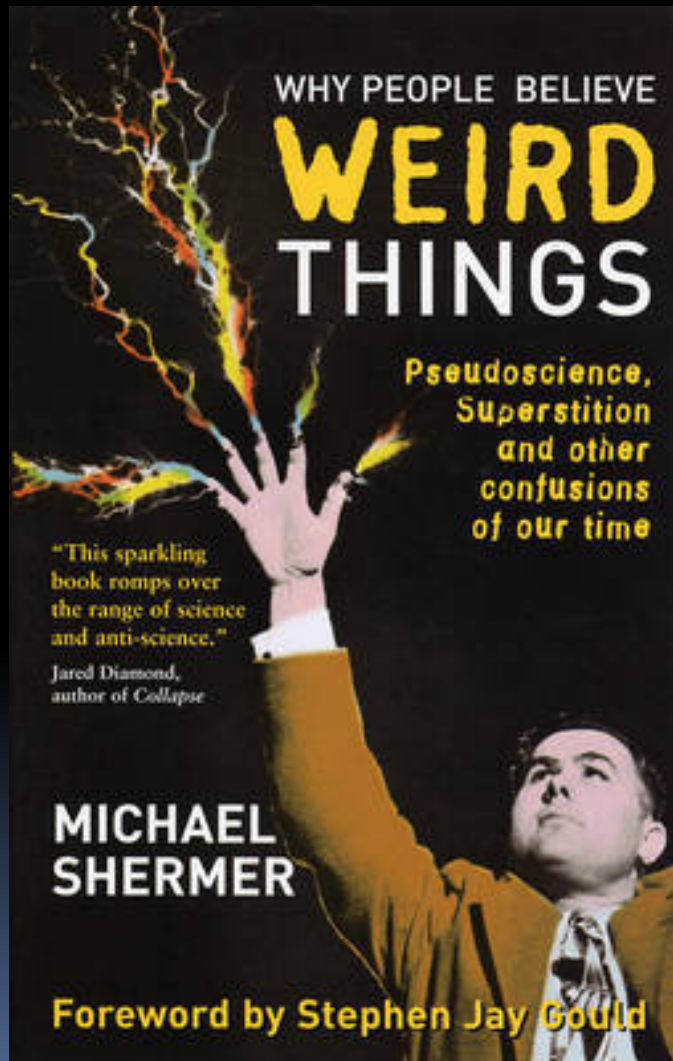


Mythbusters (“Penn & Teller”) Paper



People Believe Weird Things



- From chain e-mails (“Send this to everyone you know!”) to Nostradamus, people believe in weird things.

Example: Firewalking

- An ancient manifestation of mind over matter; is there anything supernatural happening here?



Example: Psychic Readings



- Can somebody truly know about you from looking at cards, reading your palm, or feeling the bumps on your head?

Example: Doomsday

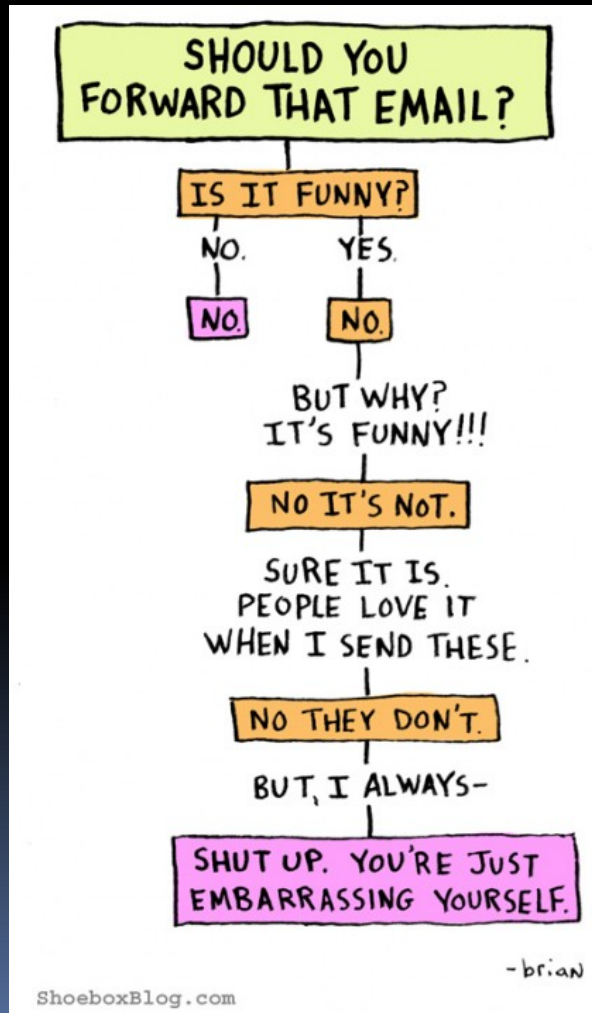
- Does some ancient building reveal the date the world will end?



Can we actually get perfect bodies in as little as four weeks?



It's on e-mail so it must be true, right?



- So that any who don't, may know. Our Senators and Congressmen don't pay in to Social Security, and, of course, they don't collect from it.
- The reason is that they have a special retirement plan that they voted for themselves many years ago. For all practical purposes, it works like this:
- When they retire, they continue to draw their same pay, until they die.

Your Job: Bust A Myth!

- Find something a lot of people believe, and verify or debunk it (prove it's not true).



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Two Ways To Do So



- You can do a classic persuasive research report where you look up information, cite sources, and state your opinion.

Or...

- You can take a leaf from the Penn & Teller/ Mythbusters book and try an experiment (make sure it's not harmful), then write up your results.



Cite Sources As Needed



- Make sure you properly credit the sources you use.



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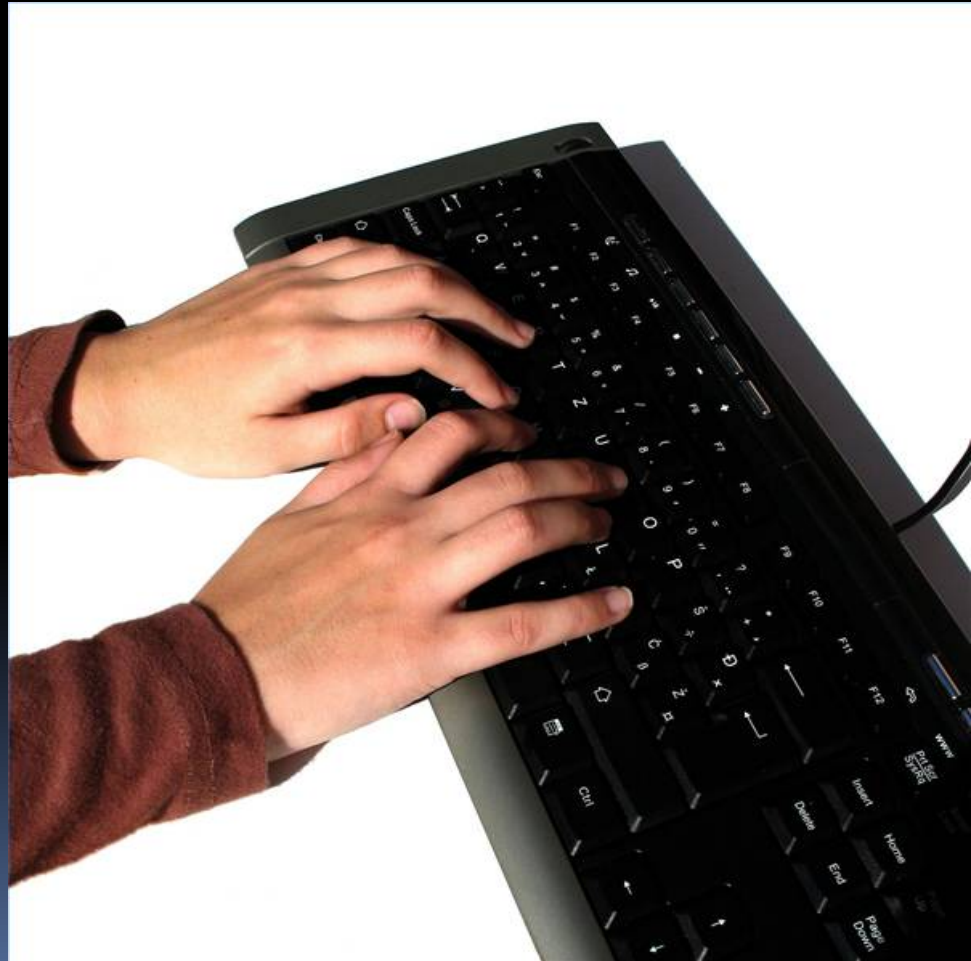
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Amazing Natural Remedies that cure/prevent disease (will a spoon of vinegar a day ward off cancers?)

Length: About 4 typed pages,
double-spaced



Go Get 'em!!

