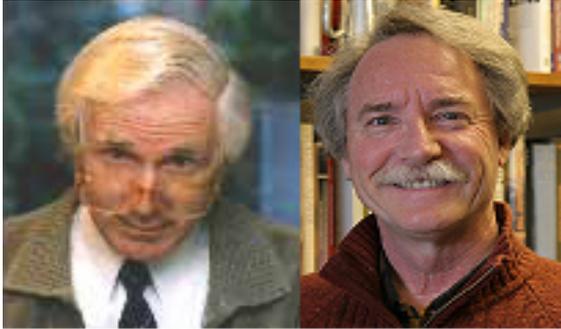


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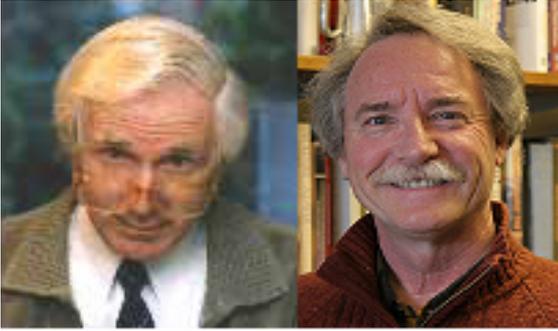
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Perish the thought! How could it be that a belief thousands of years old might be erroneous? No, don't hand me that tired old the-Earth-isn't-flat parallel. Belief in astrology is very well established, and astrologers are wealthy and in demand. Even India, one of our centers of philosophical and mathematical genius, has astrology as an intimate part of its day-to-day life!

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COULD ASTROLOGY BE BUNK?



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Perish the thought! How could it be that a belief thousands of years old might be erroneous? No, don't

Well, we're now informed that serious researchers have – beyond any reasonable doubt – tossed ast

This current finding came about as a result of a totally different data-base study. Birth data on more th

So, a legitimate, proper, study of how the early influences of birth factors could change or mold adult

The test conditions could hardly have been more conducive to success... but the results are uniforml

Analysis of this research was carried out by Dr. Geoffrey Dean, a scientist and former astrologer - no

[The astrologers] sometimes argue that times of birth just a minute apart can make all the difference

Think about it: how many persons are likely to know the exact time of their own births? Not many, an

But the findings caused alarm and anger in astrological circles – no surprise at all to us. Astrologer R

Now, the Association of Professional Astrologers claims that 80 per cent of Britons read star columns

The time-twins study is only the start of the bad news for astrologers, however. Dr. Dean and Profess

And the Dean/Kelly team has only met the initial onslaught...!

ANOTHER DEVASTATING VIDEO

We at JREF are celebrating the fact that 103,000 that is very satisfying. See <http://www.jref.org/531450> called "Junko" dir 9

In Swift from April 11 <http://www.jref.org/531450> And it was shown to a class of 12-year-olds in a grade 7

I sincerely warn you on this one, as I did in the previous video. It's very disturbing...

And from reader Hank Hammer comes this comment on the same item:

Here is a copy of the email I sent to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on 4/12/08. It's also

I must commend you on your open-mindedness in allowing creationists to host a tour of your museum

TG: What is the J-word?

The children obediently answered "Jesus."

TG: Everybody look at me and say, "no." Try that with me, "no."

The children obediently echoed "No";

TG: Are you seeing any signs of scientific evidence here? No. What are you seeing? Artwork.

Can you imagine how loudly these docents would scream bloody murder if the other guides said that

TG: Is evolution a religion? Yes. It is a religious belief.

That is easily proven to be wrong. And what if the other guides said that the creationist tour was a &

TG: I come here for good science; not somebody's science fiction.

I come here for facts; not somebody's fantasy.

TG: This is a fairy tale.

Can you imagine their reaction if this had been said about their tour by the other docents? Yet they a

TG: Everybody try that with me in unison – How do they know?

The children obediently repeat it.

TG: Let's try that again in unison – How do they know?

After the children obediently repeat it again the docents reward them by saying "Very well done"

If there were a tape of a "regular" tour, I'm sure we'd find that those docents would be teaching the k

I would appreciate a reply that I can post on web sites that are interested in, and are waiting for, you

Randi, before you castigate me, I would like to say that I was slightly disingenuous when I told them t

Hank, ignoring it is always safe. You've nowhere to go, to re-state your complaint, and just ignoring s

A REVELATION

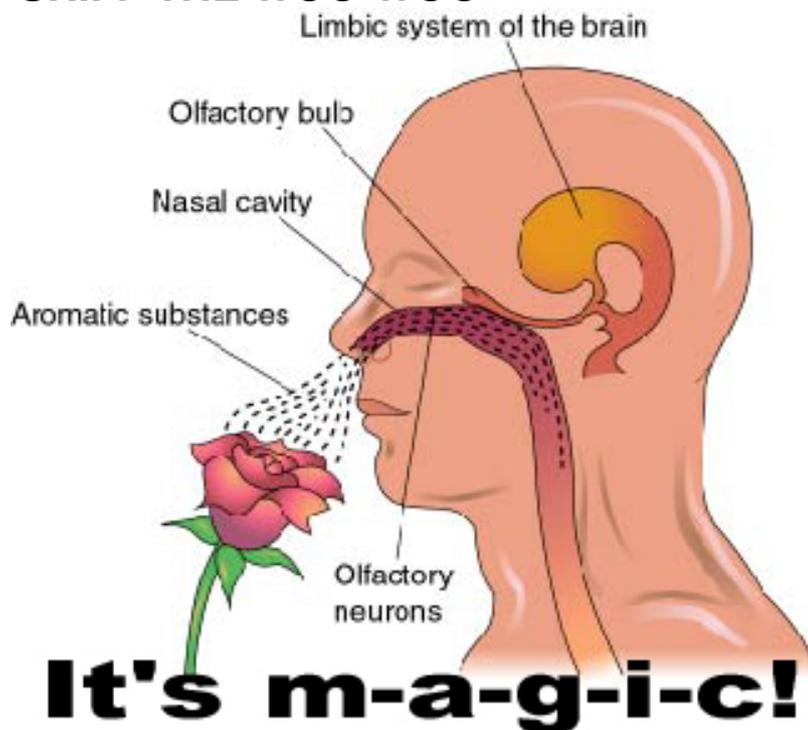
Reader Aaron Drabbit, in Canada:

It's been some time since I last wrote, but I'd like to bring the Daily Swift to your attention.

Randi notes: Go ahead, open the file. It's safe...

For somebody like me this was a very exciting find – and one I just had to share. Interestingly, in a di

SNIFF THE WOO-WOO



Reader Martino Ciaramidaro of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, alerts us to startling news. As if we needed

Such eager customers as Continental Airlines, British Airways (as part of their “Well Being in the Air”

...applied on the body for massaging. Aromatherapy is now used to treat a whole range of conditions

Well, that's now been seriously questioned by tests performed on two of the "heavy hitters" in the world

Properly randomized and controlled trials that tested heart rate, blood pressure, stress hormones and

The issue of specific sense-priority, I think, can enter in here. We all know of persons who assign diff

Yes, the OSU tests showed that certain scents did seem to affect mood, but didn't do anything physical

As we would expect, the results of the study don't alter the convictions of Kathy Keville, a noted author

The Glasers say they would have been happy to report that a whiff of lavender or lemon cures what a

Duh.

THREE WEEKS TO GO
FREE ENERGY
TRUTH
(Current version)

Well, you all recall the [Strong & Ortho faces that we had in Berenson Swift June 20th learn h-world.html](http://www.strongortho.org/2008/04/berenson-swift-june-20th-learn-h-world.html). I'm told that a link to the website is at the very end of the interview

A PRESUMPTION

The latest in presumptive farces has been laying rational folks in the aisles and bringing devout belie

It seems that if the delusional economics of certain presidential candidates are not sufficient – giving

But Jay Leno had the most appropriate observation on this matter. Said he:

I think perhaps this appeal should have been made to Allah, not to God.

MORE UK WOO-WOO



It appears that I have a lot of work to do in the UK. Reader Marcus Hill tells us:

I was skimming through the internal news bulletin of Liverpool John Moores University, my esteemed

LJMU is Celebrating Learning at Work in 2008. As part of this we are running the following events: F

Diversity Matters UK is offering Taster Sessions of Reiki at a fee of £10 per person. Reiki is a techni

[date, venue and booking details]

This was followed by

Tai Chi

These sessions introduce the Chinese health regime, which has been practiced for around 4000 year

[date, venue and booking details]

I spotted a couple of huge claims in there, so I emailed the following to the staff development person

I was interested to see the claims in the session descriptions for Reiki and Tai Chi in the latest LJMU

I'll let you know if there is any kind of interesting reply!

MORE UNFOUNDED HYSTERIA

Reader Avital Pilpel [commented on the site's last week at 1-25-2008-2.html#14](#) :

As you correctly note, mass hysteria – something odd or unwanted occurred, so it MUST BE a conspiracy.

In a small, mostly Jewish, village (which shall remain here unnamed), the pharmacist of the village's confession.

What more evidence do you need? It might seem odd that the pharmacist, of all people, is such an inquisitor.

To its credit, the paper gave ample space to the pharmacist to reply (he was flabbergasted, understandably).

What have we learned? The importance of the rule of law, and of a free press. The police and courts are not infallible.

IN CLOSING...

If you need any more information, please go to www.nycskeptics.org/darwin08 for details of its forum, just go to the top of the page.

And go to www.nycskeptics.org/darwin08 to see the coolest T-shirt...! See! Buy!

Our associate Jeff Wagg writes about an individual who uses the name "Mabus" – taken from a fictitious name.

Sorry to spam the list. This is a rather confused individual's name is Dennis Mark at markis@edcomputershop.com e-mail address.

I'm sure you get the message...

Finally, go to tinyurl.com/5gw54z , download and save the powerful FrontLine program that e-mails you.

We have received an official notice from Ms. Susan Ferrell, Attorney at Law, who writes:

SWIFT May 2, 2008

Written by James Randi
Thursday, 01 May 2008 15:33

I am the Student's Legal Advisor at the University of Arizona. I am writing on behalf of Anastasia Gor

I hope that will not be necessary.

The mention from 2007 can be found at <http://www.azjoo.com/swift/swift/swift-march-16-2007.html#i3> . Note that Ms

We hereby comply with this urgent request...

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Randi". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.