

Re: OT: Dogbert's New Ruling Class Newsletter, April, 2005

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"Scott Stephens" <scottxs@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> Kryten wrote:

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> There is a phenomena (I'm not making this up, I'll site references) in
> abusive psychology known as the "Double Whammy". First the target is
> subtly insulted. If they protest, you claim to be "just joking".

So all the people who buy his books and enjoy them for wry humour are in fact being subtly insulted. So subtly that they don't notice it?

> The 2nd insult is being accused of not being able to discern what is
> serious and what is a joke

Well that had crossed my mind.
Not that I wish to insult you.

> I find certain people often do this, not overtly realizing they do it. If
> they don't claim to be "just joking", they claim they were misunderstood.

So you you've met lots of people who have cracked a joke, you've found an offensive meaning, told them so, they've said "just joking" or "you've misunderstood".

Maybe they are all out to be nasty to you for some inexplicable reason.

Maybe they were just joking and you assumed some malicious reasons.

Do you find these folks avoid talking to you afterwards?

Maybe they're all out to ostracise you, but then again maybe they are just all tired of being accused of being abusive communist bastards if they crack a joke.

> But their intent to insult is all too clear.

To your mind maybe.

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- > Both Scott Adams and Whoopy Goldberg have publicly advocated ridicule of
- > political or religious opponents

Let's face it, most political and religious figures are rightly worthy of ridicule.

- > But suffice to say if God shows up to fix any one problem, where does he
- > stop fixing things?

Erm, whenever he sees fit – being the smartest entity in the universe.

I'm not expecting God to fix everything down to