

"GDT- We love the smell of napalm in the morning."

Hi, campers! Columbus Day is fast approaching, and you know what that means.... That's right! 503 years of mayhem and mischief brought by the Europeans. I think Kurt Vonnegut Jr. said it best:

1492: the teachers told the children that this was when their continent was discovered by human beings. Actually, millions of human beings were already living full and imaginative lives on the continent in 1492. That was simply the year in which sea pirates began to cheat and rob and kill them.

But let's not give that lucky Italian all the credit. Hell, just about everyone from Europe landed in the Americas. First there was St. Brendan (an Irish monk), but he was only interested in finding the Isle of the Blessed. Then the Vikings came along. The Vikings, the scourge of Europe, those marauders whose name struck fear into the hearts of men got their collective asses kicked when they tried to form a colony in "Vinland." And that was the end for the rock chewing Vikings.

But then Columbus shows up, carrying with him the entire Western ethos, not to mention a healthy approval of the Inquisition in Spain, which was just beginning to find it's stride. Columbus brought egocentrism, slavery, oh, and small pox. But what can you expect from the Europeans of the time. It was bound to happen. Hell, the only reason they weren't still living in piles of their own shit was because the Bubonic Plague taught them a quick lesson: Hygiene and You (or how not to die from pollution caused by overcrowding, Part I). For up until that time cleanliness was certainly not next to Godliness, in fact it was considered an indication of sin. It was just one of those little Christian hang-ups from the good old Roman Empire, for however immoral they're system was they certainly knew how to keep clean. And whatever the Romans were, the Christians didn't want to be. So which god would cleanliness be next to?

Yeah, sure, Columbus' landing started a policy of rape and plunder that lasted up until just after World War II, but there were even worse explorers. Columbus only decimated the islands of the Gulf, but Cortez obliterated entire civilizations.

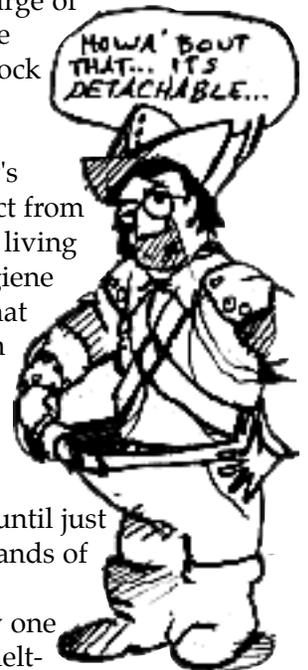
Yup, the Spanish did a number on Central and South America. Burned books (only one Mayan codex remains. All the others were burned by representatives of the Inquisition), melted down fine gold work (including an entire garden made of gold and silver created by the Incansic civilization), and either directly or inadvertently killed millions of people.

And then the English, always up for a good plunder, got into the action, but a little further north. Buy Long Island for a string of beads? Give me a break. Land of the Free? Are you kidding? Does "Trail of Tears" ring a bell? How about "Ghost Dance"?

In a way, I think the Indians might have gotten back with the Europeans, in the long-run. While men who had been at sea for months were running around sticking their dicks into any woman, willing or otherwise, no one bothered to tell them about Syphilis. "Oh her? No. Her fingers are supposed to fall off like that. It's like the leaves in the fall, they'll grow back in the spring. People are just different on this segment of the globe. Sure, go sleep with her and then cough on the other men."

Europeans also got tobacco from the Indians. Used in a reserved manner by the natives, the Europeans predictably overused it, until one individual dies of tobacco related illnesses every ten seconds world wide today. Light up, you black lunged son's of bitches and have a happy Columbus Day.

If you'd like to read more about it, we recommend: Navigatio Sancti Brendani (better brush up on your Latin), The Prince by Machivelli, Helpful Microorganisms by Daniel Lapedes, and The Surgeon General's Warning found on any pack of cigarettes.



Submissions

Call to Arms

For nearly two thousand years, Christians have preached the gospel of a loving God. For two thousand years they have taken that love, without earning it.

Like a insolent child, we have continued in our ways of cruelty and hate, always knowing that unconditional love was there for us. Why work to the best of our ability when we are handed a prize for being wicked?

The time has come to earn that love. Let us end the love of what we could be, and replace it with the love of who we are. Earn God's love and admiration. Demand the highest, not only of yourself, but of others. Dare to take your rightful place beside God; not as a lesser being, but as His equal. Recognize yourself as a Creator in your own right. Take responsibility for who you choose to be and for your actions.

Earn the admiration and, yes, the respect of God. Shun His pity.

To truly call ourselves children of God, then we must grow to that which is beyond God. That is the course of all children, and the hope of every parent. It is time for us to grow up, either as individuals or as a people.

Am I a sinner or blasphemer for saying these things?

If it is a sin to hold human ability to be sacred and to be saddened by seeing potential wasted, then yes. If it is a sin to want only what is earned, then yes. If it is a sin to believe in the unlimited potential of the individual, then yes! Yes a thousand times!

God only seems high because we rest upon our knees, believing that to be the only way.

Those who dare, come! Rise from your knees and take your rightful place!

-Jonathan

Last Week's Results

"If you witnessed a truly miraculous event, would you be more likely to say it was caused by God or Aliens?"

- 60%: God
- 22%: Aliens
- 2%: The government
- 2%: Neither
- 2%: God is an Alien
- 2%: I don't discount any possibility
- 4%: Neither
- 6%: I'd have to see the event

"Is evil something you are or something you do?"

- 72%: Something you do.
- 16%: Something you are.
- 12%: Both



Cutting Connections

Ever thought of how much money campus connections must be making off buying back your old books and then reselling them? I know they say the whole deal is non-profit, but the last time I believed a line like that I was being fed strained peas.

Well GDT wants to help facilitate those of you out there who want to sell their old books for a better price then campus connections can give them, and at the same time resell them to needy students for less than the store's used books go for.

So get a hold of us and we'll try to make some connections for you.

When you write us, please include the book's title, what class it's good for, and how much you're asking.

This Week's Survey

Would you rather lose directional hearing or depth perception?

Would you rather wade at your own pace into lava, or fall, suddenly, into a seething pool of piranhas?

Hint: Wading into lava at your own pace does not mean jump in. It means walking at your own slow methodical pace while you watch your body incinerate (Oh what a world! What a world!) around you.

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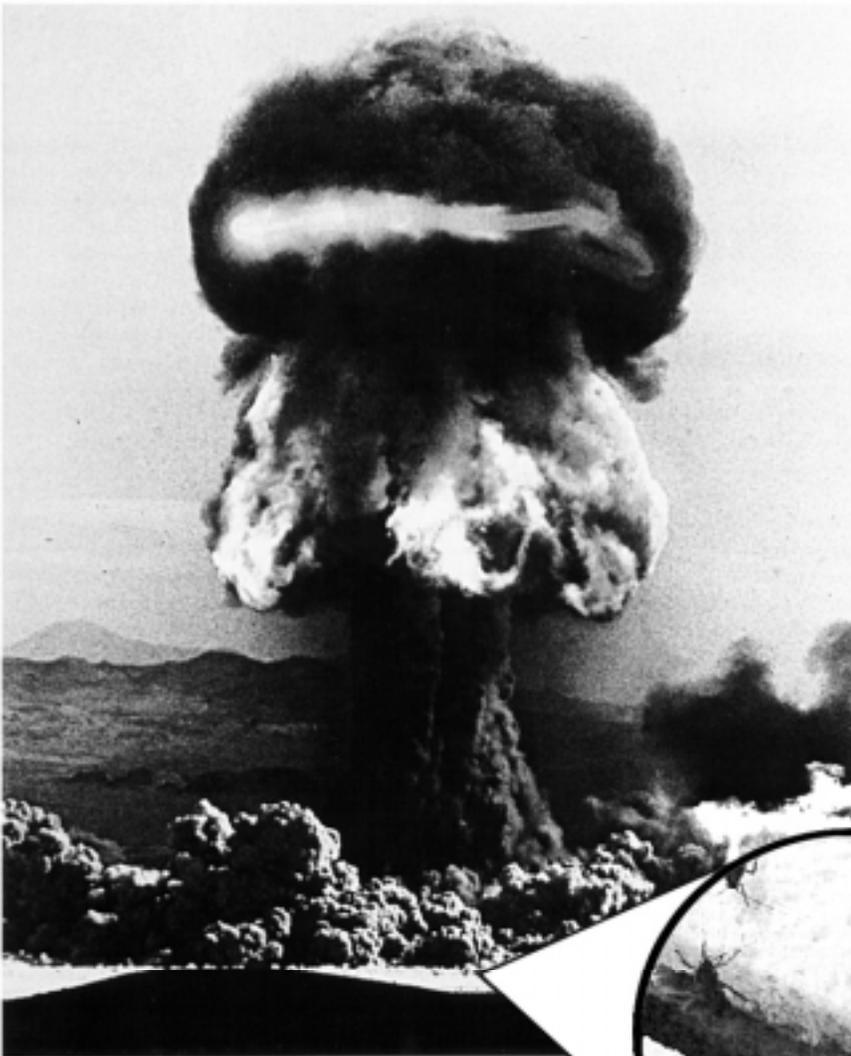
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After Dinner Mints

Couches should be equipped with metal detectors. On a particularly successful social evening after your guests have all gone home, you can just flip a switch and know whether or not you've made a profit. The control panel could be like one on a luxury car which will pinpoint exactly which door is open, it will pinpoint exactly where all metal objects are. And for those of you who live in or near Canada you could also have the built in magnet feature which is guaranteed to suck out all magnetic coinage at hand, and thus doubling the night's bounty.

by Kelly Gunter

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ROACHES.

GDT needs you

to contribute for a special Halloween edition. Send your stories, ideas or pictures. Send anything you think applies.



Remember, if you don't send us material, we won't feed your junk food cravings.

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Letters to our Editors

Date: Mon, 02 Oct 1995
 From: KXM
 Subject: that group in Africa

Well I am writing this in response to one of the articles which appeared in GRACIES DINNERTIME THEATRE of October 1, 1995 vol 2 issue 4 which made some mention to "some group in Africa". As an African who was born and raised in Africa, who came to the US to study and heard back as soon as my studies are complete, I feel that that article is an insult to my people and I don't understand why it should be put on a paper to be read by the people like me.

I feel that who ever wrote that paper and the paper which published it owes me an apology, because I am Zulu and the women who put the rings around their neck Shangani a tribe which is part of the Zulu Nation, The Greatest African nation which ever came together in the rest of Southern Africa. Whether I person who wrote that articles is an African or not I think he or she should know why our women put rings around their necks before he or she writes lies about them which annoy some of us who know better. There are many places today here people can get information about anything. A lot of true Africans are her today to defend their people left and write and that is what everybody should know before they try to talk about us. And for that matter I am one of those True AFRICANS. You quick respose regarding this letter is awaited.

-Kabelo Mofaleng (Zulu)

DATE: TUE, 03 OCT 1995
 FROM: (IAN TURNER)
 SUBJECT: VOLUME 4, ISSUE 4 GRACIES DINNERTIME THEATRE

Hi,

I WAS JUST READING THE CONTENTS OF VOLUME 4, ISSUE 4 GRACIES DINNERTIME THEATRE SUNDAY MARCH 26, 1995 - THE ARTICLE ON THE BAREFOOT GIRL.

YOU DESCRIBE A GIRL WHO GOES BARE-FOOT ALL THE TIME, EVEN IN THE SNOW! I KNOW SOMEONE VERY SIMILAR - THEY OUGHT TO MEET. CAN YOU FILL ME IN ON WHAT IT WAS ABOUT. IS SHE A REAL PERSON, AND DO YOU KNOW WHO SHE IS????!!

CAN YOU FILL ME IN, MUCH APPRECIATED...

-SEE YA, IAN

Message from the editors

First, we'd like to take a moment to explain that we don't edit your letters for clarity. The way you send them to us is the way we print them up. So if you want a finished format to your letter, do it yourself before you send them.

We appreciate the sentiment from our Zulu friend, and that particular part of our article was not meant to offend. However, we do not feel an apology is truly necessary. We merely referred to the practice on a practical basis, which however culturally significant does not contribute well to the overall functioning of the neck. In China women have been known to bind their feet to keep them small and apparently beautiful, the cultural significance of such a practice does not negate the fact that it is a painful process which malforms the individual's feet.

Frankly, we're kind of surprised at the kind of things that people seem to get offended by. So far we have supported suicide, anthropophogous activities, the underground human pinata circuit, taping people to the wall for fly paper, and even suggesting that Taco Bell now imports dead Mexicans(due to NAFTA) for it's meat supply. Our first issue to spawn hate mail was the one Ian read on the Barefoot Girl. We were compared to the nazi's for it, and here we are blasted for some vague reference to the Shangani tribe. Since we all remain completely ignorant of which buttons offend, we're going to keep pushing all of them.

Our letter from Ian Turner came from the UK. Yes Ian, the Barefoot Girl exists, in fact she's one of our head editors and writers. And she enjoys hate mail just as much as the rest of us, it's kind of nice to see when someone opens their eyes, if only for a moment.

Looking forward to pissing you ALL off at some point...

-GDT Staff