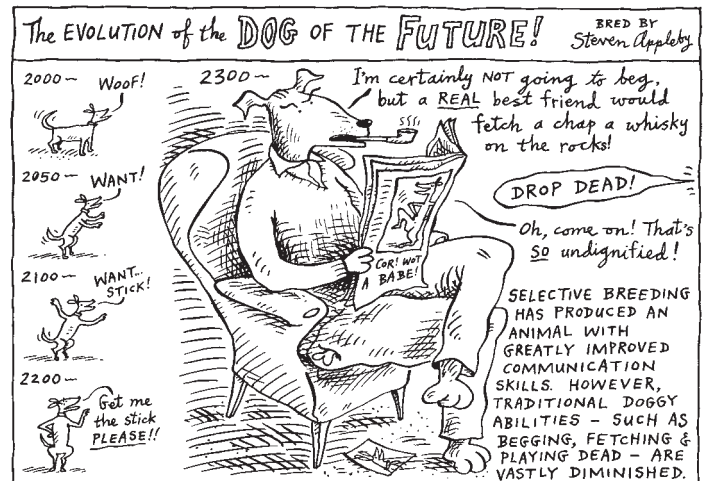


Steven Appleby

Wormholes

Wormholes is a series of cartoons originally created by Steven Appleby to accompany a humorous science column in *The Sunday Telegraph*, which still publishes them every week. The cartoons are a sideways look at topics of peculiar, often scientific interest. Many have also been published in German in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*.

There are about 100 black line strips in this series available for publication.



Steven Appleby is one of Britain's most prolific cartoonists. From the days when his first cartoon about the dysfunctional sci-fi cult hero *Captain Star* appeared in the *New Musical Express*, through to his weekly cartoons in *The Guardian* today, he has reminded and reassured his readers that it is the very normality of life that is inexplicably odd and funny.

His work has appeared in numerous other newspapers and magazines, including *The Observer*, *Harpers & Queens*, *The Tatler*, *GQ*, *Junior*, *Punch*, *The Oldie*, *Erotic Review*, *The New York Times*, *Atlas*, *Primeur*, *ZEITmagazin*, *BZ*, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, *Eltern*, *The Times*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Sunday Telegraph* and many others.

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A RANDOM CARTOON!

Nonsense by Steven Appleby

<p>THE BOXES IN THIS CARTOON ARE IN A COMPLETELY RANDOM ORDER...</p> <p>No, they're not!</p>	<p>That first one made sense and so does this!</p> <p>Only by pure, random chance.</p>	<p>They say that a monkey with a typewriter, given enough time, would write the works of Shakespeare. That's what's happening here.</p> <p>You can't compare a cartoon to Shakespeare!</p>
<p>I think it's incredible! Quite randomly, this cartoon makes complete sense!</p> <p>Hmm...</p>	<p>Perhaps, by random, the last box will contain a punchline of staggering insight and truth!</p> <p>Let's see...</p>	<p>Bicycle, fruit bat soda fountain.</p> <p>As the refrigerator said to the umbrella stand.</p>

HOW TO MAKE CHOICES!

TRY THE SHORT TEST BELOW

Steven Appleby.

<p>A The BEST choice.</p> <p>If I choose the BEST choice I'll probably feel disappointed because the BEST may still not be good enough.</p>	<p>B The AVERAGE choice.</p> <p>The AVERAGE choice will be better than the WORST but not as good as the BEST - so I'll definitely feel disappointed!</p>	<p>C The WORST choice.</p> <p>By selecting the WORST choice I know EXACTLY what I'm getting. And I can enjoy having a good mean about how bad it is.</p>	<p>IN CONCLUSION!</p> <p>The SAFEST choice is obviously C - the WORST option!</p> <p>Did YOU make the right choice?</p>
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PREDICT YOUR FUTURE!

WITH THIS INGENUOUS & TOTALLY FREE DEVICE!

Steven Appleby drawing

CONGRATULATIONS! YOUR FUTURE WILL BE...

FIND OUT WHICH WAY YOUR COOKIE IS GOING TO CRUMBLE!

Yawn...

Bad. Good. Average. Not worth it.

YOU'LL BE SUCCESSFUL if you grow your hair.

AS INVENTED AND USED BY EINSTEIN HIMSELF!

IT'S UTTERLY SCIENTIFIC!

HOW THE ASTROLOGICAL MAT WORKS... THE COOKIE CRUMBLES ACCORDING TO THE POSITIONS OF THE PLANETARY BODIES AND THE FORCES THEY EXERT UPON YOUR LIFE!

It says I'll have a successful career if I grow my hair!

SIMPLY... CLOSE YOUR EYES AND CRUMBLE A COOKIE OVER THE MAT OF DESTINY. NOW, WORK OUT WHICH SEGMENT CONTAINS THE MOST CRUMBS!

I'D KNOW THERE WAS A GOD IF...

Steven Appleby

<p>I won the lottery!</p>	<p>I could eat as much as I liked and stay thin.</p>	<p>If my hair stopped falling out.</p>	<p>If the bus arrived just as I got to the stop.</p>
<p>If I could always find my socks... AND they were in pairs!</p>	<p>If there was always a parking space.</p>	<p>Oh, look! There's a space! Thank you, God!</p>	<p>Actually, I sorted that out. If there's a God then there's also me!!</p>

The EARLY DAIRY INDUSTRY.

Steven Appleby Thanks PE

ARCHAEOLOGISTS HAVE DISCOVERED THAT MAN WAS A DAIRY FARMER MANY CENTURIES AGO - BUT IN THOSE DAYS WE DIDN'T EAT MILK PRODUCTS...

GIANT PREHISTORIC COW.

① HOT MILK AT BEDTIME (LATER ADOPTED BY CLEOPATRA): Come on in! The milk's lovely! Dunk me!

② HAIR GREASE: This butter will cure your baldness. Smells manly, too.

③ AND NO WASTE. YOU CAN WEAR THE PACKAGING AFTERWARDS! Nice shorts! Isn't that Daisy?

Move along, Bluebell!

Why don't we try drinking it? YUK!

BLUE-BOTTLE O-SAUER!

Discover YOUR ancient origins!

Steven Appleby

THE NEW POCKET-SIZE DNA TEST PEN MAKES RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY EASY!

Simply RUB THE TIP ON A PERSON'S SKIN AND READ YOUR FAMILY RELATIONSHIP IN THE SMALL DISPLAY WINDOW.

TAKES 2 AA BATTERIES (NOT SUPPLIED).

A FEW DNA TESTS LATER... Hurrah! Put me in your will, uncle! I certainly will, Will!

MANY, MANY TESTS LATER STILL... Hmm. My family tree seems to include everyone in the entire world - including the apes.

So now there can be world peace and a big family hug!

I'm afraid not.

It actually explains why we all get along so badly.

You're right. My sister and I fight like cat and dog...

A SHORT COURSE IN SCIENCE & PHILOSOPHY.

Steven Appleby

QUESTION 1: WHICH OF THESE PEOPLE IS THE SCIENTIST AND WHICH IS THE PHILOSOPHER?

I love you for your mind.

I love you for the way your neurons fire.

QUESTION 2: HOW MANY ANGELS CAN DANCE ON THE HEAD OF A PIN?

I'll answer that using my electron microscope.

I'll answer that using logical thought.

SOON... I make the answer infinity.

The answer obviously depends on what style of dancing the angels are doing.

Oh dear. That big fat one has elbowed the skinny one right off!

Infinity minus one.

Hey! Watch out!

SCIENCE is BORING!

Yikes! It's been proved scientifically!

Steven Appleby

I'm giving up science, Dad.

But science is vital! It explains how the world works!

No, Dad, science is just one way of looking at things. ART explains the world far better.

Look at this drawing of two kittens playing with a ball of wool.

Great heavens! You're RIGHT!

This drawing makes Einstein's theory of special relativity look like the jottings of a mad child!

It fills in all the blanks!

SUDDENLY! Actually, MY research shows that ART is boring, too.

GASP!

Here in the hairdressing department we are developing a ground-breaking new theory of evolution.

How's that, Mrs Spleen?

Ooo! A big leap forward!

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