

Ask the

Master of Science



My Query is....

How do Uggs keep a girl's feet warm? Thanks.

-Girlyman

Dear Girly Mom,

As a concerned mom you're right to want to know how Uggs keep the little'uns' extremities toasty. Answer: Uggs emit the warmth of conformity. The effect is analogous to uranium or plutonium radiating invisible death. The Russians are actually looking into powering their nuclear subs more efficiently with Uggs: Operation Sub-Ugg. Trouble is, these subs only work if every other sub is doing it too.

Dear He-who-is-to-Scientists-what-Yoda-is-to-Jedis, What's happening to all of the icebergs, and will they ever come back? Thank you for any help you can offer.

-Polar Bear

Dear Polar Bear,

First off, I hate to use this forum to voice my political views, but there should be a world wide organization, called The Nations Standing United, that prevents countries like Japan and Russia from poaching icebergs: the main cause of their reduction in numbers. A wildberg reserve might also help.

As for the prospects for the majestic iceberg's return; things proceed in cycles. They ebb and flow. Waves within waves. The sun, the moon and then the sun again. And everything returns to the sea in the end, like icebergs. So, they should be back, unless icebergs aren't like that. Until we know what will happen we'll just have to wait and see if those behemoth, photogenic and sympathetic ice cubes will return, along with their parasitic polar bears.

Dear Master of Science,

Someone once told me that science tells us the Soul is actually the brain, rather than a separate thing that is eternal and non-physical. Is this true?

-Beatty

Dear Beatty,

Once I hit my head with a hammer because I was experimenting with a new super bouncy material (the next generation of super balls will be on the

market in five to ten years folks). I was like "Oww, mutha flubba!" And I thought, after I punched the wall a few times, that there is no way that my soul can possibly be separate from my body. That just hurt too much! I mean how can just a collection of neurons and goo make all that pain that feels super real? But. What if we're just like computers, and we're a program that instantiates pain? I mean WALL-E could certainly feel stuff. And uh, dendrites and quantum mechanics would be weird if that was the soul. Time travel. So anyway... what's next?

Dear Master on Science!

Which is bigger, the Universe or your butt? My friend bet me three dollars I wouldn't do this.

-Anonaname

Dear Anonajerk,

Wiseman sayeth: never insult someone with a nationally syndicated column. They always have the last word. Your butt is biggest.

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