

I read something a few months ago now that surprised me and I still find a little bit hard to believe. I read that reasonable right brained people like myself prefer good tunes over good lyrics. (Seems fair enough to me). I also read that left brained people at least often prefer good lyrics over good tunes! Really?? I'm not the world's biggest Cannibal Corpse fan, but I do at least like their music a little bit. However, NOT because of the lyrics. Left brained people don't really listen to them because of their lyrics, do they? I mean, when I hear the group I think to myself 'Nice riff... Impressive even, the musicians are clearly skilled. Their music isn't pretty, granted, but it does have something to it.' I don't however, admire the words about killing everyone. I read somewhere that composers get 50% of the royalties and lyricists get the other 50%. That shocked me as well. Doesn't that seem unfair to you? The CC members must have practiced many years to play as fast as they do, but the lyricist getting just as much appreciation for writing 'kill, kill, kill, kill, hate'? Even if they made a deep poem about killing other people, I'd still question if that's on the same level as ultra-tight blast beats and shred guitar solos.

My music never did very well, and I think I may have just found out why. The lyrics aren't very good are they? Some might say they're brainless, even. I was trying to get the listener pumped and I quite clearly failed. You could make an argument that actually my music is instrumental, as 'boo' isn't a real word, more an expression of sadness or an attempt to surprise someone. If you can't though and my project consisted of me, the writer of tunes, harmony, rhythm, etc. and another guy who just wrote 'boo' like I did, would the other person get 50% of the royalties, then? THAT'S someone being screwed over. What happens when a left brained person listens to instrumental classical music? Would it be impossible for him to like it? Or what if someone recited a Shakespeare sonnet over 'ambient music' that is really just a person farting repeatedly. Would a left-brained person think to himself '... that's pretty good, actually...'? Maybe I shouldn't be so hard on left brainers, righties have their flaws, too. Such people are clearly quite happy listening to lyrics that are plain demented if the backing is ok. I think of myself as openminded, others think I'm demented as well, simply through association. 'Ah Simon, you like Cannibal Corpse? I don't know them, can you sing me one of their songs? Bye Simon.'

Like many other right-brained people, I don't like working with facts and doing research. I'd much prefer it if someone said to me '... Why not make things up?' Beautiful. Of course there are some things you simply can't make up (for example maths and history), but the English language? You're actually encouraged to be creative! What would happen if I did make up maths and history, I wonder? I could ask 'What's the square root of 64? It's 8!' So far so good, but then I continue by saying 'And do you know why it's 8? Because 'square' means 'boring' and 8 is a boring number! Want an exciting number? Here you go: 123454321!' Me saying that is clearly overcomplicating an already complicated subject. Rocket science is heavily based on maths obviously, and therefore I would be singlehandedly RUINING the field of space travel. 'But Simon told me to fly the rocket at 121 mph, what do you mean that's not fast enough to leave the atmosphere?!' Me making up history isn't any better as people often study the subject to predict the future. 'What started WW2? An uncontrolled surge in the popularity of ice cream? In that case, we must ban all ice cream!'

Me making up the sciences wouldn't work either. Biology would perhaps be the worst

of the sciences to screw up. How do I treat cancer? Well, the disease is caused by a growth in cells some people would call 'terrorist cells' and what kills terrorist cells? Commandos! It's simple logic, commandos cure cancer. Of course commandos can only treat cancer if they're trained surgeons, which isn't a RIDICULOUS thought when you consider the fact such people must have a least SOME medical training surely, but I'd be surprised if they get enough medical training to tackle one of the world's biggest problems. Ironically, I actually did pretty well in biology in school, even during my early schizophrenia days, which I find to be particularly impressive but to be fair, I was never asked how I'd cure cancer. I may well have said 'with commandos' back then. So, whilst left-brainers arguably have a worse taste in music, they are surely better at maths and science than people who just sing tunes all the time. A classic case of sings and roundabouts, and on that philosophical note... bye!