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# de Stolfe Journal Candid

**Advanced Warning:  
This issue only is intentionally edgy!**

## **April Fool's Day! What is Real, and what is Fake?**

We live in a world now where everything is completely backwards to reality! What is right is made to be wrong and what is truthfully wrong is made to appear completely acceptable! *Beware!!*  
In this special edition, I tackle a few deceptions that, unfortunately, too many people believe are

real and right and where too many people think that this "life" is normal!  
I shall not, however, tackle explosive topics! I don't want to isolate or oust myself, nor do I sincerely want to bash anyone specific!

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7)

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." (Psalm 14:1)

### René Magritte

1. "Le Blanc-Seing" ("The Blank Signature") 1965
2. "Les valeurs personnelles" (Personal Values) 1952
3. "The Human Condition" 1935
4. "The Treachery of Images" 1929 ("Ceci n'est pas une pipe", "This is not a pipe")



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## Food Presentation: Deceptive Appetite

I've just gotten used to the fact that the advertising you see in print and on TV are just plain false! Companies make their ads in vain attempts to project their products in the best possible light without actually trying to deliver the same! This is most notorious in the fast food industry. Take a look at the examples shown here and see exactly what I mean!

The only ones that are only halfway close is the Taco Bell crunchy taco and the McDonalds Big Mac.

These examples are found on: <http://www.visualnews.com/2012/01/13/fast-food-advertisements-vs-reality/>



## Education: Complete Meltdown?

Every so often on Facebook, I find little puzzles that are math problems of some sort. They are simple math problems that are the level taught in elementary school. When I go through some of the people's answers on a posting of this sort, I am greatly disturbed by the results! Math is very finite and has definite answers to the problems. But when I look at the people's answers, I am grieved at people's attitudes in that they "defend to the death" their clearly wrong answers!

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For this problem that was posted, the correct answer is 12. However, most of the answers were wrong! And this is simple math! Other answers given quite frequently were: 1, 13, and 0! (And that's not to mention the lack of correct spelling!)

# Wild, Stange, and Wacky Signs of the World

I found these photos from a Google search. I wanted to add some humor to this special issue besides the information about a stupid, annual celebration of fools! Some of these you really have to question, "What's up with that??"

(I'm leaving the specific locations of these signs anonymous.)

- <http://www.ratestogo.com/blog/weird-and-wacky-signs-around-the-world-part-iv>
- <http://www.ratestogo.com/blog/weird-and-wacky-signs-around-the-world-part-iii>
- <http://www.ratestogo.com/blog/12-more-weird-and-wacky-signs-around-the-world>
- <http://www.ratestogo.com/blog/12-weird-and-wacky-signs-around-the-world>



*Umm... am I a low information person and did not get the notice of the change to international time?*



*Uh, hunh. Dang straight!*



*Seriously? Molest??*



*Odd.*



*Inventive!*



*I think I'll stay away from this park!*



*Uh, exactly how should I interpret this sign?*



*Yeah! This is moose territory! Stay out of the way!*

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## Image Deception

We have to admit that Adobe Photoshop (as well as other similar image editing software) has given us the powerful tool of altering reality without changing reality! Magazines, for example, use Photoshop heavily to "cleanup" and "stylize" photos, even to the point where people can tell when an image was drastically altered from reality, even to the point of saying, "That photo was Photoshopped!" I even tweaked my own portrait photo in a similar manner.



*Here is the portrait I use in my Journals (and on my Facebook timeline).*



*Here is the original, unaltered photo of me. (the change from the original is subtle, but still there.)*



*My photographic art. This photo comes from my Fractures series.*

**The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,  
But he who heeds counsel is wise. (Proverbs 12:15)**



**Get wisdom! Get understanding! (Proverbs 4:5)  
Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom.  
And in all your getting, get understanding. (Proverbs 4:7)**



**For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men (1 Peter 4:15)**