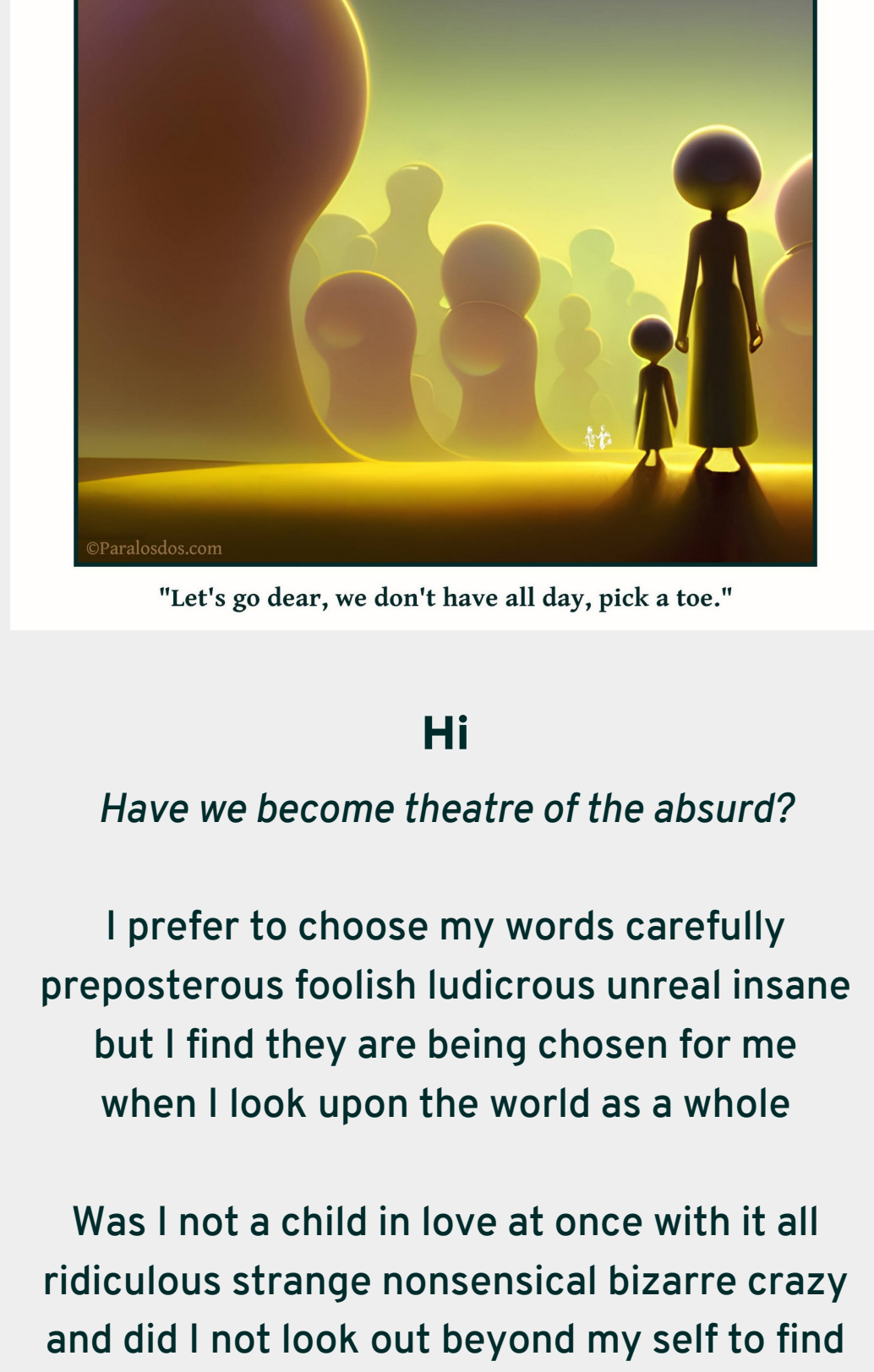


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Have a great day,
find your way



"Let's go dear, we don't have all day, pick a toe."

Hi

Have we become theatre of the absurd?

I prefer to choose my words carefully
preposterous foolish ludicrous unreal insane
but I find they are being chosen for me
when I look upon the world as a whole

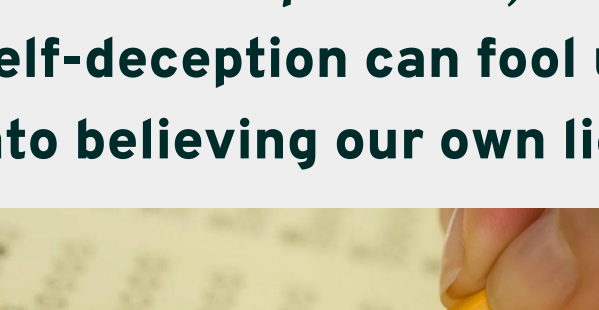
Was I not a child in love at once with it all
ridiculous strange nonsensical bizarre crazy
and did I not look out beyond my self to find
magic and mysteries in the wonder of a life

When did these other words grow so loud
implausible surreal farcical laughable grotesque
that now they may be the real truth that the world
of wonders has gone hidden or gone forever

No, I think I will take some of these words back
incredible inconceivable unbelievable unimaginable
and choose them carefully while I remember that what
I look upon is more than what is being chosen for me to see

The divine nutter

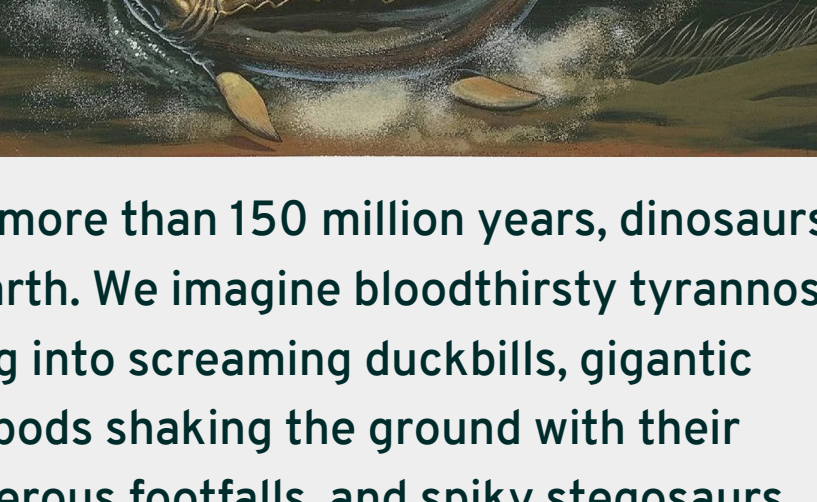
The Madness of Sir Isaac Newton



" Blake's depiction of Newton's persona is symbolic, but it is closer to the real Newton than any other artistic rendition. Much of what we know about Newton is based on his extraordinary contributions to science such as the three major laws of motion (the principles of inertia, force, action and reaction), the law of gravitation, and his discoveries in optics, astronomy, and mathematics. Newton's laws enabled measurements of actual distances, speeds, and weights to be calculated, laying the foundation of modern inventions from the steam engine to the space rocket. In large part because of Newton, the empirical approach, based on the rule that you must try out ideas by testing them, became the norm. "

The easiest person to fool

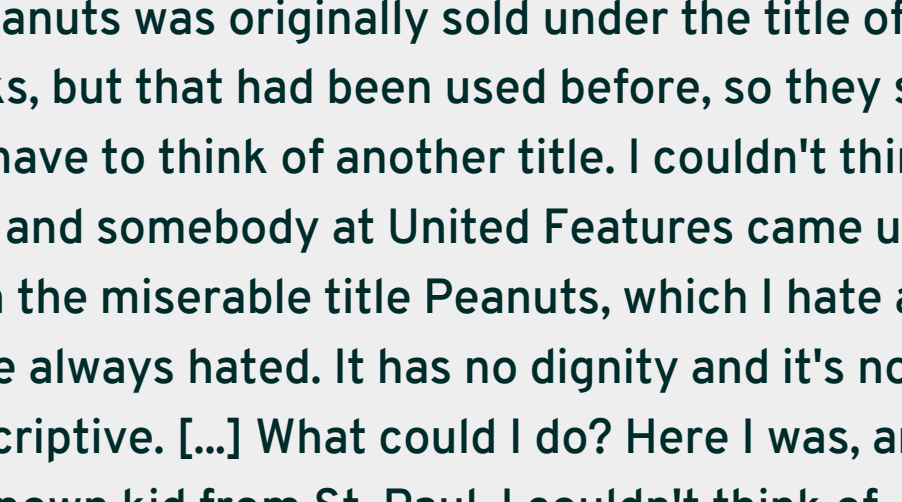
Self-deception can fool us into believing our own lies



" You might hope that this kind of behaviour is a relatively rare phenomenon, restricted to a few extreme situations. But self-deception is incredibly common, and may have evolved to bring some personal benefits. We lie to ourselves to protect our self-images, which allows us to act immorally while maintaining a clear conscience. According to the very latest research, self-deception may have even evolved to help us to persuade others; if we start believing our own lies, it's much easier to get other people to believe them, too. "

Still much longer than our 400,000ish year run

Reasons dinosaurs never really ruled the Earth

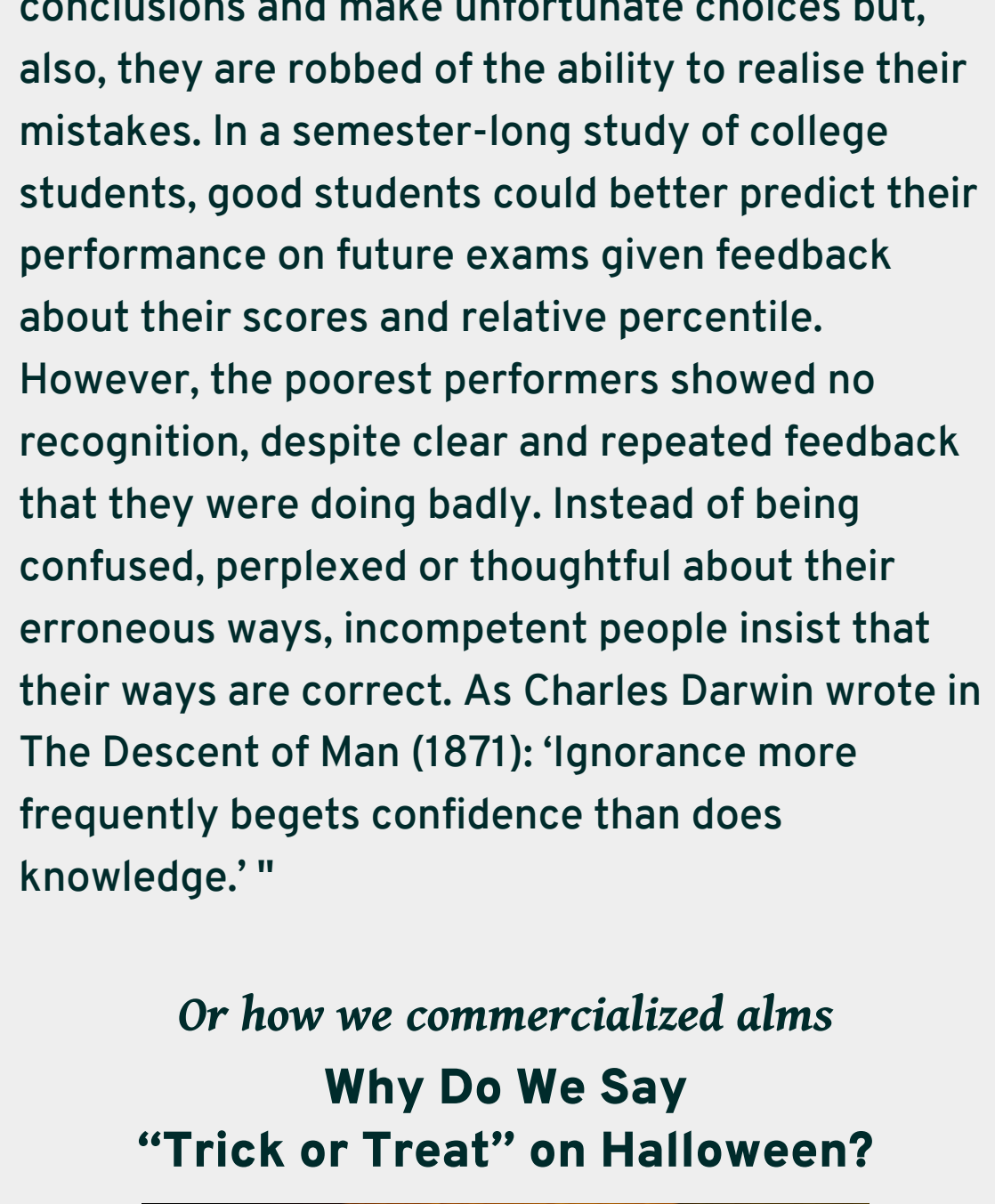


" For more than 150 million years, dinosaurs ruled the Earth. We imagine bloodthirsty tyrannosaurs ripping into screaming duckbills, gigantic sauropods shaking the ground with their thunderous footfalls, and spiky stegosaurs swinging their tails in a reign of reptiles so magnificent, it took the unexpected strike of a six-mile-wide asteroid to end it. The ensuing catastrophe handed the world to the mammals, our ancestors and relatives, so that 66 million years later we can claim to have taken over what the terrible lizards left behind. It's a dramatic retelling of history that is fundamentally wrong on several counts. "

October 2, 1950

Peanuts

Before the merch



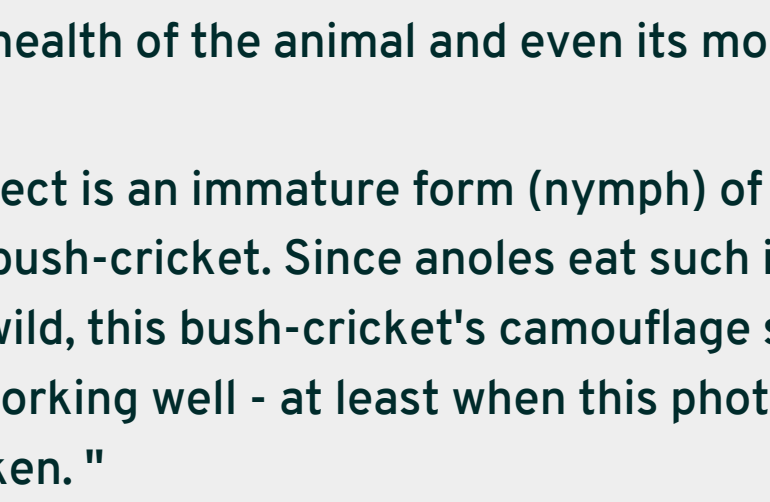
Wiki Rabbit Hole

" Peanuts was originally sold under the title of Li'l Folks, but that had been used before, so they said we have to think of another title. I couldn't think of one and somebody at United Features came up with the miserable title Peanuts, which I hate and have always hated. It has no dignity and it's not descriptive. [...] What could I do? Here I was, an unknown kid from St. Paul. I couldn't think of anything else. I said, why don't we call it Charlie Brown and the president said 'Well, we can't copyright a name like that.' I didn't ask them about Nancy or Steve Canyon. I was in no position to argue. "

Charles Schulz, 1987 interview with Frank Pauer in Dayton Daily News and Journal Herald Magazine[8]

A self deceiver who wants to share

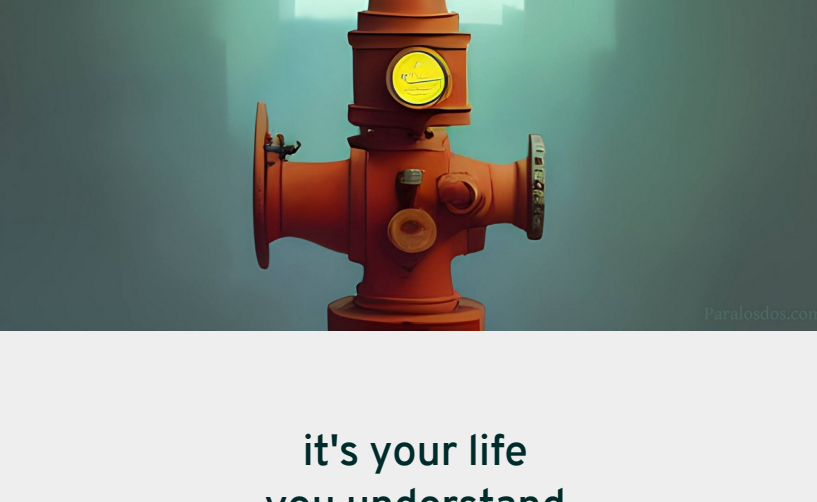
What know-it-all's don't know, or the illusion of competence



" The problem is that when people are incompetent, not only do they reach wrong conclusions and make unfortunate choices but, also, they are robbed of the ability to realise their mistakes. In a semester-long study of college students, good students could better predict their performance on future exams given feedback about their scores and relative percentile. However, the poorest performers showed no recognition, despite clear and repeated feedback that they were doing badly. Instead of being confused, perplexed or thoughtful about their erroneous ways, incompetent people insist that their ways are correct. As Charles Darwin wrote in The Descent of Man (1871): 'Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge.' "

Or how we commercialized alms

Why Do We Say "Trick or Treat" on Halloween?



" For All Souls' Day in the Middle Ages, people went door-to-door offering prayers for the dead in exchange for food or money, a tradition known as souling. A similar custom from 19th-century Scotland, called guising, entailed exchanging jokes or songs for goodies. While it's not proven that modern treat-begging is directly derived from either souling or guising, the practice of visiting your neighbors for an edible handout around Halloween has existed in some form or another for centuries. "

Survival of the stealthiest

Can you spot the hidden animals that use cunning camouflage?

" The lizard - an Amazon green anole, *Anolis punctatus* - is able to change its colour from grey and brown to bright green. Although some of this is undoubtedly for camouflage, their colour is also dependent on temperature and humidity, as well as the health of the animal and even its mood!

The insect is an immature form (nymph) of a moss mimic bush-cricket. Since anoles eat such insects in the wild, this bush-cricket's camouflage seems to be working well - at least when this photograph was taken. "

"Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt."

William Shakespeare

it's your life
you understand

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