

Things I Don't Agree With

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Even the best of us say things that let's face it, are kind of dumb. Unfortunately, some of such people are highly trusted and respected, and can even come across as infallible. Lots of crazy stuff gets believed because of them. Until now. I will be finding quotes from apparent geniuses and bringing them back down to Earth. Sure, some of them are dead and can't defend themselves, but that should be no excuse. Imagine not criticising famous physicists, etc., just because they can't stand up for themselves. Many areas of science would never progress. Therefore, you can call me a wise sage, no the king of knowledge for writing the following. Here goes...

Legendary American comedian, Bill Hicks once (at least) said the following about drugs being criminalised: 'It's not a war on drugs, it's a war on personal freedom. Keep that in mind at all times. Thank you.' Bill Hicks thought narcotics should be legal? I think it's bad enough firearms are readily available in America, even in supermarkets, can you imagine what gun rampages would be like, when the perpetrators aren't even thinking clearly? He pointed out that some great music has been written when composers were high, but ever think about being inspired by maybe dreams instead of hallucinations? Why risk imprisonment and a lifetime of insanity, just because you can't wait until bedtime?

I don't know if fellow American George Carlin ever took drugs but again, he's someone best kept sober, for sure. One of his comedy routines went 'here's a list of people who ought to be killed...' Do I agree some people should be killed? Not really. Even getting rid of murderers is kind of wrong to me. Imagine my horror when I heard the 'comedian' saying people who read self-help books, guys with inspirational bumper stickers and dudes who carry babies in backpacks should be wiped out. Talk about an irrational society. I don't know about you, but I'd suffer almost constant panic attacks. Having to read a huge manual about what and what doesn't lead to the death penalty would be pretty bad considering I don't even like reading terms and conditions about harmless Youtube videos.

Billy Connolly isn't known for being quite so inspirational, but his talk about 'potatoes of the night' really is. As he points out, what a funny name for a meal! An excellent observation, so let's bring this person down! Hmm... I'll have to come back to this chap. But will I be able to think of anything to say? Maybe not.

Ricky Gervais complains about people skipping work because they're depressed. Let's have a think about that... Should a guitarist teach when he's feeling sad, for example? I don't think so. What if he only feels like teaching mournful minor scales? Someone looking for guidance for the upcoming bluegrass gig will be completely screwed over. (Well I've only ever heard cheerful major key bluegrass, anyway).

Then again, it's obvious a man who believes the whole of Iceland should be turned into a carpark is a man that shouldn't have too much political power. Then again-again, I'm sure the Icelanders would fiercely protest such an idea, so it's unlikely to happen. Unless something very odd goes on.

Bill Bailey is next up. In one of his performances, he says the major key is 'too eager to please'. Say that to Ricky Gervais and expect a huge rant that would in this case be justified. After all, what better musical concept to encourage positivity? Yep, I'm saying happy music stops people from skiving. Not only that, it's beneficial in many ways. Ever heard of people driving aggressively to upbeat Spice Girls songs? Me neither. (As much as I'd like to). And what about 'The Number of the Beast' by Iron Maiden? That's in a major key. Is THAT a song that's eager to please? Bill Bailey is clearly mad for implying it is. Sure he can keep performing comedy and music, just not in churches, cathedrals, etc. No! Priests and such don't want to hear songs about the devil! (Not even good ones --).

So there we have it, a man who jokes about potatoes has been proven to be the wisest and hardest to criticise comedian. Yep, I said I'd go back to Billy Connolly, but I haven't been able to find any faults against him. How about that? Who comes second in the mental health/cleverness contest? I guess Bill Bailey as he isn't really a danger to anyone physically. (Just educationally). Third goes to the insensitive, not-so-practical but also sane, Ricky Gervais; fourth is the kinda dumb, politically incompetent Bill Hicks; and last place goes to the mentally disturbed George Carlin. Aaaaaandddd... Bye!