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ANTI – G

I begin by noting that although Scot Morris has said nothing this year about the letter “G”, had he said anything, it would have been a bunch of crap! Or as I would prefer – “a bunch of garbage.”

At G4G7 I spoke out against not just the number “7”, but all numbers and then said I would have nothing more to say anti-number. Much to everyone’s surprise, including my own, I have kept my word. I have remained silent, which is more than Scot has been able to do! But I can no longer do so. There is a scourge in the land and it all relates to the alphabet. Wherever there is a problem, the problem is spelled with letters. Problem begins with P and that rhymes with T and that stands for Trouble [or Talk, meaning this one.] Clearly, if there were no alphabet, we could not spell anything and there would be no problems. I could have chosen any letter to speak against, but since we are here for G4G10, I have decided to speak out against the letter “G.”

“G” is the seventh letter of the alphabet, so I’d like to incorporate herein by reference, every nasty thing I said about “7” in my prior “Anti-7” talk. Please see the G4G7 handouts for details¹.

Interestingly, or at least I hope so, “G” is one of the many letters of the alphabet that is also a word. But what a dumb word – “Gee,” as in Gee wilikers, Gee whiz, or Golly gee. Try saying one of those while seeming to maintain any IQ of over 80. For those of you willing to admit to any IQ of less than 80, I

recommend incorporating some of those expressions. They will make you seem smarter.

I know “G”² is a somewhat controversial choice for an “anti” lecture, for are we not here to celebrate Martin Gardner, in the state of Georgia? Not only has G-d chosen “G” for an initial, but it is clear how his son’s name, Jesus, should have been spelled! But, if you’re going to go for it, start with the hard one!

Normally, I include at least one fancy, but meaningless, mathematical formula in these talks, but that would seem pointless with G. However I do happen to have one equation left over from prior talks, so I’m going to toss it in here just to use up a power point slide.

$$G = [1^* \text{ } \overset{\frown}{\text{ }} \wedge \square] / [\square^* \square \wedge \text{ } \text{ }]^* \square$$

Of some interest I think, is that all these symbols represent “G” in some language or script.

Obviously I would have almost endless potential examples of what a terrible letter “G” is, if I were to use words or names that contain “G”, or even those that start with “G.”³ So to be sporting I will be primarily using only examples with “G” as a significant initial.

“G” has many uses in everyday language.

G represents Gravity – talk about something that will bring you down.

The expression G-men⁴ referred to FBI agents. FBI has three perfectly good initials, why G would be used for FBI is beyond me.

4G – Life was much better when I could just make up facts, state them with authority and be believed. Now someone always has a 4G phone to Google the subject and find the real answer. It’s just not worth making up stuff anymore.

Gmail – If it were not for **G**mail those kind Nigerian princes would not be waiting for me with the many millions of dollars they have decided to give me for somewhat unclear reasons. **G**mail has also often brought me the good news that I have won a lottery I did not enter. By next year I will be rich. Rich! I tell you⁵.

G–String – A terrible misogynist bit of clothing used only to tempt men from the straight and narrow path. It is detestable and a cause for disgust. Here is a photograph from the Internet. Let's take just a few moments to be repulsed. [Pause] [PowerPoint slide]

G–Line subway in NYC – Goes from Court St. to Church St. Who cares?

G Sharp – Do we really need it? No, seriously, do we really need it? I can't tell.

G – in Morse code – “ - - .” No comment, just thought it might come in handy someday.

G – in Braille – “::” See above comment.

G spot – I'm a little uncomfortable with this one, for I don't even believe it exists, but if any woman feels differently I am not going to debate it. I will only say that if it does exist, it just isn't worth the effort to find it.

F*******G** – Not really a “**G**” word, but I'm just proving I don't spell very well.

“**G**–Force” – It may not be the worst movie ever made, but it is surely the worst movie ever made featuring Guinea Pigs

Kenny **G** – Please insert your own jokes.

G'Day – This is Australian⁶ for “I'm trying to sound like an Australian.” We could do without it.

g = gram – You'd think this is just another harmless measurement of weight, but I've never known anyone to use it for anything other than selling illegal drugs.

G20 economic group – you can see how well that's working.

Warren **G.** Harding – Try and find him on a list of our great presidents.

G. Gordon Liddy – A man so strange that he once tried to pick up a woman by burning his palm over a candle, then he bragged about it.

Susan **G.** Komen – Honestly, I would never have thought of including her, but I have strong feelings vis-a-vis Planned Parenthood, so in she goes.

GOP – I’m not going to push this one, but as I’ve already said, I have some strong feelings.

G. I. Joe – Amazingly, he is NOT a real American hero. Like my talk, they just made him up.

Burton **G.** Malkiel – A very famous economist, which means no one has heard of him, but he once taught a class I was in so he gets included.

G – The movie rating. A guarantee that not even your children will enjoy the film.

Jihad – **G** is such a terrible letter that even Jihadists refuse to spell their name correctly.

Anti-**G** Program - It is not enough to just explain the evils of “**G**,” but I have a seven step [A-**G**] program to greatly reduce the use of “**G**” in our society.

[A] Make sure you never go to Gabon, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, or Guyana.

[B] Learn to spell without the forbidden letter. “J” will usually work as a substitute. Besides, Wildebeest sounds much better.

[C] **G**onorrhea – Try to avoid it. If you must have an STD, there are many other choices.

[D] Avoid politicians with **G** names. I mean **G**ingrich? Really, **G**ingrich? [That line was much funnier when I wrote it in December.]

[E] Never **G**errymander, even if you have to **G**oogle it just to figure out what it is, so you can avoid it.

[F] Teach your children to spit whenever they hear the letter “**G**.” Please also teach them to clean up afterwards, just in case I’m nearby.

[**G**] This is not just the last step, but it is by far the most important! We must . . . Oh, I’m sorry; I see my time is up. Thank you.

¹ G4G7 Exchange Book – Vol. 2, page 294

² The Really Big Book of “G.”

³ The Oxford English Dictionary – Special edition without the letter G.

⁴ The Big Book of Sounding Tough.

⁵ I mean, why would a Nigerian lie to me?

⁶ See “Australian for the rest of us.”