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From: Intergalactic Cultural Anthropology Expedition
Sections IV and XXI

Re: Anomalous Behavior Patterns

The expedition to examine subcultures and behavioral patterns on Planet Earth has uncovered an anomaly that defies explanation by the rational principles and Cartesian logic of our own planet. Sections IV and XXI traveled independently in separate cruise missiles and randomly selected inhabitants for analysis by our noninvasive probes; that is, acoustical eavesdropping and quantitative three-dimensional gossip.

At 3:00 p.m. Earth Time on 4 August, Section IV located an individual with a red face speaking into a telephone at the 10^3 -decibel level. The subject was using arcane linguistic techniques with multisyllable words such as "nincompoop" and "incompetent" occasionally interspersed with four-letter words not available in captured dictionaries. This species, which Section IV calls "Author," was complaining bitterly to something called *The Journal* that his manuscript had received no decision in 3 weeks despite (i) it represented better work than had ever appeared in that journal for the last decade and (ii) it was easily the best of his 176 papers, none of which had been treated so shabbily. It was ascertained that this work had taken 2 years to complete, 3 months to write up, and 1.5 months to be criticized by colleagues of the Author before being sent to *The Journal*. At 3:37 p.m., Section IV moved on to study behavior of one horse, two bullfinches, and a garter snake, all of which behaved in a classical and rational Cartesian manner.

At 4:00 p.m. on 4 August, Section XXI located an individual with a red face speaking into a telephone at the 10^{-3} -decibel level using multisyllable words such as "impossible" and "inconceivable" occasionally broken by signs, groans, and anguished looks at the ceiling. This species, which Section XXI calls "Referee," was apologizing to something called *The Journal* that (i) the manuscript that he had received for review had only recently arrived, having been delayed in the mails; (ii) he had in fact been studying the manuscript for weeks; and (iii) it had come during a period when he was out of the country, writing a grant, lecturing to 300 students, and lying flat on his back in the hospital being fed intravenously. He promised that the manuscript would be put in the mail "tomorrow" and complained that it was unreasonable of *The Journal* to expect a busy Referee such as he was to review a manuscript in less than 3 weeks. Section XXI was unable to obtain a definition of the word "tomorrow" before it moved on to study the viscosity of rush-hour traffic.

The anomaly in the case was not recognized until the two sections received laboratory reports of their remote-sensing DNA-sequencing determinations and optical surface imagery. The former indicated identical DNA sequences for the two species and optical photographs revealed identical clothing and facial characteristics. The sections concluded that it was theoretically astounding, but experimentally conclusive, that both expeditionary units had observed the same individual. No explanation for the subject's behavior could be suggested until Professor X173 discovered that there were two hemispheres of the brain of *Homo sapiens*. We conclude that a single body houses both species, but that the Author species uses the left hemisphere and the Referee species the right hemisphere, and there is no cross-correlative system. Professor X173 predicts that such split personalities will create wars, famines, and two types of Coca-Cola.

—DANIEL E. KOSHLAND, JR.