1 Scrawlins

A Shorts

A1 When Orson Welles pulled his 1938/10/30 invasion-from-Mars hoax, a terrified 1/6 of the US public found it credible that Martians had deliberately moved to New Jersey. When Russia genuinely took the first photograph of the Moon’s backside, 1/6 of the US public deemed it a fraud. At the lowpoint of Nixon’s Watergate disgrace, even after the tapes of his selfbuggery were exposed, 1/6 of the US public still believed in him.1 Question: Are these the same people?

A2 Ever-degenerating US cities are now begging for special Dr.Feelgood vitamin-injections of extra federal money — funds forcibly tax-confiscated from productive citizens. Comments: [a] Cities are where most US money already resides (in, e.g., banks). [b] On the media (owned by forces which also hold plenty of real estate), one doesn’t hear calls for cities assisting their overteeming poor by confiscating US land, which is even more inequitably distributed than US money. (Always the media push is for more tax-money: i.e., soak-the-Middle-Class.) [c] The notion of curing US cities’ woes with more money is as bright an idea as curing an alcoholic with more booze. Disaster-cities (especially NYC) have in the past successfully begged more federal funds, and the inevitable result was not improvement but: just the same old disaster — only bigger.

A3 The outer Solar System is popularly regarded as spookily dim. Actually, the light (of our Sun) falling upon Pluto2 and Neptune is ordmag 1000 times brighter than the light of the Full Moon falling upon the Earth.

A4 It is remarkable that the largest buildings in human history, the mysteriously non-utilitarian Giza Pyramids,3 were built at the dawn not the evening of civilization. (Possible partial explanation: §C1. Also: Egypt was the most religious of early ancient cultures.)

A5 Paradox: how can it be legal for some city gov’ts to give away clean needles (so that the drug addict population won’t die off from AIDS)? — but not legal to give away free injectable drugs (in order to kill the profits that spread the drug blight of streetcrime & municipal corruption).4 The apparent contradiction eases as soon as one wonders if this is not precisely the double-standard policy which druglords would prescribe.

1 [Note added 1992/11: Despite Nixon-pal R.Perot’s retrograde-loop 1992 in-out-in pseudo-run for the White House, about 1/6 of the voters bought his act and voted for him. Comment: NOBODY who’s genuinely running for office — i.e., not running as a convincing spoiler — is going to drop out when leading the polls, which is just what Perot did. His subsequent attempts to justify & rationalize this patently inexplicable performance are even more disingenuous than the original show. We probably haven’t seen the last of Perot’s pioneering new business enterprise: dial-a-votesplitter.]

2 Question: Is it accidental that Charon’s nodal line is so nearly coincident with Pluto’s apsidal line?

3 For DR’s speculation regarding the astronomical placement of these monuments, see his lecture at the 1984 Greenwich centenary celebration of the prime meridian’s establishment (Vistas in Astronomy 28:255; 1985).

4 If you like corrupt gov’t, police, & media, then: just keep drugs illegal. Another hitherto-unnoted paradox: the big profits (which purchase control of Congressmen by smarter criminals) connected to hard drugs are contingent on drugs not succeeding with most of the public. (So, black leaders’ suspicion — which I do not share — that drug-sales are injected selectively into ethnic ghettos, is not a priori incredible.) E.g., if a majority of the citizenry got hooked on cocaine, prohibition would be repealed (as for booze in 1933) — and mafia profits would plunge. In case the reader is imagining a personal stake here, it should be added that DR strictly avoids — and makes a pest of himself warning youngsters against — drugs or non-nutritive stimulants of any type. That includes tobacco, alcohol, & caffeine. The happiness-through-chemistry myth promoted by US media ads is a key element in setting up youth for drug-use. I am so turned off by this greedy propaganda that I don’t even take aspirin. (Whether for individual or societal depression, the media singularly promotes quick-sell band-aids, not stable-health longterm solutions.)
The US public believes it longs for truth. So, why does it systematically keep electing two-faceted liars to public office?  

Since certain enemies of my left friend Robert Newton have regularly attacked trifles (even spelling) in his work (e.g., DIO 1.3 fn 264), I cannot resist returning the favor — through the revealing little item that follows. The extremely handsome Journal for the History of Astronomy (Editor-for-Life: Lord Hoskin, University of Cambridge, Churchill College) makes a point of prominently listing, on each issue’s inside front cover, its “Advisory Editors” & their uniformly eminent institutional affiliations. (See 14 fn 65.) For years (at least 1987-1992), this JHA list has rendered “Advisory Editor” N.Sivin’s school (where Isis was edited until 1991) as the University of “Pennsylvania.” This despite several resettlements of this special-precinct-page’s type. Again, we ask: how many scholars actually read, even superficially, the journals we cut down forests to make paper? Then the theory is:  

[a] In DIO 1.1 (f2 fn 7), we learned that US politicians (allegedly fighting poverty) have expressed astonishment & surprise that, when poor women (many of whom had virtually no other job prospects) were paid $ extra money for each child produced, they bore lots of children — and thus poverty expanded rather than contracted. [b] Similarly, the US cancer industry has lately been fighting breast-cancer with X-rays (well-known to cause cancer) — while affecting bewilderment that net US breast-cancer cases (& deaths) are rising instead of falling. But, to not worry: the good news is that trends [a]&[b] have increased, not decreased, the business of (& need for) [a] our pols & [b] our docs.  

In our obviously Lucifer-founded world, the solution to Satanists’ vexing Problem-of-Good is simple: the anomalous existence of goodness must be blamed upon rebellious man’s free will. (Let’s nobody ask what created man & the good in him . . .)  

When the CIA was debuted (& granted vast unseen sums) to protect us from no-doubt-impliminent foreign invasion, one of the cuter facets of this prank on the public was: 

1. The CIA’s work (e.g., A9 fn 264), I cannot resist returning the favor (e.g., A10 fn 265) of this prank on the public was: 

2. Good-old-reliable Congress was deputed to protect us from the CIA. Result: CIA-connected persons (e.g., ex-CIA chief Bush) running the US. (Suggestion: try imagining the extent of this deception, were it not for the CIA.) 

3. Tons of tomes have been written on govt’s solutions to human problems. Yet the most important solution is: can one place these solutions into power? This question is a reminder that in govt matters, as with inductive problems in physical science: there is no systematic method of all solutions. (If there were, we would have quickly all civil woes and solved all physical mysteries.) 

**Doubletalks**  

B1 S.Allen (1955): I’m scared that if I think about religion, I might become an atheist and go to hell.  

B2 Life magazine (1936/12/7 p.63) explained the troubles, between the notorious slosh-buckler (& sometime actor) Errol Flynn, and his then-wife, starlet Lili Damita, as partly due to a lifestyle contrast: “Flynn, it seemed, liked a quiet outdoor life and Miss Damita liked night clubbing and parties.”  

B3 Late Autumn 1991 Jenny Jones promo for her new housewife-catering network talkshow (debuting 1991/9/16): Why do men call our soap-operas dumb, and then watch 5 hours of wrestling? DIO solicits inductive comment upon the evolution that produced the final version of this ad. [See DIO 4.3 fn 2 in 2.] 

B4 How deeply the media is — yes, singular — in the totalitarian grasp of hustlers may be measured by the equally singular fact that: it never even identifies (much less bestows long-overdue praise upon) those decent celebrities (e.g., Vidal, Brando) who refuse to prostitute their names by doing commercials to sell products whose payoffs (“ad billings”) feed the media. How can TV news condemn bribe-taking by public figures — when the media’s own incessant fiscal-lifersblood ads are performed in return for fiscal bribes? 

**Germ**  

C1 The more time-saving devices are invented, the less spare time we have.  

C2 Ever heard a druglord (Philip Morris, Busch, or mafia) bemoan tax money flushed down the poverty-welfare cycle?  

C3 If God existed: humans, politicians, theology, & religion would all be rational.  

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D Heritage

D1 Given the state of the world (which justifies massive political cynicism), I am occasionally asked why I remain happy and optimistic.

D2 Simple: for no cost beyond merely getting born, we not only partake of the beauties of nature (simple blue of sky and smell of grass&flowers, the visual grandeur of terrestrial clouds or Mirandan topography), but additionally we become beneficiaries of the art&genius of men (or their schools) such as: Homer, Aristarchos, Archimedes, Lucretius, Michelangelo, Marlowe—“Shakespeare”, Tycho-Kepler, Newton-Halley, Voltaire, Lagrange-Plagge, Beethoven, Turner, Berlioz, Darwin, Lizzie-Wagner-Mahler-Strauss, Russell, Einstein.

D3 For the same admission price, we video-visit the Moon, Hally’s Comet, and even—thanks primarily to Ed Stone & Gary Flandro—the gorgeous swirling blue giant planet Neptune (my 2nd favorite celestial body). In this respect, even Neptune’s discoverer, Leverrier, was not so fortunate as we.

D4 Dramatic entertainment abounds. Uplifting music, deeper and far more varied than that available to the wealthiest king of 2 centuries ago (& even then only upon his prearranged occasion) now floods the humblest US home, at the merest flick of a switch.

D5 How can anyone stay depressed or blanket-misanthropic, for even a few consecutive minutes, when humanity has made such riches an inheritance-in-common to all?

E A Puzzle for the Ages

E1 Greg tells me that his twin brother Chris was born 2 minutes after him. But, on Greg’s 8th birthday, Chris had yet to celebrate a birthday.

E2 Question: what is Greg’s age?

E3 The answer will appear in a later issue of DIO. (Hint for those attempting to solve this puzzle: it helps if you aren’t a Vice President of the Royal Astronomical Society.) The first person to send the correct solution to DIO receives: [i] a free DIO subscription, and [ii] mention in our next issue.

F Educational Ironies

F1 Every time you bet on a sports hero’s performance, you contribute to creating an economic motive for him to: [a] privately bet against himself, [b] throw the contest you bet on, & [c] thereby walk off with a piece of your gambling loss.

F2 Likewise, every time you answer a pollster’s political question, you are telling politicians exactly how to lie to you.

F3 When evaluating polls, citizens feel protected by their imagined ability to see through most con-men — a confidence which fails to account for sample-filtration, by naïvely assuming that polls are like most of the breed. After all, it’s obvious that: the con-artist who least appears to be, will be the most successful — and thus the most ubiquitous.

F4 Wait ‘till a fraction of the money, stolen (largely by real-estate-speculators) during the Reagan-era Savings&Loans deregulation&kickback orgy, starts filtering into the 1992 election process, paying for mass-befuddlement advertisements,15 to help elect most of the very politicians who made it all possible. Lucky lobotomy is still legal.

14 The most prominent person ever to warn the public of this reality was: Ronald Reagan (1986/1/26 HyperBowl halftime chat). An admirable act — and done before the most apt audience possible.

15 Also: “news”-spot propaganda, massaged “polls”, & the jokes of whoreling media “comics”.

G Contradiction?

G1 US leftists believe that the ruling govt-media combine is a creature of business, and thus their enemy. Yet this ruling combine agrees with the Left’s support of: “education”-rehab, gun-control, treating every Sin (but homosexuality) as illness, the holy mission of preventing overcrowded jails, preserving the sanctity of AFDC, welfare, forced integration (except for the rich), affirmative action, massive Latin immigration, anti-racism, homosexuality-is-just-another-lifestyle, & opposition to using birth control for social engineering or to using capital punishment as crime-deterrent or justice-symbol.

G2 US rightists believe that the same govt-media combine is a creature of Liberals, and thus their enemy. Yet this combine agrees with the Right’s support of: anti-socialism, anti-communism, the sacred virtues of capitalism, the anathematization of suck-the-rich schemes, real estate development of every square mm of US turf, [mass-paranoid belief in an invisible deity], the iniquity of any foreign leader who won’t salaam to the US State Dep’t, (& the mafia’s Eleventh Commandment) the eternal illegality of drugs.

G3 No one who wishes to understand who rules the US and how, can ignore these strikingly persistent apparent contradictions. Both sides explain such anomalies by presuming mere-pretense media-support for its own side’s above-cited sacred tenets. But, a hypothesis which may facilitate resolution: are the foregoing “Left” & “Right” media positions really contradictory?17

H The Rehab Perpetual-Emotion Mirage

H1 Every TV ‘news discussion of possible solutions to continuing guerilla-war-level US city crime is a variation on the same error: seeking the chimera of “rehab”. Whatever the TV ‘news-approved-panacea (social programs, in-prison education, etc.) — it’s always the same delusion: if we get smart enough to throw the right lever, we can rehab the social misfits who commit crimes.

H2 But the sad truth is: we will never get that smart, because we aren’t even bright enough to realize that: [a] no such salvation is feasible here at present, without intolerable rehab-industry costs16 to the noncriminal majority; [b] a smart society’s first salvage-priority is to decent citizens (not to criminals), who deserve immediate (not someday) relief from street terrorism. For decades, “permissible” public discourse on preventing crime has implicitly presumed that, if we just tinker a little longer with the rehab-machine, we’ll finally turn-the-corner on crime. (Remember the Vietnam War morass caused by light-at-the-end-of-the-tunnel propaganda?) Why does the media not ask if such a cure isn’t simply an emotional-wish delusion,19 as wise observers (such as George Bernard Shaw) have long

16 By contrast, the overcrowding of neighborhoods (fn 22) is not discussed.

17 One steady thread of consistency: whichever position TV ‘news adopts (“Left” or “Right”), the opposing viewpoint is systematically slighted.

18 We tend to think of “costs” just in terms of dollars, which permits the rehab-industry forever to portray skeptics as calloused cheapskates. So let’s get to the reality: yes, we might (might be able to cure most violent criminals — if half the noncriminal citizenry were converted to fulltime social workers. The question is: can a functioning society tolerate such a drain on its labor force? Obviously not, unless we wish to sink — even more rapidly than now — toward the level of a Third World nation. Question: given the tens of thousands of hours of TV ‘news time expended on coverage of the crime issue during the last generation, why are these simple social realities (just laid out here in a few lines) never mentioned?

19 TV ‘news also pretended there might be a cure for AIDS, and only began to suggest otherwise much later — after the time had passed when even some of a quarantine might have been most effective. (For the record: DR has held from the outset that there’d never be a cure. But the key question should not have been will—there—be—a-cure, but rather: why risk the national health on the arrogant assumption that there will be? I.e., where are we head? If this assumption turns out to be wrong? Question: can you think of other national problems where similar arrogance — and unwillingness to admit the possibility of Noble-Experiment error — is ensuring permanent policy failure?) The US medical establishment designed the strategy that has ensured a more rapid spread of AIDS here than in any other comparably sophisticated nation. This establishment has been punished by reaping billions of dollars from the AIDS epidemic (fn 11). Incidentally, the main argument (of our genius-experts on AIDS) for “education” rather
suggested? Face it, rehab is statistically no more effective now than it was, 30 years of criminologist-BS ago. In fact, it is probably a lot less so. Why depend on receiving the long-falsely-promised benefits of progress from a field that is actually in regress?

Moreover, even if we assume (purely hypothetically) that criminologists, by studying murderers instead of firing them, finally did discover a treatment which seriously diminished criminal behavior; the entire effort would turn out to have been wasted — because this treatment would instantly be attacked & gutted (by ACLU & co) as over-invasive and degrading to persons' & groups' dignity: who-can-play-God20 by tampering with human individuality? . . .

Obviously, prison-rehab is not the solution to crime. But the only efficacious long-range social solution (see DIO 1.1 §2 [D]) is not politically allowable, while the sham of allegedly rehab-educating The Botched21 is the only discussable gradual solution ([M1]). So US streetcrime cannot be seriously rolled back.

Regardless of the longer social panaceas: what of the millions of career criminals already on the street? Even if one lacks the realism to recognize rehab as an eternally-out-of-reach mirage, it is undeniable (on the past record) that it is very far from a sure thing. So, does an intelligent nation gamble its future stability on the thoroughly, repeatedly self-discredited rehab-approach — or do we finally demand that another option be tested, at least in some sections of the US? What other option is available? (And why is it not seriously discussed on TV 'snews?) The short-term answer is: spend what it takes to lock up violent criminals PERMANENTLY.22 Lock them up with each other (which shouldn’t be so bad, if rehab is turning them all into pacifists), instead of regularly paroling or springing them back among those of us who aren’t wealthy enough to live way out in relatively streetcrimeless posh suburbs — as do the genius architect-profiteers of the current US streetcrime-situation: judges, lawyers, shrinks, as well as network 'snewsanchors & owners.

I Elefantasia

II Question: What’s the most expensive movie ever made? Answer: the Reagan-Bush Presidency. US budget overruns are now a billion dollars per day. (Normal cinema’s definition of Boxofficebombdom, Heaven’s Gate, lost less than a mere $1,000,000/day.)

Think of it in terms of sheer achievement. Under Reagan-Bush, the Republican Party’s Presidency spends money faster than even a Democratic Congress’ tax-fangs can suck it out of us. (Again: a billion dollars PER DAY faster.) No one previously thought such a feat possible.

The annual cost of servicing the Reagan-Bush debt now about equals the entire annual budget deficit — i.e., it is now, annually, costing the US as much to go broke (circularly

than some degree of quarantine has been that it’s supposed to be so difficult to catch AIDS, since it usually spreads sexually. Just the sort of bright reasoning you pay Experts millions of tax dollars for. About on the order of opposing population planning by claiming it’s difficult to get pregnant. (One other criminologist-related illusion: the media repeatedly plugs celebrity AIDS-benefits as allegedly raising money for research. Actually, AIDS-lobby celeb-events are raising money largely not for medical scientists but for lawyers & agents, to influence politicians to have you the taxpayer fund the medical research. Whether this is wise or not can be argued. But the implicit deception is indefensible.) Finally, the “education” cure has been defended by arguing: “even if it saves just one life, it’s worth it.” Perhaps. But no one on TV 'snews has ever suggested the same defense for any variant or degree of quarantining.

Woody Allen has the best reply (to the old who-are-you-to-play-God line): “somebody has to”.

Credit: my stepfather’s old friend, Henry Mencken.

TV ‘snews will predictably rebel at the hideous indignity of Crowded Jails, which it regards as a social blight far more intolerable than anything (ratings-booster) crowded-neighborhood street-shootings of innocent citizens.

More apt yet: why not arrange that all paroled criminals will live in (or next door to) the homes of the same judges, shrinks, & ilk that spring them?

20 Lots of elder USmen prefer Bush because they believe he is more likely to keep the currency stable. (i.e., no Carter-style Dem rampant multiplication-inflation of the money supply.) The catch: as the US sinks ever deeper into debt, the only way to pay off — or escape the crushing burden of — that debt (without even further ensering the US public at zero, zero-savings post-tax wages) will be to inflate the currency and thereby render the debt trivial. (Though, Japanese green hypnotism of the US Congress will block that route as long as possible.) Thus, Republican budget policy is guaranteeing the eventual election of the very bunny-money Dimocrats whom Republicans allegedly abhor. Maybe that’s why an (officially) Dem-majority Congress has so gleefully signed onto the Reagan-Bush there’s-no-tomorrow, schizo-economics squandering — which has become symbolic of the modern GOP White House.

21 For confirmation, just ask any modern defender of the faker C.Ptolemy, whose magnificent Almagest so dominated publicly-accepted astronomy that it finally drove out of existence virtually all of the data & astronomical treatises of Aristarchos, Apollonios, & various other merely-honest scientists.

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23 See H.K.M Medved The Hollywood Hall of Shame 1984 p.184 (“Passing the Megabuck”) for a funny-repulsive account of the Heaven’s Gate culprits’ attempts to blame each other for their disaster. This edifying spectacle provided a pilot script for the eternal White House-Congress budget-responsibility fingerprinting nicon.
K Further Inductions

K1 Evolution of the Specie: From our records of late 20th century academe, we conclude that nothing refined a scholar’s creativity and ethics better than: touching and counting money.29 Or being a publisher: usually the same thing. Academic publications in such emotionally secure fields as History of science (Hist.sci) were filled with scholarly articles and reviews which went out of their way to extol the omniscient wisdom and excited character of the businessman-scholar archons who people reviewed committees and-or ran these very journals — or otherwise controlled the financial wellbeing of the scholars writing the articles that worshiped archons. The only mystery here is why these archon paragons were not canonized to a man, since, according the consistent Hist.sci journal record: [a] No editor or society officer ever did anything more sinful than misspelling. [b] They were the brightest of the bright,30 not to mention generous, inspirational, rigorously fair & neutral. (We know that all such characterizations were true, because — being selfconfident models of advantage — these journals would not embarrass themselves by printing mere flattery.) [c] No society officers or editors were ever cenatorial or vindictive. Or even cross. (Though they bore one. See under DIO, below: §K2.) It is still unclear what chemical was increasingly being added to 20th century currency, that made the much-touching of it so salutary to character.

K2 Near-Misses: Sad to say, at the very dawn of the Third Millennium, the above-cited otherwise-unruffled chorus of praise was — obstreperously and always erroneously — interrupted by the persistent dissent of an odd & trifling journal calling itself DIO. Happily, all intelligent scholars (i.e., those that spent time counting money, in reality or in dreams) agreed that DIO was never actually right about anything — and should be renamed Diatribe. (That the publisher was beyond all reason was notorious: e.g., if power-archons suppressed & secretly slandered him — which sacred duty is, after all, their privilege & prime Earthly mission — well, DIO would actually criticize this. Out in public, mind you. Who can fathom the folly of it?) Happily, no copies survive; and DIO is now almost exclusively known through the sparse remains of a flood of refutations, which — by a remarkable coincidence — burst forth immediately after the scurrilous publisher’s sole archonally-approved feat. (Death was presumably hurried31 by his fanatical refusal to partake of the wellknown health benefits of cigarettes: §J7.) These refutations are almost exclusively left by lower-echelon castrati. But their accounts of his work, being as accurate as the rest of the output of the handsome reputable Hist.sci journals of that day, are to be trusted implicitly, and the refutations built upon these accounts are completely convincing. Another amazing coincidence: we now know that the positions taken by the publisher (whose very name is lost) were quite frequently “almost correct,”32 e.g., he (almost) discovered such now-accepted positions as: [a] heliocentrics’ work underlay all sophisticated ancient astronomy, [b] sph trig existed by the 2nd century BC and differential sph trig by the 2nd century AD, [c] Tycho faked ten stars of his Catalog, & [d] R. Amundsen was first to both the Earth’s Poles. However, in every case — yet another amazing coincidence — the reasoning produced by DIO was found wanting,33 and so the discovery-credit very properly34 went elsewhere.55 According to a controversial scholium (incompletely-erased, unfortunately), which for a time mischievously confused several naïve idealists (each happily enlightened since), DIO is said to have claimed that, in all such cases, those parties now receiving credit for the discovery had published material ignorant of (or usually,56 outright-opposing it — right up until DIO produced evidence which changed opinion. But the admittedly fragmentary now-extant record supports not a bit of this transparent grumbling. Discovery [a] has long since been assigned to its lifetime supporter, N.C.Swedish; [b] went to math genius G.M.Toomer, [c] to O Gingerich & J.Evans (who pointed out alternate spellings37 of Hven & Wandsbeck, sloppily ignored by DIO), and [d] to National Geographic, which (according to the newspaper38 of 2100 AD) had always held that Amundsen was first to the N.Pole in 1926 and that R. Peary had just innocently dreamed his 1909 claim.

L Collective Shamnesia?

L1 The reader may suppose that §J7 is overstrong; however, it should not be amnesia-forgotten that Hollywood films have been used for most of this century to glamorize smoking. Did this occur by chance? L2 When it began to be widely rumored c.1950 that smoking was medically suspect, one could count upon certain so-called film producers to help out the poor misunderstood tobacco lobby. (Only the hardest cynic could suppose that a film’s kindness to wealth-interests was performed in return for generous under-the-table fiscal support.)39 But subtlety has not

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28 We thank our childhood friend, Richard Lee Smith, for suggesting this item.
29 DR aside: O Gingerich has made the unintentionally-revealing observation that certain Hist.sci volk are now confusing the words “principle” and “principal.” (See fn 6.) Ah, these revealing capitalist slaps. I note that, after explorer-loafer R.Pearcy became a millionaire & stock investor c.1910, his correspondence occasionally uses the word “cheque” when he means: verify.
30 Another theory has it that the DIO publisher’s demise was related to a reputed motto of his, a printable version of which is: “Never kiss a jackboot, especially if it’s trying to neck.”
31 See likewise at DIO 1.2 fn 3
32 §3 [IC15].
33 See likewise at JHA 1.2 fn 58.
34 See Journal for Hysterical Astronomy 1.2 §[H2], fn 127, & fn 148.
35 E.g., DIO 1.1 [§D1] mistakenly—if-understandably made Mufa singer-entertainer Noel Coward Swerdlow’s middle initial “T” (presumably for “ToeDeLine”: best pronounced with extreme care) instead of the correct “C.”
36 §3 [IC15].
37 For a certain OG’s attention to spelling convention, see fn 6.
38 Throughout the 21st century, newspapers’ numbers had varied in roughly inverse proportion to the number of people on the planet. And, by 2100 AD, it was realized that, given the commendable uniformity of viewpoint in newspapers, no one would lose anything of value if the world (which was now so packed that it monotheism in the 4th century AD.
39 [Note added 1993: While here on the subject of corruption in filming, I’ll flog a pet beef of mine. When Public Television runs an archival film of the Kaiser or the Czar, I object to seeing them strutting about like Charlie Chaplin — an all-too-common descen.
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always been this lobby’s strong suit, as we see from a particularly precious cinema scene, which I have extracted from our Doubletakes Dep’t, in order to display it, unabridged, in a special niche here.

L3 In the highly-promoted 1951 scifi film *When Worlds Collide* (mixing Velikovskian & Noah’s-Ark Biblical themes), we encounter the following immortal exchange (between 2 of the main personae, each later vying for roundfirm scientist Barbara Rush’s affections), in the office of an astronomical observatory, 10th into the film:

Dr.Drake: You smoke? [Offers Mr.Randall an American cigarette.]

Mr.Randall: Thanks, I’ll try one. [Just in from S.Africa, Randall pulls out a cig of his own & offers it to the Doctor.] Have a South African one. You — ah — part of this deal, Doctor, this stargazing?

Dr.Drake: No. No, I confine my gazing to eye, ear, nose & throat. I’m an M.D. [Immediately lights own cig.]

M Masterpiece Theatrical Integrity

M1 As tentatively predicted, the Royal Astronomical Society of London has so far printed no correction in response to the *Journal for Hysterical Astronomy*’s recomputations of the magnificently innocent RAS-published mismath (*QJRAS* 1985 p.514) of RAS Vice President David Hughes (*J.HA* centerpiece of *DIO 1.1*: §8 §B-§E & Table A).

M2 As for the same RAS Vice President’s alleged calendric proof (*Journal for the History of Astronomy* 1986 p.189) of alleged British priority in seeing Comet Halley (*DIO 1.1* §8 §G): the *JHA*’s esteemed Editor-for-Life has indicated no interest in correcting that hilarious bit of typically unrefered nonsense. (The *JHA* & *QJRAS* annual subscription fees are each ordmag $100.)

M3 These journals’ contempt for the truth is exceeded only by their contempt for their own loyal subscribers’ intelligence & independence. (The implicit whatayagonnadoaboutit presumption is that no scholar will complain. Or even inquire. Is the presumption correct?)

M4 And the Brits put on such convincing airs about honour and all that. Well, didn’t you *Masterpiece Theatre* fans ever wonder how Britain keeps producing the world’s very best actors?

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MIO 1.1 §8 fn 29.