More Paradoxes

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We all know that there are super-intelligent and hardworking people out there who put effort into understanding ridiculously crazy things, such as how old the universe is. Personally, if I was in charge of physics, I would have said it was obviously over hundreds of millions of years old and left it at that. (As dinosaur fossils are around that age). As I can't even begin to imagine what it must be like to experience such a length of time, I would say `f**k it' let's move onto another subject. Fortunately, I'm NOT in charge of physics, because now that I know the universe is many billions of years old, deep down, I am actually kind of intrigued. However, even though he could measure lengths of time by how fast light travels (eh?), I am convinced that even the likes of Stephen Hawking couldn't solve any of the paradoxes that I am about to bring up: Here goes...

How come Golden Delicious apples are my least favourite brand of the fruit? And how come they're not gold, but yellowygreen? 'Green not bads' would be a more fitting name, and I know that it would be bad marketing, but lies can be very damaging to companies. Therefore, the original name is indeed a paradox and not clever branding. In theory.

Next: How come if you shut a door harder that normal, it has less chance of closing? Marketing doesn't apply to this conundrum in any shape or form whatsoever, but that's fine with me as I don't really know anything about the subject. (Other than the basics just brought up, of course). Only when I'm under very severe amounts of stress would I ever assume 'misbehaving' doors were trying to piss me off, but now that I'm sane I'm just going to leave this one hanging.

No. 3: How come hard rock is usually relatively easy to play? Ok there are some heroes of the form such as Eddie Van Halen who are highly skilled, but he is nowhere near as good as the shred metal guitarists of the mid 80s. Again for the sake of good old honesty, the genre should really be called 'MODERATELY hard rock'. Not catchy, but look on the bright side: Those amazing guitarists of the time of crazy hair and such would perhaps finally get the respect they deserve if the HR name was fixed and the SM one changed to 'ultra-tough-shred metal.'

4: How come you can read newspapers but not wallpapers? Wouldn't it be great if you could get pearls of wisdom whilst taking a brief break from blogging/monologue writing/whatever? For example if the phrase 'the harder you work for something, the greater you'll feel when you achieve it' was by my side, who knows what I could do? Well that wasn't really a paradox was it? More of a question. I'm still keeping it, though.

REAL 4: How come blisters are no fun whatsoever? Calling even the smallest injury 'blissful' is insanity as far as I'm concerned. They should be called 'bothersomers' or whatever. Ok if you are in pain, it may be beneficial for your mental health if you tell yourself you are actually having a good time. But that's in the short term. However, if you repeatedly tell yourself that, you may end up going out of your way to harm yourself, which obviously wouldn't be good.

5: Nomads are often mad. We've all heard about crazy gypsies who talk to themselves and get into fights as if it's normal, so the name to describe them really doesn't make much sense at all.

6: How come people refer to reasonably sunny weather as `sun-light'? Surely cold climates are sun-light?

7: How come people describe other people not to be messed with as 'hard as nails'? Mine at least are slightly bendy. I guess you could compare their toughness to some plastics. 'Hard as plastic'? That's surely not the best way to describe Arnold Schwarzenegger, right? How about hard as graphene?

8: I've never heard of a mini getting shot with a minigun. 'I'm sorry, what was that?' I mean the name clearly implies the guns were designed to destroy the vehicles, pretty straightforward really, wasn't it? Neither have I heard of an RPG launcher releasing a fantasy adventure game.

9: Now I will be discussing the extremely complex Gibbs paradox. Only joking, I have no idea what that is.

10: How come tough gym guys pick on geeks if the two kinds of people have so much in common? They both work out right, just in a different way? Bringing up Stephen Hawking once more, he should be like a God to body builders. He may have been crippled, but he and his worked out sums would easily defeat Arnold Schwarzenegger if such a match could be arranged. If I told the people who go my gym that completely valid fact would I get listened to? Probably not, in fact I'm sure I'd get some pretty weird looks, but not all the world is reasonable.

Okey dokey, that's a good ten paradoxes for you and one interesting question. Would it really matter if any of my puzzles got solved? Probably not but then again, is it important that people now know the age of the universe? How much does that knowledge really change your life? Most likely in no way whatsoever. Now that I think of it, I might actually rather know the story behind Golden Delicious apples, because the subject of marketing (if it is marketing of course) is of importance to someone like me. A strange thought isn't it?