

THE WISDOM OF THIS WORLD

Is Okay Sometimes, and Sometimes It Leaves Something To Be
Desired

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We offer our readers some information which has recently come to our attention:

Precooked Fish

On the morning of February 5, 1958, a B-47 bomber collided with an F-86 fighter jet. The pilot of the F-86 bailed out safely, and his plane crashed. The B-47 was damaged but flyable. The crew was given permission to jettison the 7,600-pound, 12-foot-long thermonuclear bomb into the Atlantic Ocean off Savannah, Georgia, and that is where the bomb still is to this day. An Air Force investigation concluded in 2001 that the bomb was "probably harmless" if left where it was, insisting that the bomb had been used for practice and did not contain the plutonium trigger needed for a nuclear explosion. In July 2002, a group led by retired Air Force lieutenant colonel Derek Duke said a large object was found underwater near Savannah, possibly the nuclear bomb, as it was emitting high levels of radioactivity.

*According to the environmental group Greenpeace, an estimated fifty nuclear warheads, most of them from the former Soviet Union, still lie on the bottom of the world's oceans.**

If the world is around long enough, those bombs will be emitting radiation into our oceans for thousands of years — more than enough time to contaminate all our waters, lakes, rivers, etc. And let us not forget that all our precipitation and seafood comes from the oceans.

"And there fell a great star from the sky, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; and the name of the star is called Wormwood,** and the third part of the waters became wormwood, and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter" (Rev. 8:10-11).

* Copyright, *Stupid History*, by Leland Gregory, Andrews McMeal Publishing, Kansas City, 2007, p. 153.

** The Slavonic word for "wormwood" is *chernóbyl*.

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A Watched Ocean Never Boils

The Washington Post: The Arctic Ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the seals are finding the water too hot, according to a report to the Commerce Department yesterday from Consulafft, at Bergen, Norway. Reports from fishermen, seal hunters and explorers all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard-of temperatures in the Arctic zone. Exploration expeditions report that scarcely any ice has been met as far north as 81 degrees 29 minutes.

Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters showed the Gulf Stream still very warm. Great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth and stones, the report continued, while at many points well known glaciers have entirely disappeared. Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds. Within a few years it is predicted that due to the ice melt the sea will rise and make most coastal cities uninhabitable.

Oops! Never mind. This report was from November 2, 1922, as reported by the Associated Press and published in the Washington Post – 89 years ago!

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The Pill That Kills

In *Christian News* (July 5, 2010), the following was reported:

"To commemorate the liberation [*sic*] of women, Planned Parenthood sent out a press release declaring May 9 the 50th Anniversary of The Pill, and the American media joined the celebration in lockstep. Now, technically speaking, the FDA only *announced* that it had plans to approve The Pill on May 9, 1960. But, shucks, this year, May 9 fell on a Sunday, *and it was Mother's Day*"!!!

What a bummer!

Furthermore, the FDA approved a medication — The Pill — that *increased* women's risk of having blood clots, hypertension, strokes, heart attacks, breast cancer and migraines. Where's the Hippocratic Oath nowadays ("First, do no harm")?

The Greek word for medicine is phármakon — whence we get our English word "pharmacy". The Greek word for poison is pharmákeion — just a one syllable difference! When that was brought to the attention of a Boston-area doctor, he said, "You know, that's closer to the truth than most people realize."

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On one occasion, Albert Einstein was asked, "What is the difference between genius and stupidity?" And he replied, "Genius has limits."