

Subject: history: a tale told by an idiot

[From the book "Non Campus Mentis: World History According to College Students," which is compiled from student exams and papers by history professor Anders Henriksson of Shepherd College, W.Va. The first set of examples is from a recent AP story by Vicki Smith.]

During the Dark Ages, it was mostly dark.

Hitler's instrumentality of terror was the Gespacho.

Christianity was just another mystery cult until Jesus was born.

The mother of Jesus was Mary, who was different from other women because of her immaculate contraption.

History, a record of things left behind by past generations, started in 1815. Thus, we should try to view historical times as the behind of the present. This gives incite into the anals of the past.

History, as we know, is always bias, because human beings have to be studied by other human beings, not by independent observers of another species.

From the secondary sources we are given hindsight into the future. Hindsight after all is caused by a lack of foresight.

Bible legend states that the trouble started after Eve ate the Golden Apple of Discord. This was the forbidding fruit. An angry God sent his wraith. Man fell from the space of grace. It was mostly downhill skiing from there.

Social division of labor began when a tribe would split into hunters and togetherers. Crow Magnum man had a special infinity for this. Advances were most common during the intergalactic periods.

Civilization woozed out of the Nile about 300,000 years ago. The Nile was a river that had some water in it. Every year it would flood and irritate the land. This tended to make the people nervous.

There was Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt. Lower Egypt was actually father up that Upper Egypt, which was, of course, lower down than the upper part. This is why we learn geography as a factor in history.

Rulers were entitled Faroes. A famed one was King Toot. It was a special custom among them not to marry their wives.

Zorroastrogolism was founded by Zorro. This was a duelist religion. The three gods were Good, Bad and Indifferent. These beliefs later resurfaced among the Manitees.

Judyism was the first monolithic religion. It had one big God named Yahoo. Old Testament profits include Moses, Amy and Confucius, who believed in Fidel Piety. (One of the only reasons Confucius was born was because of a Chinese tradition.)

Helen of Troy launched a thousand ships with her face. The Trojan War raged between the Greeks and the Tories. The Greeks finally won because they had wooden horses, while the Trojans were only able to fight with their feet.

Greek semen ruled the Aegean. We know about this thanks to Homer's story about Ulysses' wife Penelope and Iliad, the painful wife he left behind. Another myth with a message was Jason's hunt for the Golden Fleece.

Religion was polyphonic. Featured were gods such as Herod, Mars and Juice. Persepolis was god of vegetables. Souls were believed to spend the 'here, there and after' in Ethiopia.

Plato invented reality. He was teacher to Harris Tottle, author of "The Republicans." Lust was a must for the Epicureans. Others were the Vegetarians and the Synthetics, who said, "If you can't play with it, why bother?"

U. S. proved that there is more than one side to every coin. Pythagoras fathered the triangle. Archimedes made the first steamboat and power drill.

Finally, Europe caught the Black Death. The bubonic plague is a social disease in the sense that it can be transmitted by intercourse and other etceteras. It was spread from port to port by inflected rates. It was then passed around by midgets.

Victims of black death grew boobs on their necks. Death rates exceed 100 percent in some towns.

[Other examples, from a column by Chris Watson, in the Santa Cruz Sentinel:]

"Prehistoricle" people spent all day banging rocks together so that they could find something to eat. This was called the Stoned Age.

The Sumerian culture, which was the oldest, began about 3,500 years before Christmas. Hammurabi was a lawyer who lived from 1600 B.C. to 1200 B.C.

The history of the Jewish people begins with Abraham, Isaac and their 12 children.

When they finally got to Italy, the Australian Goths were tired of "plungering" and needed to rest. Italy was ruled by the Visible Goths, while France and Spain were ruled by the Invisible Goths.

Nuns were generally women. In the early part of the Middle Ages female nuns were free to commit random acts of contrition and redemption. Later they were forcibly enclastered in harems.

The Wholely Roman Empire amazed many when it was found in Germany. The Hundred Years War (1320-1600) was fought over English holidays in France.

John Calvin Klein translated the Bible into American so the people of Geneva could read it.

Charles III of Spain swooned for years on the bridge of extinction. The War of the Spanish Succession ended in a "drawl." Peace was inforced by the Treaty of Uterus, which prevented the King of France from sitting personally on the Spanish thorn. The War of the Austrian suspicion broke out soon after this. It had become very inevitable when Mother Theresa inherited the throne.

It was the 18th century Enlightenment that contributed most to the 17th century. The Enlightenment was a reasonable time that seeped slowly into one of Europe's ears and then creeped out the other.

Deism was the belief that God made the world and then stepped on it. In Deism God has no direct influence on daily life, but just watches like a movie, eating his candy and munching his popcorn.

The airplane was invented and first flown by the Marx brothers. Marie Curie won the "Noel" Prize for inventing the radiator. In 1911 an English feminist attracted attention by plunging under the King's ascot.

Bakunin was a flaming "anachronist." Anarchism is a system of government headed by an Anarch. Canada, for example, became an anarchy in 1867.

Teddy ("J.R.") Roseaveld spoke softly, threatened with his big stick, and built the Panema Canal through Mexico. From this events moved to an ensurpation by Poncho Vidalia.

Japan boomed Pearl Harbor, the main U.S. base in southern California. Few were surprised when the National League failed to prevent another world war. Stalin, Roosevelt, Churchill and Truman were known as the "Big Three."