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From: Our Readers

Dilbert's Rules of Order

1. I can only please one person per day. Today is not your day. Tomorrow is not looking good either.
2. I love deadlines. I especially like the whooshing sound they make as they go flying by.
3. Tell me what you need, and I'll tell you how to get along without it.
4. Accept that some days you are the pigeon and some days the statue.
5. Needing someone is like needing a parachute. If he isn't there the first time, chances are you won't be needing him again.
6. I don't have an attitude problem, you have a perception problem.
7. Last night I lay in bed looking up at the stars in the sky and I thought to myself, where the heck is the ceiling?
8. My reality check bounced.
9. On the keyboard of life, always keep one finger on the escape key.
10. I don't suffer from stress. I am a carrier.
11. You are slower than a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter.
12. Do not meddle in the affairs of dragons, because you are crunchy and taste good with ketchup.
13. Everybody is somebody else's weirdo.
14. Never argue with an idiot. They drag you down to their level then beat you with experience.

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Did You Know....?

Gilligan of Gilligan's Island had a first name that was only used once, on the never-aired pilot show. His first name was Willy.

Dr. Seuss and Kurt Vonnegut went to college together. They were even in the same fraternity, where Seuss decorated the fraternity house walls with drawings of his strange characters.

The Les Nessman character on the TV series WKRP in Cincinnati wore a band aid in every episode. Either on himself, his glasses, or his clothing.

John Larroquette of "Night Court" and "The John Larroquette Show" was the narrator of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

Beelzebub, another name for the devil, is Hebrew for "Lord of the Flies", and this is where the book's title comes from.

The term "devil's advocate" comes from the Roman Catholic church. When deciding if someone should be sainted, a devil's advocate is always appointed to give an alternative view.

Before Prohibition, Shilitz Brewery owned more property in Chicago than anyone else, except The Catholic Church.

It is believed that Shakespeare was 46 around the time that the King James Version of the Bible was written. In Psalms 46, the 46th word from the first word is 'shake' and the 46th word from the last word is 'spear'.

In 1986 Danny Heep became the first player in a World Series to be a designated hitter (DH) with the initials "D.H."

In the four major US professional sports, (Baseball, Basketball, Football, and Hockey), there are only seven teams whose nicknames do not end with an "S:" Basketball: The Miami Heat, The Utah Jazz, The Orlando Magic. Baseball: The Boston Red Sox, The Chicago White Sox. Hockey: The Colorado Avalanche, The Tampa Bay Lightning. Football: None.

In 1963, baseball pitcher Gaylord Perry remarked, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run." On July 20, 1969, a few hours after Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, Gaylord Perry

hit his first, and only, home run.

When the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers play football at home to a sellout crowd, the full stadium becomes the state's third largest city.

Kermit the Frog is left-handed.

The lifespan of a taste bud is ten days.

Non-dairy creamer is flammable.

The ashes of the average cremated person weighs four pounds.

The dial tone of a normal telephone is in the key of "F". And finally...

If you put a raisin in a glass of champagne, it will keep floating to the top and sinking to the bottom.

My Thoughts on Exercise....

1. My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. She's 97 now and we don't know where the hell she is.
2. The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.
3. I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to show up.
4. I have to exercise in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.
5. I don't exercise at all. If God meant us to touch our toes, he would have put them further up our body.
6. I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.
7. I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.
8. The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.
9. If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

And last but not least....

10. I don't jog. It makes the ice jump right out of my glass.

From: Ed Kronholm

You Know You're Working Too Hard When.....

20. Cleaning up the dining area means getting the fast food bags out of the back seat of your car.
19. Your reason for not staying in touch with family is that they do not have e-mail addresses.
18. Keeping up with sports entails adding ESPN's homepage to your bookmarks.
17. You have actually faxed your Christmas list to your parents.
16. Pick up lines now include a reference to liquid assets and capital gains.
15. You consider 2nd day Air Delivery and Inter-office Mail painfully slow.
14. You assume any question about whether to valet park or not is rhetorical.
13. You refer to your dining room table as the flat filing cabinet.
12. Your idea of being organized is multiple colored post-it notes.
11. Your grocery list has been on your refrigerator so long some of the products don't even exist anymore.
10. You lecture the neighborhood kids selling lemonade on ways to improve their process.
9. You get all excited when it's Saturday so you can wear sweats to work.
8. You refer to the tomatoes grown in your garden as "deliverables."
7. You find you really need PowerPoint to explain what you do for a living.
6. You normally eat out of vending machines and at the most expensive restaurant in town within the same week.
5. You think that "progressing an action plan" and "calendarizing a project" are acceptable English phrases.
4. You know the people at the airport hotels better than your next door neighbors.
3. You ask your friends to "think out of the box" when making Friday night plans.
2. You think Einstein would have been more

effective had he put his ideas into a matrix.

and, the number one sign you are working too hard....

1. You think a "half-day" means leaving at 5 o'clock.

You've Been In Corporate America Too Long When....

1. You ask the waiter what the restaurant's core competencies are.
2. You decide to reorganize your family into a "team-based organization."
3. You refer to dating as test marketing.
4. You can spell "paradigm."
5. You actually know what a paradigm is.
6. You understand your airline's fare structure.
7. You write executive summaries on your love letters.
8. Your Valentine's Day cards have bullet points.
9. You think that it's actually efficient to write a ten page presentation with six other people you don't know.
10. You celebrate your wedding anniversary by conducting a performance review.
11. You believe you never have any problems in your life, just "issues" and "improvement opportunities."
12. You calculate your own personal cost of capital.
13. You explain to your bank manager that you prefer to think of yourself as "highly leveraged" as opposed to "in debt."
14. You end every argument by saying "let's talk about this off-line".
15. You can explain to somebody the difference between "re-engineering," "down-sizing," "fight-sizing," and "firing people's asses."
16. You actually believe your explanation in number 15.
17. You talk to the waiter about process flow when dinner arrives late.

18. You refer to your previous life as “my sunk cost.”
19. You refer to your significant other as “my co-CEO.”
20. You like both types of sandwiches: ham and turkey.
21. You start to feel sorry for Dilbert’s boss.
22. You believe the best tables and graphs take an hour to comprehend.
23. You account for your tuition as a capital expenditure instead of an expense.
24. You insist that you do some more market research before you and your spouse produce another child.
25. At your last family reunion, you wanted to have an emergency meeting about their brand equity.
26. Your “deliverable” for Sunday evening is clean laundry and paid bills.
27. You use the term “value-added” without falling down laughing.
28. You ask the car salesman if the car comes with a whiteboard and Internet connection.
29. You give constructive feedback to your dog, or worse, your cat.

From: Donna Hartley

Signs of the Times....

On a Plumbers truck: **“We repair what your husband fixed.”**

Pizza shop slogan: **“7 days without pizza makes one weak.”**

At a tire shop in Milwaukee: **“Invite us to your next blowout.”**

At a towing company: **“We don’t charge an arm and a leg. We want tows.”**

In a non-smoking area: **“If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action.”**

On a maternity room door: **“Push. Push. Push.”**

At an optometrist’s office: **“If you don’t see what you’re looking for, you’ve come to the right place.”**

On a fence: **“Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive.”**

In a veterinarian’s waiting room: **“Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!”**

At the electric company: **“We would be delighted if you send in your bill. However, if you don’t, you will be.”**

In the front yard of a funeral home: **“Drive carefully. We’ll wait.”**

Bumper Snickers...

Hard work has a future payoff. Laziness pays off now.

I won’t rise to the occasion, but I’ll slide over to it.

What is a “free” gift? Aren’t all gifts free?

If ignorance is bliss, you must be orgasmic.

Puritanism: The haunting fear that someone, somewhere may be happy.

Consciousness: that annoying time between naps.

I used to have a handle on life, then it broke.

Don’t take life too seriously, you won’t get out alive.

I don’t suffer from insanity. I enjoy every minute of it.

Better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot.

Where there’s a will, I want to be in it.

Jesus is coming, look busy.

Okay, who put a “stop payment” on my reality check?

Few women admit their age. Few men act theirs.

We have enough youth, how about a fountain of SMART?

All generalizations are false.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

“Criminal Lawyer” is a redundancy.

I wonder if you would drive any better with that car phone up your butt?

Jesus Saves. Passes to Gretzky... He shoots, HE SCORES !

Friends help you move. Real friends help you move the body.

We are born naked, wet and hungry. Then things get worse.

The sex was so good that even the neighbors had a cigarette.

Suicidal twin kills sister by mistake.

The gene pool could use a little chlorine.

Make it idiot proof and somebody will make a better idiot.

It has just been discovered that research causes cancer in rats.

Sex is not the answer. Sex is the question. Yes is the answer.

Mento’s Law: You can’t fall off the floor.

You worry too much about your job. Stop it. You are not paid enough to worry.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.

I used to think I was indecisive, now I’m not so sure.

How come wrong numbers are never busy?

Ginsberg’s Theory

- 1. You can’t win.**
- 2. You can’t break even.**
- 3. You can’t even quit the game.**

Never sleep with anyone crazier than you.

Yield to temptation, it may not pass your way again.

Things are more like they used to be than they are now.

I have seen the future and it is just like the present, only longer.

Gravity is a fake, the earth sucks.

The trouble with being poor is that it takes up all your time.

The first 90% of a task takes 90% of the time and the last 10% takes the other 90%.

Wagner’s music is better than it sounds.

After things have gone from bad to worse, the cycle will repeat itself.

Everything in excess. To enjoy the flavor of life, take big bites. Moderation is for Monks.

Never underestimate the power of stupidity.

Too much of a good thing is wonderful.

Anything worth doing is worth doing in excess.

Whatever happens to you will have previously happened to everyone you know, only more so.

The sooner you fall behind, the more time you will have to catch up.

Reality is just a crutch for those who can’t cope with drugs.

If it wasn’t for wrestling with my conscience, I wouldn’t get any exercise at all.

I had to walk to school ten miles and it was uphill and into the wind both ways.

I’m at the age that the longer ago it happened, the better I can remember it whether it was true or not.

Of all the people I know, you’re one of them.

The more times you run over a dead cat, the flatter it gets.

I don’t believe in reincarnation, but I did in my first life.

If I wear shoes and socks all day, how does the dirt get between my toes?

Stick with me, babe, you'll be wearing potatoes as big as diamonds.

Virginity can be cured.

Sex and golf are two things you don't have to be good at to enjoy.

I'm as confused as a baby in a topless bar.

I'm not a complete idiot, some parts are still missing.

He who laughs last thinks slowest!

Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.

Give me ambiguity or give me something else

"More hay, Trigger?" "No thanks, Roy, I'm stuffed!"

A flashlight is a case for holding dead batteries.

Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

There's too much blood in my caffeine system.

I wouldn't be caught dead with a necrophiliac.

Learn from your parents' mistakes - use birth control!

Men are idiots, and I married their king!

Don't drink and drive! You might hit a bump and spill your drink.

Bizarre Sex Facts Around the World

- In Lebanon, men are legally allowed to have sex with animals, but the animals must be female. Having sexual relations with a male animal is punishable by death.
- In Bahrain, a male doctor may legally examine a woman's genitals, but is prohibited from looking directly at them during the examination. He may only see their reflection in a mirror.
- Muslims are banned from looking at the gen-

itals of a corpse. This also applies to undertakers. The sex organs of the deceased must be covered with a brick or piece of wood at all times.

- The penalty for masturbation in Indonesia is decapitation.
- There are men in Guam whose full-time job is to travel the countryside and deflower young virgins, who pay them for the privilege of having sex for the first time... Reason: under Guam law, it is expressly forbidden for virgins to marry.
- In Hong Kong, a betrayed wife is legally allowed to kill her adulterous husband, but may only do so with her bare hands. The husband's lover, on the other hand, may be killed in any manner desired.
- Topless saleswomen are legal in Liverpool, England - but only in tropical fish stores.
- In Cali, Colombia, a woman may only have sex with her husband, and the first time this happens, her mother must be in the room to witness the act.
- In Santa Cruz, Bolivia, it is illegal for a man to have sex with a woman and her daughter at the same time.
- In Maryland, it is illegal to sell condoms from vending machines with one exception: prophylactics may be dispensed from a vending machine only in places where alcoholic beverages are sold for consumption on the premises.

Last Words....

The National Transportation Safety Board recently divulged they had covertly funded a project with the U.S. auto makers for the past five years, whereby the auto makers were installing black boxes in four-wheel drive pick-up trucks in an effort to determine, in fatal accidents, the circumstances in the last 15 seconds before the crash. They were surprised to find in 49 of the 50 states the last words of drivers in 61.2 percent of fatal crashes were, "Oh, Shit!"

Only the state of Texas was different, where 89.3 percent of the final words were: "Hold my beer and watch this!"

Car Names and Their Meanings....

AMC	All makes of cars
AUDI	Accelerated under demonic influence Always unsafe designs implemented
BEETLE	Battered everywhere, except to lose engine
BMW	Beautiful mechanical wonder Big money works Brutal money waster Bought my wife
BUICK	Big ugly indestructible car killer
CHEVROLET	Can hear every valve rap on long extended trips Cheap, hardly efficient, virtually runs on luck every time
DODGE	Damn old dirty gas eater Drips oil, drops grease everywhere
FIAT	Futile Italians attempt transportation Fix it again Tony
FORD	Features OJ and Ron's DNA
GM	General maintenance
GMC	Garage man's companion
HYUNDAI	How your usual nerd drives an import Hope you understand nothing's driveable and inexpensive
IROC	I race other cars I'd rather own a corvette
LTD	Long term debt
MAZDA	Most always zipping along
MG	Money gussler
MOPAR	Miscellaneous oddball parts assembled ridiculously Mostly old paint and rust
OLDSMOBILE	Oh, look, dammit. Some massive oil burning idiot's leaking everything Old ladies driving slowly make others behind infuriatingly late everyday Overpriced, leisurely driven sedan made of Buick's irregular leftover equipment
PINTO	Put in nickel to operate
PLYMOUTH	Please let your mother out from under the hood
PONTIAC	Poor old nobody thinks it's a Cadillac
PORSCHE	Piece of retired scrap, continually high expense

PROBE	Plainly runs only by exception
TOYOTA	Too often Yankees overprice this auto
VOLVO	Very odd looking vehicular object
VW	Virtually worthless

Winter is Coming...

The Indians asked their Chief in autumn if the winter was going to be cold or not.

Not really knowing an answer, the chief replies that the winter was going to be cold and that the members of the village were to collect wood to be prepared.

Being a good and wise leader, he then went to the next phone booth and called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is this winter to be cold?" The man on the phone responded, "This winter was going to be quite cold indeed."

So the Chief went back to speed up his people to collect even more wood to be prepared. A week later he called the National Weather Service again, "Is it going to be a very cold winter?"

"Yes," the man replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter." So the Chief goes back to his people and orders them to go and find every scrap of wood they can find.

Two weeks later he calls the National Weather Service again "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?"

"Absolutely," the man replies, "the Indians are collecting wood like crazy!"

From: Charlotte Wilhelm

Hillbilly Birth Control....

After the birth of their 10th child, an Arkansas couple decided that enough was enough. The husband went to the doctor and told him that he and his wife didn't want any more children, and he asked what could the doctor do to help.

The doctor smiled, told him to go home, get a cherry bomb, put it in a can, then hold the can up to his ear and count to ten.

The man relayed this story to his wife, and shaking his head in doubt said, "I may not be the smartest man in the world, but I don't see how putting a cherry bomb in a can next to my ear is going to help!" His wife agreed, and they drove to Missouri together for a second opinion.

Surprisingly enough, when they told the second doctor why they'd come, he asked them where they were from, and then told them to buy a cherry bomb, put it in a can, and for the husband to hold it next to his ear and count to ten.

Deciding that both doctors couldn't be wrong, the couple went home, lit a cherry bomb and put it in a can. The husband held the can up to his ear and began to count: "1, 2, 3, 4, 5..." at which point he paused, placed the can between his legs and counted on his other hand: "6, 7, 8..."

Graduate Student Exam....

A thermodynamics professor had written a take home exam for his graduate students. It had one question:

“Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)? Support your answer with a proof.”

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle’s Law (gas cools off when it expands and heats up when it is compressed) or some variant. One student, however, wrote the following:

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time.

1. So, we need to know the rate that souls are moving into Hell and the rate they are leaving. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving.
2. As for how many souls are entering Hell, let’s look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Some of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there are more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all people and all souls go to Hell.

With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially.

Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell because Boyle’s Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand as souls are added. This gives two possibilities:

- #1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.
- #2. Of course, if Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it?

If we accept the postulate given to me by Ms. Therese Banyan during my Freshman year, “That it will be a cold night in Hell before I sleep with you,” and take into account the fact that I still have not succeeded in having sexual relations with her, then #2 cannot be true, and so Hell is exothermic.

The student got the only A.

Professional Test....

The following short quiz consists of 4 questions and tells whether you are truly a “professional.”

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

The correct answer is:

Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator ?

The wrong answer is:

Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant and close the refrigerator.

The correct answer is:

Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through, the repercussions of your actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference, all the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend?

The correct answer is:

The Elephant. The Elephant is in the refrigerator. This tests your memory.

OK, even if you did not answer the first three questions, correctly, you still have one more chance to show your abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross. But it is inhabited by crocodiles. How do you manage it?

The correct answer is:

You swim across.

All the Crocodiles are attending the Animal Meeting! This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

According to Andersen Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong. But many preschoolers got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting says this conclusively disproves the theory that most professionals have the brains of a four-year old.