rates. Relatedly, the existence of a tax bracket with 100% tax rate only imposes a ceiling on net income, and does not reduce net income to zero.[351][352] A welfare trap, or welfare cliff, however, does happen when benefits are suddenly withdrawn when passing a certain income threshold. As the contract of the contra
tax bracket of 102% existed briefly in Sweden in the 1970s however, causing a higher gross income to reduce the net income, something that author Astrid Lindgren experienced and satirised in her short story Pomperipossa in Monismania.[353] Environmental science Ozone depletion is not a cause of global warming. Global warming is not caused by the
hole in the ozone layer. Ozone depletion is a separate problem caused by chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)[354] which have been released into the atmosphere.[355] The Yellowstone Caldera is not overdue for a supervolcano eruption.[356] Human body and health Electric fans in South Korea. A widely held misconception is that leaving fans on while asleep can be entered in the atmosphere.
fatal. Sleeping in a closed room with an electric fan running does not result in "fan death," as is widely believed in South Korea.[357] Waking sleepwalkers does not harm them. While it is true that a person may be confused or disoriented for a short time after awakening, this does not cause them further harm. In contrast, sleepwalkers may injure themselves
if they trip over objects or lose their balance while sleepwalking. [358] Eating less than an hour before swimming does not increase the risk of experiencing muscle cramps or drowning, but there is no evidence cited regarding the consumption of food or stomach cramps. [359]
Drowning is often inconspicuous to onlookers. [360] In most cases, the instinctive drowning response prevents the victim from waving or velling (known as "aquatic distress"), [360] which are therefore not dependable signs of trouble; indeed, most drowning victims undergoing the response do not show prior evidence of distress. [361] Human blood in veins is
not actually blue. Hemoglobin gives blood (in veins) has a deep red color. Deoxygenated blood (in veins) has a deep red color, and oxygenated blood (in arteries) has a light cherry-red color. The misconception probably arises for two reasons: 1) Veins below the skin appear blue or green. This is due to a variety of reasons only weakly dependent on the color of the blood,
including subsurface scattering of light through the skin, and human color perception. 2) Many diagrams use colors to show the difference between veins (usually shown in blue) and arteries (usually shown in red).[362] Exposure to a vacuum, or experiencing all but the most extreme uncontrolled decompression, does not cause the body to explode, or
internal fluids to boil. (However, fluids in the mouth or lungs will boil at altitudes above the Armstrong limit.) Instead, it will lead to a loss of consciousness once the body has depleted the supply of oxygen in the blood, followed by death from hypoxia within minutes. [363] Stretching before or after exercise does not reduce muscle soreness. [364] Exercise
induced muscle soreness is not caused by lactic acid buildup.[365] Muscular lactic acid levels during and after exercise do not correlate with soreness; [366] exercise, against which the body adapts with repeated bouts of the same exercise. [367]
Swallowing gasoline does not generally require special emergency treatment, as long as it goes into the stomach and not the lungs, and inducing vomiting can make it worse.[368] Urine is not sterile, not even in the bladder.[369] People tend to overestimate the physical strength of black men.[370] Sudden immersion into freezing water does not typically
cause death by hypothermia, but rather from the cold shock response, which can cause cardiac arrest, heart attack, or hyperventilation leading to drowning.[371] Cremated remains are not ashes in the usual sense. After the incineration is completed, the dry bone fragments are swept out of the retort and pulverised by a machine called a Cremulator—
essentially a high-capacity, high-speed blender—to process them into "ashes" or "cremated remains".[372] Senses An incorrect map of the tongue showing zones that taste bitter (1), sour (2), salty (3) and sweet (4). Actually, all zones can sense all tastes, and there is also the taste of umami (not shown on picture). Infants can and do feel pain.[373] All
different tastes can be detected on all parts of the tongue by taste buds,[374] with slightly increased sensitivities in different locations depending on the popular belief that specific tastes only correspond to specific mapped sites on the tongue.[375] There are not four primary tastes, but five: in addition to bitter, sour, salty, and sweet,
humans have taste receptors for umami, which is a "savory" or "meaty" taste [376] Fat does interact with specific receptors in taste bud cells, but whether it is a sixth primary taste remains inconclusive. [377] Humans have more than the commonly cited five senses. The number of senses in various categorizations ranges from five to more than 20. In addition
to sight, smell, taste, touch, and hearing, which were the senses identified by Aristotle, humans can sense balance and acceleration (equilibrioception), pain (nociception), body and limb position (proprioception or kinesthetic sense), and relative temperature (thermoception), body and limb position (proprioception), body and limb position (proprioception).
pressure, hunger, thirst, fullness of the stomach, need to defecate, and blood carbon dioxide (CO2) levels.[379] Skin and hair Water-induced wrinkles are not caused by the skin absorbing water and swelling.[380] They are caused by the autonomic nervous system, which triggers localized vasoconstriction in response to wet skin, yielding a
wrinkled appearance.[381] One hypothesis suggests that this improves traction with wet objects; however, a 2014 study showed no improvement in handling wet objects with wrinkled fingertips.[382] Shaving does not cause terminal hair to grow back thicker (more dense) or darker. This belief is due to hair that has never been cut having a tapered end,
whereas, after cutting, the edge is blunt and therefore thicker than the tapered ends; the sharper, unworn edges make the cut hair appear thicker and feel coarser. That short hairs are less flexible than longer hairs also contributes to this effect. [383] A person's hair and fingernails do not continue to grow after death. Rather, the skin dries and shrinks away
from the bases of hairs and nails, giving the appearance of growth.[384] Hair care products cannot actually "repair" split ends and damaged hair. They can prevent damage from occurring in the first place, and they can also smooth down the cuticle in a glue-like fashion so that it appears repaired, and generally make hair appear in better condition.[385]
Pulling or cutting a grey hair will not cause two grey hairs to grow in its place. It will only cause the one hair to grow back because only one hair to grow back because on the grow back because on the grow back back because on the grow back because on the grow back back back because on the gro
rarer but will not die out unless everyone who carries those alleles dies or fails to reproduce. [387] Acne is mostly caused by genetics, rather than lack of hygiene, eating fatty food, or other personal habits. [388] Nutrition, food, and drink Diet has little influence on the body's detoxification, and detoxification diets "have no scientific basis". [389] Some
scientists called those diets a "waste of time and money".[390] Despite this, there is a common misconception that specific diets aid this process or could remove substances that the body by the liver and kidneys.[389] Drinking eight glasses (2-3 liters) of water a day is not needed to
maintain health.[392] The amount of water needed varies by person (weight), diet, activity level, clothing, and environment (heat and humidity). Water does not actually need to be drunk in pure form, but can be derived from liquids such as juices, tea, milk, soups, etc., and from foods including fruits and vegetables.[392] Drinking coffee and other caffeinated
beverages does not cause dehydration for regular drinkers, although it can for occasional drinkers (394) Double-blind trials have shown no difference in behavior between children given sugar-full or sugar-free diets, even in studies specifically looking at children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
or those considered sensitive to sugar. [395] A 2019 meta-analysis found no positive effect of sugar crash. [396] Alcoholic beverages do not make the entire body warmer. [397] Alcoholic drinks create the sensation of
warmth because they cause blood vessels to dilate and stimulate nerve endings near the surface of the skin with an influx of warm blood. This can actually result in making the core body temperature lower, as it allows for easier heat exchange with a cold external environment. [398] Alcohol does not necessarily kill brain cells. [399] Alcohol can, however, lead
indirectly to the death of brain cells in two ways: (1) In chronic, heavy alcohol users whose brains have adapted to the effects of alcohol, abrupt ceasing following heavy use can cause excitotoxicity leading to cellular death in multiple areas of the brain. [400] (2) In alcoholics who get most of their daily calories from alcohol, a deficiency of thiamine can
produce Korsakoff's syndrome, which is associated with serious brain damage. [401] A vegetarian or vegan diet can provide enough protein for adequate nutrition. [402] In fact, typical protein intakes of ovo-lacto vegetarians and vegans meet or exceed requirements. [403] However, a vegan diet does require supplementation of vitamin B12. [402] Swallowed
chewing gum does not take seven years to digest. In fact, chewing gum is mostly indigestible, and passes through the digestive system at the same rate as other matter. [404] Spicy food or coffee does not have a significant effect on the development of peptic ulcers. [405] The beta carotene in carrots does not enhance night vision beyond normal levels form
people receiving an adequate amount, only in those suffering from a deficiency of vitamin A.[406] The belief that it does may have originated from World War II British disinformation meant to explain the Royal Air Force's improved success in night battles, which was actually due to radar and the use of red lights on instrument panels.[407] Most cases of
obesity are not related to slower resting metabolism. Resting metabolic rate does not vary much between people tend to underestimate the amount of food they eat, and underweight people tend to overestimate. In fact, overweight people tend to underestimate the amount of food they eat, and underweight people tend to overestimate the amount of food they eat, and underweight people tend to overestimate. In fact, overweight people tend to underestimate the amount of food they eat, and underweight people tend to overestimate the amount of food they eat, and underweight people tend to overestimate the amount of food they eat, and underweight people tend to overestimate.
Eating normal amounts of soy does not cause hormonal imbalance. [409] The order in which different types of alcoholic beverages are consumed ("Grape or grain but never the twain" and "Beer before liquor never sicker; liquor before beer in the clear") does not affect intoxication or create adverse side effects.
or hallucinogenic properties, and is no more dangerous than any other alcoholic beverage of equivalent proof.[411] This misconception stems from late 19th and early 20th century distillers who produced cheap knockoff versions of absinthe, which used copper salts to recreate the distinct green color of true absinthe, and some also reportedly adulterated
cheap absinthe with poisonous antimony trichloride, reputed to enhance the louching effect. [412] Human sexual experience. [413] Bleeding is not directly associated with first vaginal sexual intercourse, and indicates nothing about sexual
experience.[413] Physical virginity tests have no scientific merit.[415] Neither race[416] nor hand size[417] correlate with human penis size, but finger length ratio may.[418] While pregnancies from sex between first cousins do carry a small risk of birth defects, this risk is often exaggerated:[419] The risk is 5-6% (similar to that of a 40-year-old woman
giving birth),[419][420] compared with a baseline risk of 3-4%.[420] The effects of inbreeding depression, while still relatively small compared to other factors (and thus difficult to control for in a scientific experiment), become more noticeable if isolated and maintained for several generations.[421] There is no physiological basis for the belief that having sex
in the days leading up to a sporting event or contest is detrimental to performance. [423] There is no definitive proof of the existence of the vaginal G-spot, and the general consensus is that no such spot exists
on the female body.[424] Closeted or latent homosexuality is not correlated with internalized homophobia. A 1996 study claiming a connection in men[425] has not been verified by subsequent studies, including a 2013 study that found no correlation.[426] Brain Phineas Gage's brain injuries, caused by a several-foot-long tamping rod driven through his skull
did not cause him to become a "psychopath", as many sources claim;[427] while he was temporarily disabled by the accident, far from "gambling" himself into "emotional and reputational ... bankruptcy",[428] Gage eventually moved to Chile and found success in the physically and mentally demanding job of stagecoach driver. Fanciful descriptions of his
"immoral behavior" in later life are without factual basis.[429] Golgi-stained neurons in human hippocampal tissue. It is commonly believed that humans will not grow new brain cells, but research has shown that some neurons can reform in humans. Mental abilities are not absolutely separated into the left and right cerebral hemispheres of the brain.[430]
Some mental functions, such as speech and language (such as Broca's area and Wernicke's area), tend to activate one hemisphere of the brain more than the other in some kinds of tasks. If one hemisphere is damaged or removed at an early age, these functions can often be recovered in part, or even in full, by the other hemisphere (see neuroplasticity)
Other abilities, such as motor control, memory, and general reasoning, are served equally by the two hemispheres.[431] It is not true that by the age of two years, humans have generated all of the brain cells they will ever have, a belief held by medical experts until 1998.[432] It is now understood that new neurons can be created in some parts of the
postnatal brain.[433] A 2013 study showed that also in old age, about 700 new neurons are produced in failure, and the
research was ultimately shown to have been manipulated.[435] People do not use only 10% of their brains. While it is true that a small minority of neurons are important as well.[436] This misconception has been commonplace in American culture at least as far back as the start of the 20th
century, and was attributed to William James, who apparently used the expression only metaphorically.[437] Disease See also: Misconceptions about HIV and AIDS and Misinformation related to the COVID-19 pandemic The bumps on a toad are not warts, and therefore cannot cause warts on humans. Drinking milk or consuming other dairy products does not
increase mucus production.[438] As a result, they do not need to be avoided by those with the flu or cold congestion. Humans cannot catch warts from toads or other animals; the bumps on a toad are not warts.[439] Warts on human skin are caused by human papillomavirus, which is unique to humans. Neither cracking one's knuckles nor exercising while in
good health causes osteoarthritis.[440] Eating nuts, popcorn, or seeds does not increase the risk of diverticulitis.[441] These foods may actually have a protective effect.[442] Stress does not play a major role in hypertension, although it is widely believed to do so by lay people.[443] Specific relaxation therapies are not supported by the evidence.[444] Acute
stress has been shown to temporarily increase blood-pressure levels. [443] In those with the common cold, the color of the sputum or nasal secretion may vary from clear to yellow to green and does not indicate the class of agent causing the infection. [445] Vitamin C does not prevent the
common cold, although it may have a protective effect during intense cold-weather exercise. If taken daily, it may slightly reduce the duration and severity of colds, but it has no effect if taken daily, it may slightly reduce the duration and severity of colds, but it has no effect if taken daily, it may slightly reduce the duration and severity of colds, but it has no effect if taken daily, it may slightly reduce the duration and severity of colds, but it has no effect if taken daily, it may slightly reduce the duration and severity of colds.
programs that will provide access to dialysis machines in exchange for pull tabs on beverage cans. [448] This rumor has existed since at least the 1970s, and usually cites the National Kidney Foundation as the organization offering the program. The Foundation itself has denied that this is the case, noting that 80 percent of the cost of dialysis in the United
States is usually covered by Medicare. [449] However, some charities, such as the Kansas City Ronald McDonald House Charities, will accept pull tab donations, which are then turned over to a local recycler for their scrap metal value. [450] Rhinoceros horn in powdered form is not used as an aphrodisiac in traditional Chinese medicine as Cornu Rhinoceria (450) Rhinoceros horn in powdered form is not used as an aphrodisiac in traditional Chinese medicine as Cornu Rhinoceria (450) Rhinoceros horn in powdered form is not used as an aphrodisiac in traditional Chinese medicine as Cornu Rhinoceria (450) Rhinoceros horn in powdered form is not used as an aphrodisiac in traditional Chinese medicine as Cornu Rhinoceros (450) Rhinoceros horn in powdered form is not used as an aphrodisiac in traditional Chinese medicine as Cornu Rhinoceros (450) Rhinoceros
Asiatici (犀角, xījiǎo, "rhinoceros horn"). It is prescribed for fevers and convulsions,[451] a treatment not supported by evidence-based medicine. Leprosy (Hansen's disease) is not auto-degenerative as commonly supposed, meaning that it will not (on its own) cause body parts to be damaged or fall off.[452] Leprosy causes rashes to form and may degrade
cartilage and, if untreated, inflame tissue. Damage to peripheral nerve tissue is common and can lead to blindness and loss of touch or pain sensation, which may increase the risk and severity of injury. In addition, leprosy is only mildly contagious, with it assumed that 95% of those infected are able to fight the infection naturally.[453] In fact, Hansen's
disease is one of the least contagious infectious disease, may or may not have been the disease known in modern times by that name. [454] The misconception also stems from the discontinuity between science and government policy
Although the medical community has agreed for decades that Hansen's disease is only mildly contagious, it still remains on the US Citizenship and Immigration Services website, even though HIV was removed in 2010.[455] Rust does not cause
tetanus infection. The Clostridium tetani bacteria also promote rusting of metal, many people associate rust with tetanus. C. tetani requires anoxic conditions to reproduce and these are found in the permeable layers of rust that form on oxygen-absorbing,
unprotected ironwork.[456] The common cold is caused by germs, not cold temperature may somewhat weaken the immune system.[457] Quarantine has never been a standard procedure for those with severe combined immunodeficiency, despite the condition's popular nickname ("bubble boy syndrome") and its portrayal in film
A bone marrow transplant in the earliest months of life is the standard course of pavid Vetter, who indeed lived much of his life encased in a sterile environment because he would not receive a transplant until age 12 (the transplant, because of failure to detect mononucleosis, instead killed Vetter), was one of the primary
inspirations for the "bubble boy" trope.[458] Gunnison, Colorado, did not avoid the 1918 flu pandemic by using protective sequestration. The implementation of protective sequestration did prevent the virus from spreading outside a single household after a single carrier came into the town while it was in effect, but the sequestration was not sustainable and
had to be lifted in February 1919. A month later, the flu hit the town, killing five and infecting dozens of others.[459] Antibiotics are ineffective against many common viral infections leads to their overuse.[460][461] Inventions George Washington Carver
did not invent peanut butter. He did compile hundreds of uses for and products that already existed) and hundreds more for soybeans, pecans, and sweet potatoes to promote his system of crop rotation. [462] Although the guillotine was named after the French
physician Joseph-Ignace Guillotin, he neither invented nor was executed with this device. He died peacefully on his own bed in 1814.[463] Thomas Crapper did not invented nor was executed with this device. He died peacefully on his own bed in 1814.[463] Thomas Crapper did not invented nor was executed with this device. He died peacefully on his own bed in 1814.[463] Thomas Crapper did not invent the flush toilet.
rooftop reservoir as a source of water."[465] The forerunner of the modern toilet was invented by the Elizabethan court when his book on the subject poked fun at important people.[466] Crapper, however, did much to increase its popularity and introduced several innovations, including the "valveless
waste-water preventer", which allowed the toilet to flush effectively without leaving the flush water running for a long time. [467] The word crap is also not derived from his name (see the Words, phrases and languages section above). [468] Thomas Edison did not invent the light bulb. [469] He did, however, develop the first practical light bulb in 1880
(employing a carbonized bamboo filament), shortly prior to Joseph Swan, who invented an even more efficient bulb in 1881 (which used a cellulose filament). Henry Ford did not invented an even more efficient bulb in 1881 (which used a cellulose filament).
existing early 1990s Internet backbone, the NSFNet,[474] and development of NCSA Mosaic, the browser that popularized the World Wide Web.[473] (See also Al Gore and information technology.) James Watt did not invent the steam engine, [475] nor were his ideas on steam engine power inspired by a kettle lid pressured open by steam. [476] Watt
improved upon the already commercially successful Newcomen atmospheric engine (invented in 1712) in the 1760s and 1770s, making certain improvements critical to its future usage, particularly the external condenser, increasing its efficiency, and later the mechanism for transforming reciprocating motion into rotary motion; his new steam engine later
gained huge fame as a result.[477] Chemistry or materials science Glass does not flow at room temperature as a high-viscosity liquid.[478] Although glass shares some molecular properties found in liquids, glass at room temperature is an amorphous solid that only begins to flow above the glass transition temperature,[479] though the exact nature of the
other glass objects, such as sculptures or optical instruments, that are of similar or even greater age. [479][480][481] Most diamonds ever mined have formed in the conditions of extreme heat and pressure about 140 kilometers (87 mi) below the earth's surface. Coal is formed
diamonds formed in this way are rare and the carbon source is more likely carbonate rocks and organic carbon in sediments, rather than coal.[482] Diamonds are not infinitely hard, and are subject to wear and scratching: although they are the hardest known material on Mohs Scale, they can be scratched by other diamonds[483] and worn down even by
much softer materials, such as vinyl records. [484] Neither tin foil nor tin cans still use tin as a primary material. Aluminum foil has replaced tin foil in almost all uses since the 20th century; [485] tin cans now primarily use steel or aluminum as their main metal. [486] Mathematics Bust of Pythagoras in the Capitoline Museums, Rome. [487] Classical historians
dispute whether he ever made any mathematical discoveries. [488][489] Although the Greek philosopher Pythagoras is most famous today for his alleged mathematical discoveries. [488][489] He did not discover his famous theorem, because
it was known and used by the Babylonians and Indians centuries before him,[492][493][494] In mathematics, the repeating decimal commonly written as 0.999... represents exactly the same quantity as the number one. Despite having the appearance of representing a smaller
number, 0.999... is a symbol for the number 1 in exactly the same way that .333... is an equivalent notation for the number represented by the fraction 1/3.[497] There is no evidence that the ancient Greeks deliberately designed the Parthenon was completed in 438 BCE, more than a century before the first formula to the number represented by the fraction 1/3.[497] There is no evidence that the ancient Greeks deliberately designed the Parthenon was completed in 438 BCE, more than a century before the first formula to the first for
recorded mention of the ratio by Euclid. Similarly, Leonardo da Vinci's Vitruvian Man makes no mention of the golden ratio in its text, although it describes many other proportions. [499] Physics An illustration of the golden ratio in its text, although it describes many other proportions.
in the incorrect and correct explanations of lift force. Blowing over a curved piece of paper does not demonstrate Bernoulli's principle. Although a common classroom experiment is often explained this way,[501] it is false to make a connection between the flow on the two sides of the paper using Bernoulli's equation since the air above and below are different
flow fields and Bernoulli's principle only applies within a flow field.[502] The paper rises because the air follows the curve of the paper and a curved streamline will develop pressure is associated with an increase in speed, that is, that as the air passes
of flush toilets and bathtubs. Rotation is determined by whatever minor rotation is initially present at the time the water starts to drain. The Coriolis force can impact the direction of the Earth is faster than that of the water relative to its container
those factors are neither required nor sufficient by themselves.[505] The idea that lightning never strikes the same place twice is one of the oldest and best-known superstitions about lightning in a thunderstorm in a given area is more likely to strike objects and spots the more prominent or conductive they are.
Lightning strikes the Empire State Building in New York City about 100 times per year.[507][508] Heat lightning does not exist as a distinct phenomenon. What is mistaken for "heat lightning carries the same risk of striking a person as ordinary lightning.
[509] A penny dropped from the Empire State Building would not kill a person or crack the sidewalk, though it could cause injury.[510] Using a programmable thermostat's setback feature to limit heating or cooling in a temporarily unoccupied building does not waste as much energy as leaving the temperature constant. Using setback saves energy (five to
 fifteen percent) because heat transfer across the surface of the building is roughly proportional to the temperature difference between its inside and the outside.[511][512] It is not possible for a person to completely drown in quicksand, as commonly depicted in fiction,[513] although sand entrapment in the nearshore of a body of water can be a drowning
hazard as the tide rises.[514] Quantum nonlocality caused by quantum entanglement does not allow faster-than-light communication or instant action at a distance. Rather, it means that certain experiments cannot be explained by local realism.[515][516] Psychology Dyslexia is not a
cognitive disorder characterized by the reversal of letters or words and mirror writing understanding what they read. Although some dyslexics
also have problems with letter reversal, it is not a symptom. Letter reversal can be a characteristic in some cases of dyslexia, but dyslexia is not diagnosed on the basis of seeing or writing letters or words backward or in reverse. [517] There is no scientific evidence for the existence of "photographic" memory in adults (the ability to remember images with so
high a precision as to mimic a camera),[518] but some young children have eigetic memory. [519] Many people have been shown to have good memories as a result of mnemonic devices rather than a natural capacity for detailed memory encoding. [520] There are rare cases of individuals with
exceptional memory, but none of them has a memory that mimics that of a camera. Schizophrenia is not split or multiple personality disorder—a split or multiple 
schizophrenia, not a splitting of the personality.[522] All humans learn in fundamentally similar ways.[523] In particular, there is no evidence that people have different learning styles improves information retention.[524] The friendship paradox is the phenomenon first observed by the
sociologist Scott L. Feld in 1991 that most people have fewer friends than their friends have, on average. [525] It can be explained as a form of sampling bias in which people with more friends than their friends have, on average to be observed among the participants have are also likelier than average to be observed among the participants have are also likelier than average to be observed among the participants have are also likelier than average to be observed among the participants have are also likelier than average to be observed among the participants have are also likelier than average.
they have more friends than their friends have. [526] Self-harm is not generally an attention-seeking behavior, leading them to go to great lengths to conceal their behavior from others. [527] They may offer alternative explanations for their injuries, or
conceal their scars with clothing. [528] Not all pedophiles commit child sexual abuse is the condition of an adult, pedophile or not, having sexual relations with pre-
pubescent children.[529] There is no evidence that violent video games have any negative effects on humans ("cause people to become violent"). While there are examples of video games influencing the behavior of culprit individuals (such as the perpetrators of the Columbine High School massacre), studies have consistently found no link between
aggression and violent video games,[530] and the popularity of gaming has coincided with a decrease in youth violence.[531] Nonetheless, the moral panic surrounding video games in the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s, alongside isolated incidents and legislation in many countries, likely contributed to proliferating this notion.[532] Transportation The Bermuda
historically flushed onto the tracks; modern trains usually have retention tanks on board and therefore do not dispose of waste in such a manner. Automotive batteries stored on a concrete floor do not dispose of waste in such a manner. Automotive batteries with
porous, leaky cases may have been susceptible to moisture from floors, but for many years lead-acid car batteries are sealed, and do not leak batteries are sealed.
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