**Beliefs - Funnies**

**My daughter, Judy, had a doll back in the '50s that lost a leg, leaving her in tears. That night, after Judy was in bed, I sat down and fashioned a new leg for the doll. I then laid the doll beside Judy as she slept. The next morning, Judy came out of her room hugging her doll, her eyes shining with happiness. “I didn't used to believe in the Good Fairy," she said. “But now I do because you can't sew this good.” (Betsy Sharrow, in Reminisce magazine)**

**King Henry VI banned kissing in England in 1439 because he thought it spread disease. (*Uncle John’s Bathroom Reader: Extraordinary Book of Facts, p. 65)***

**Among the pilgrims who joined the First Crusade in the spring of 1096 was a group from the Rhineland who dutifully marched behind a goose and a goat in the belief that the creatures had been filled with the Holy Spirit and would guide them to Jerusalem. Perhaps their zeal was understandable since one of the leading crusaders, Peter the Hermit, had an almost reverential love for his donkey. *(Geoff Tibballs, in The Giant Bathroom Book of Dumbology, p. 200)***

**Two people were killed and nearly 50 injured by spent bullets in 1972 when hundreds of Cambodian troops open fire at the moon to prevent its destruction by a mythical giant frog. Ancient Cambodian legend has it that the moon is under threat of being eaten by an outsize amphibian called Reahou, so at each eclipse the soldiers fire into the sky to stop the frog in its tracks. *(Geoff Tibballs, in The Giant Bathroom Book of Dumbology, p. 200)***

**There is a folk belief that if you bury a statue of St. Joseph on a piece of property, it will be sold more quickly. When I was getting ready to move, I took the St. Joseph from my Nativity scene and buried him near my front door. A few days later a woman made an offer. Since she had to sell her property I suggested she enlist the help of the saint as well. After a month of burying the statue all over her lawn, she had no nibbles and in disgust put the statue out in her trash. A week later she opened her local paper and read: “Town Sells Landfill to Private Developer.” (Frances Lacasse, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Tell someone there are 300 billion stars in the universe and he'll believe you. But tell him a bench has just been painted and he has to touch it to be sure. (Edna McCann, in The Heritage Book)**

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