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A non-fiction treatise on intelligence

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This book is dedicated to all those who voted for George Bush in the 2000 and 2004 elections. If you don't understand this, then I've made my point.

Laughter is the best medicine and it's available even if you don't have health insurance.

Introduction

A teacher attended a conference in Chicago some time ago. At the end of the week, he got a ride to the airport and flew to Buffalo. Upon his arrival home, he sensed that something was not right. It didn't take him too long to realize that his car was missing. He had left it in the windy city.

While in college, I saw a professor park his convertible in the lot with his top down. This was of the car and not of his head. He was on the way to class, but he stopped and went back to the vehicle. He had forgotten something. He got the briefcase and then proceeded to lock the car.

On another occasion, a guy messed up by locking his keys inside his van. After a while, he managed to get inside the vehicle and get his family out.

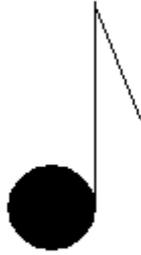
As you can tell, this is a book about intelligence, or more specifically, the lack of it around us today. The United States can land a man on the moon but we, the citizens of the country, wind up reading words on the mirrors of our cars that say, "Objects in mirror are closer than they appear!" I found that writing on the passenger mirror, but not on the mirror on the driver's side. How can I be sure that the mirror without these words shows a true picture of things behind the car?

People just don't think. They have been given intellects, but from some of their actions, we have to question when they are going to use them. Individuals may have a high IQ, but they still say and do things that indicate they may not be any smarter than a rutabaga. There may be a silver lining, as they need not worry about ever getting brainwashed! This book will show you many instances of this type of behavior.

Throughout the book, many of the names have been changed to show mercy and spare those involved any embarrassment. The fictitious names should be obvious. At the same time, this replacement of names is also intended to protect the author from litigation. As you can see from reading later chapters, people will sue for anything that you can imagine for bucks, most of which they don't deserve. The more incredible

fact is that no matter how ridiculous the lawsuit, they sometimes win the case!

Author's Note



1. Government Decisions

A few years ago I decided to obtain a post office box. I went to the local post office and was handed some paperwork. I hate filling out forms or applications but it didn't appear as though I had any choice. However, on reading the document, I noticed the words,

“Filling out this form is optional.”

I was relieved since this meant I would be spared some drudgery. My joy was short-lived as I noticed another comment on the page, which said,

“To procure a P. O. box, you must fill out this form.”

Leland H. Gregory III wrote a book in 1997 called *Great Government Goofs*. If you get a chance, I recommend it very highly. It's proof that people in politics do things that normal, rational human beings shouldn't do. You will be shocked and upset, but you should get a good laugh as well. You may also conclude that it's time to elect some new Senators and Representatives! I couldn't help but include some of those events here.

Alaska State Senator M. I. Freezin introduced a bill to make it illegal for a civilian dog to impersonate a police dog.
I wonder if the former can still get work as a private detective!

A new danger has arrived: adversarial soda machines. After individuals who service those devices tried to wrangle a free pop and were disgusted by being shortchanged, they tilted, rocked and shook the machines, which fell on them. Three died and twelve had to be hospitalized. Clashes between the machines and those who just wanted a soda resulted in twenty-four injuries and eight deaths.

Those machines will need a lawyer when it comes to trial time.

According to Common Sense Government in 1995, the Defense Department spends more on procedures for travel (\$22.2 billion) than on travel (\$2 billion.)

The travel plans should be to Mars, and this department should be sent there.

In 1974, the words “For Kids’ Sake, Think Toy Safety” was displayed on 80,000 buttons. Unfortunately, they all had to be recalled, as the paint was toxic.

These Toys Rn’t for Us.

NASA spent \$200,000 to develop a sweet potato that can be grown in outer space.

The aliens prefer mashed potatoes and not yams.

In 1987, Mississippi Representative Shirley L. Pass introduced a bill into the Senate legislature that would give dwarfs permission to use crossbows to hunt deer.

I didn’t think those people were lobbyists!

In the 1970s during the energy crisis, Ohio Representative Seymour Cold introduced a bill to eliminate January and February from the calendar, since they are the coldest months.

Does that mean that our Congressmen and Senators in Washington will only get paid for ten months of the year? I like that idea.

Congress allocated \$19 million to examine the amount of methane gas emitted from cow flatulence.
I don't think the problem should be blamed on the cows.

Texas State Representative Gerry Mandering introduced a bill that would require anyone who plans to commit a crime to give their would-be victim at least twenty-four hours notice in writing or orally, but only in certain crimes.
Wouldn't that spoil the surprise?

In a similar manner, Oklahoma State Representative Eubie Forewarned introduced a bill that would require men to obtain advance permission from any female with whom they wished to have sexual intercourse.
Would it still be needed if the man owned a few oil wells?

\$36,749,000 was added by the House of Representatives for a generic increase for industrial preparedness.
At least they saved some money because they didn't get the name brand item.

In the 1996 budget, Congress approved \$1 million for potato research. Since 1983, over \$13 million has been appropriated for such research.
I hope none of that was for French Fries.

The expression “Premature impact of an aircraft with terrain” is the politically correct FAA term for an airplane crash.
Can you find the oxymoron above?

The cost for the government to buy a stapler is \$54, \$4 for the actual item and \$50 overhead.
I wonder what the staples cost. I guess we'll be using paperclips.

The U.S. Government has thirty two billion cubic feet of helium stored under twenty square miles of the Texas panhandle in case of blimp warfare. This was from 1929, but during the 1960s Congress decided to renew the reserves and ordered an addition to the stockpile.
I wonder where are the blimps stored.

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