

Re: If you are ever in Arkansas...

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jonathan wrote:

>> Rubbish. Science is about careers and prestige
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> No, that's what scientists are about. I wasn't talking
> about them.

Right!, Fell in my own trap there.. Good one. It's a nice
distinction, rarely made

>> nothing to do with
>> 'the science' Scientists should be encouraged to publish anonymously,
>> if it's about the science.
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> I was talking about the sciences, not scientists, or science.

It's a nice distinction, rarely made. Same with religion and the
religious. I wonder why politics seems to get along so well with
politicians though ("The art of the Possible" – our once prime
minister) ("Telling lies" – his offside, tell-it-like-it is, numbers
man, Graham Richardson, who shot himself in the foot once too often)

>>> It's instinctive for
>>> us to want to know without any doubts.
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>> No. We thrive on uncertainty (read terror and fear..) Bush
>> understands that.
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> Reality and life are all about uncertainty, but science is all about getting
> rid
> of the uncertainty. Which is why scientists can't see reality. Science

(Just a small correction here... -'scientists')

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- > runs away from where the answers lie, farther away
- > every day.

- > Politicians have a far better grasp on reality than
- > most scientists. As they intuitively understand the natural power
- > of uncertainty. As a result politicians have a far better grasp
- > on us.

Yes, ..but this is a bad thing. We need to protest more. The press is not doing its job because of it's own agenda – selling papers, by tapping into 'WOW!'

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- > Don't you want to level the playing field?

Oh yes, ..oh yes!

- >>> Objective science and religion, these are the
- >>> manifestations of our instincts, the animal in us
- >>> searching madly for these elusive answers to our
- >>> existence.
- >>
- >> "Puffing on Arkansas grass."
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- > I was told it was grown in the lush tropical hydroponic gardens
- > near Biscayne and 2nd ave, Miami. But I'm right you know.
- > Both methods try to focus down to the one thing that'll tell
- > us how it all came to be. Both try to find those opposite
- > extremes of simplicity, the one Great Idea.
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- > Reality and truth are found in the middle, where neither method
- > dominates, where certainty is minimized, in complexity
- >
- > The minute you hear a 'thinker' talk about a grand unified theory
- > or God, your first reaction should besimpletons.

'SRight. Answers arrived at by thinking are rarely any good. ' Logic' doesn't much serve us very well in the end. Too hubristic. Go with the gut.

It's an interesting point though, about science, religion and politics, the three main elements that hold top-down society together, and where they stand in relation to their practitioners, and except for politics, why there is such a schism between the practice and the practitioners. Is it necessary that it should be there, ..a reminder that individuals hold the reins? But doesn't that make for societal insecurity? Or is it the very ballast of lies and self-interest that serves us best? Seems to be so. Well, it seems to serve us, but whether 'best' is arguable. Those with the biggest 'spreading stain' seem to be the most

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successful. Singapore did all right though, under Mr Lee, .. though so many yet protest at the draconian whip. Should individuals be allowed their rampant run? Somebody was telling me yesterday that a prestigious boys school in Scotland now has police in the school to control them. At least, ..we hope that's what the police are doing....

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