

Common MythConceptions

WORLD'S MOST CONTAGIOUS FALSEHOODS

The Vomitorium

Not a room Romans used for Bacchanalian binges, but the name for the entrance to a stadium.

Black holes

Not really 'holes' but hugely dense objects with massive gravitational pull.

Great Wall of China

Not visible from space. Myth. Now stop saying it!

Dogs sweat by salivating

No. They regulate temperature I through panting. They actually sweat through footpads.

Einstein failed math

Nope. He failed an entrance exam for a school but still excelled in math.

Goldfishes' 3-sec. memory

While not the smartest, goldfish boast a memory span of 3 months... better than most politicians.

We evolved from chimps

No. Along with bonobos, they are our closest living genetic relatives. A shared ancestor lived 5-8 million years ago.

Sugar causes hyperactivity

Studies have disproved this. ADHD and poor behaviors still occurs in children with sugar-free diets.

The three wise men

Nowhere in the New Testament does it specify there were three.

Satan rules Hell

Doesn't actually say this anywhere in the Bible.

7 years to digest gum

The chewy base of gum is indigestible & passes straight through. The remainder is absorbed.

Sharks don't get cancer

Oh yes they do get cancer. Particularly skin cancer.

Bulls hate red

Bulls are color-blind. They actually react to motions of the bull fighter's cloth as a perceived threat.

Oil stops pasta from sticking

Nope. But it can stop the water foaming or boiling over.

Bats are blind

Don't be fact-blind! Bats can not only see. They can also use echolocation. That's why they're so awesome!

Don't eat & swim!

Doesn't increase risk of cramps; alcohol is the biggest risk increaser. But a full stomach make you short of breath.

MSG gives you headaches

No proof, just anecdotal evidence implicating flavour 'enhancer' monosodium glutamate.

Chastity belts

Not anti-adultery devices. Instead invented by prudes in the 19th century to prevent 'dangerous' masturbation.

Shaving thickens hair

Regrown hair isn't thicker, coarser or darker, it just appears so because its no longer tapered.

Left & right brain

No solid division between talents of each hemisphere; left brain can learn 'right brain' functions & vice-versa.

We only use 10% of brain

Misunderstood metaphor. Proportion of our brain 'firing' is task-dependent. Ultimately, all cells are important.

Alcohol kills brain cells

Only in heavy users & alcoholics who rely on alcohol to get most of their calories.

Flushed water rotation

Does not rotate the other way in the Southern hemisphere. The Coriolis effect doesn't affect water in toilets.

Martyrs & 72 virgins await

A matter of debate in Islam. Nowhere in the Koran, but is reported in other texts.

Electric fan at night

Big myth in South Korea that this is deadly. Very unlikely to harm you, unless you put the fan in the bed.

Napoleon was short

A tall tale. He was actually above average height for a Frenchman of the time,

Bananas grow on trees

Actually grow on massive herbs that resemble trees. Bet you didn't know that

Vikings wore horned helmets

Actually created by a costume designer for a 19th-century Wagner opera.

Don't touch baby birds!

Birds have a limited sense of smell so won't abandon babies who 'smell' of humans.

"Yes, I'm a cop"

US undercover police do not have to identify themselves as cops. A Hollywood-induced myth-

Evolution is a 'theory'

In science, a 'theory' is anything more than a conjecture. Usually an extensively tested idea uniting data from many observations.

Caffeine dehydrates you

Not really. The diuretic effect of caffeine is offset by the amount of water in a caffeinated drink.

Dropped pennies kill

Terminal velocity of a penny is 30-50 mph, which isn't fast enough. It would hurt though.

A fatwa is a death sentence

It actually means 'non-binding legal opinion'.

Salty water boils quicker

Adding a sprinkle of salt to fresh water makes no difference. Huge, sea-level amounts do.

No sex before the game!

No evidence sex impairs athletic performance. Could even help athletes due to increased testosterone.

Different tongue parts

There are no different sections for each taste: bitter, sour, salty, sweet & umami (savory/meaty).

Don't wake sleepwalkers?

They'll be really confused, but its okay. They're more likely to hurt themselves if they're not wakened.

Missing persons reports

Police don't demand a 24-hour period before accepting a missing persons report.

Body heat & the head

Only in infants is most heat lost through the head. Or if the head is the only uncovered part of the body.

Iron maidens

Never were medieval torture devices, but 18th-century fakes created for sensational circuses.

We have 5 senses

We actually have close to 20, including balance, pain, movement, hunger, thirst, etc.

Humans & dinosaurs

Despite 41% of US adults thinking they coexisted, we actually missed each other by -63 million years.

Glass is a liquid

Actually an 'amorphous solid' 'But that's why stained-glass windows are thicker at the bottom.' Nope, it's just badly made glass.

Vaccines cause autism

Groundless fears based on fraudulent research that's been shown to have been manipulated.

Alcohol keeps you warm

Dilates warm blood vessels near the skin, creating the impression of warmth. It can drop core body temp.

Milk increases mucous

Nope. It just straight doesn't There's no need to avoid dairy if you have a cold.

Jihad is 'holy war'

It actually translates as 'struggle' though it does come in 'lesser and greater' flavors.

Washington & weed

He grew hemp to make rope & clothes, but there's no evidence he smoked a phat one, most nights.

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John Popper Hooks Crowd at Gilbert's

By Rob LeBrun



John Popper of Blues Traveler performs at Gilbert's with The Regs.

Nothing could stop John Popper from performing at Gilbert's. Not the forecast of rain, or hundreds of motorcycles heading back from Key West, making Gilbert's a standing room only affair. Transportation logistics tried to throw a wrinkle in the show, but after a 10-hour

drive by Benny Harrison and a member of The Regs, John Popper was waiting to go onstage for the crowd.

Island Rock Entertainment promised a great show, and they didn't disappoint. Local favorites "Colbert" started the show off with a bang, delivering a wide array

of music from classic rock favorites to Limp Bizkit. After a short break, The Regs took the stage and fine-tuned the sound before John performed. The crowd cheered wildly when Popper took the stage, most in disbelief that a rock star of this magnitude was at Gilbert's performing for them, for free nonetheless. Popper-joined the Regs on songs like "Folsom Prison," "Higher Ground," "Imagine," and "Roadhouse Blues." John sang his hits "But Anyway," "Hook," and "Run Around." He also

performed his rousing harmonica rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, to a standing ovation.

Island Rock Entertainment and Gilbert's Resort have worked tirelessly to bring Rock Stars like Joe Lynn Turner, Carmine Appice, Buck Dharma, and John Popper to Gilbert's over the summer. More concerts are being planned for the fall and winter months. Check out Gilbert's facebook page or visit Gilbert's on the web at www.gilbertsresort.com for the entertainment schedule.



A huge crowd awaits John Popper after a stellar set by Colbert the Band.



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We were shocked to read some of these, too, but in spot checking, could not find one that was false!