

an orphan, feeds her and clothes her, and protects her from rain, These same humans are very prompt indeed in labelling these actions as humane.

Now, while admittedly on the average more orphans are tenderly cared for than children foully murdered, and while bashing a child's head against a stone is a practice to which humans have relatively rarely resorted,

Still, when considering all the minor cruelties and kindnesses of the human race as a whole and in the long run, it would appear that in the statement "to be human is to be kind" the truth is definitely distorted,

And all those poor souls hopeful for "the milk of human kindness" would seem to have been rather badly misled.

What with "man's 'inhumanity' to man" so embarrassingly widespread.

And yet, when some unfortunate human's overt behaviour does not (as it often happens) measure up to what it is fondly believed the human behaviour ought to be by the human race en mass,

That particular individual is promptly ostracized from the human race & publicly reclassified as a hog, an ape, or an ass.

In other words, while accepting the Credit for all the good and noble and unselfish deeds as being intrinsically human and claiming all possible virtues as its typical features,

The human species conveniently places the blame for its misdemeanors upon the lesser creatures.

And while we must admire the humans for the extremely high standards of behaviour they aspire to,

We should not be at all surprised if gods seeing their conceit and pride wiped the species out in its entirety.

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Theorem: After a long and careful study, I have come to the conclusion that it is impossible to tell the best liked and most respected fans from people.

Corollary: If it is your ambition to be well liked and respected by fandom in general, try not to act like a fan. SWPW

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Dear Jimmy -- Thought you knew: in fandom you're apt to be called anything whether or not it fits.

Watch your crud percentage; are you sure you need locs?

ALMA (BOSTON WITCH) HILL

Let's face it: they're what makes all this worthwhile -- PW

Dear Paul -- I DO read DIFFERENTIAL... I DO!

ANN CHAMBERLAIN
Please dont stop. -- PW

Dear PW -- Better official abbreviation for DIFFERENTIAL: ial.

LLOYD BIGGLE, Jr.

Hmm... Oh well, why not? It's different, ain't it? -- PW

Dear PW -- Who is the SW part of SWPW? Ingroup joke, or am I dense? DIFFERENTIAL for Hugo? With material like "abdul and the caliph" there is no reason why not, though personally I'm voting for F&SF as best fanzine.

FREDRICK NORWOOD

SW stands for Stanislaw Wladyslaw and that's no joke, boy. PW

special today: bunia's choice

Bunia reads everything that is published in North America sf-wise. She has been since around 1950. When she comes across a phrase or passage that tickles her fancy she jots it down. Out of pages and pages of these jottings, all anonymous, here is a randomly selected handful. Can any one identify them?

Olé, said his stomach, licking its duodenum.

Her scul stood on her eyelashes and waved at him.

I started to smile and discovered that my original smile was still frozen on my face.

One of those indefinite districts where the undefinable elements of the population tend to accumulate like fuzz in a pocket.

If one of them ever dropped his egotism and broke it, it would take a week to fumigate the city.

It was the thought that he had kept away on the horizon of his mind, the thought that now charged in on him with long leaps and bounds and then stopped and sat on its haunches and grinned at him while it's long tongue lolled.

Life is just a bowl of theories...

He looked like a deep thinking, bald stork scheduled for delivery of Siamese quintuplets in a typhoon.

He had read Shakespeare and found him weak in chemistry.

His mouth tasted like horse blanket puce.

"Eat your carrot!" I thundered, "Or

I shall descend upon you like a wrathful god."

"Not that way, you goddamned fool, sir!"

Miss Delamere swept out like a well shaped wave and swept back in again with, in her ripple, like a large piece of flotsam, Mr. Mycroft.

It was a lovely night, so quiet you could hear your own flesh crawl...

He swept the sky with a bloodshot telescope.

It's a worse rap than moperly with intent to gawk.

All he got for his pains was a piece of Williams' mind, the piece with the hole in it.

"You got atoms on you, you shameless slob, the same kind like on a pig!"

Twenty feet above him, a toilet jutted out of the shattered side of the building, bent double on its piping like an obscene lily, fountaining a spray of sterile nectar down over the tumbled ruins.

The sky hung over the city like unwashed laundry.

...one intensely feminine leg which issued from her puritanical skirt like the heresy which ends an era.

He died quietly last year, swallowed by three crocodiles while swimming in the Nile.

More nightmares last night. I drowned three times and a purple octopus gave me an enema.

People should realize that, though I may lack wealth and grace and charm, I do so in a special and superior way.

a dissertation on the insolent hubris of humanity

Being a dominant species on a planet certainly leads to a great deal of self-headedness,

And although many could have said more about this than I they instead said less.

Therefore, even though I know I can expect no monetary reward of any sort for my efforts (be it in U.S. dollars, French francs, Russian rubles, or Jap yens)

I feel it is my duty to report on the

remarkable conceit of the genus homo sapiens.

Example: when a member of the said species indulges in, oh, let us say, smashing the skull of his once favorite child,

Any other humans called on to consider this action condemn it unanimously and unhesitatingly as definitely inhuman and completely wild.

On the other hand, when another member of the same species is kind to