

Bad Manners & Good Gossip

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Contrary to perhaps widely spread opinion (an expression with three ambiguous words), I am extremely thoughtful about *everything* I write whether it is intended for publication, private with the understanding that it is confidential, or private with the *expectation* that its recipient might wish to use its contents against me at some future time on the wild and woolly, way outest west ever, called The Internet.

And being a mischievous sort by nature and nombre (although as all who know me know, never malicious, no matter how “wicked” the mischief might appear), often these private emails of the third category wind up being extremely provocative, and often cause me considerably more “wasted time” (an ambiguous two word, common expression) than I bargained for in the initial, often improperly spell-checked, electronic missives, which are *impulsive* only in that restricted, technical sense.

Nonetheless, one cannot grumble about the fruits of the seeds of one’s own planting to any profit (although many try often to do so, at least to my experience), and so I bear the ignominies that come my way with the best good humor I am able to muster at the moment they come, life being quite a complex progression of connected temporal stimuli of all varieties from inside as well as out, and although each reducible to “chemistry”, the temporal wholeness is a great deal more than the sum of its chemical parts. (I know, none of the above is either bad manners or good gossip...patience...we will get there soon enough.)

Earlier this month, I discovered that my arch-enamigo, JP Moore, presently of Cornell Med. association, attempted to libelously alter my biography at the Wikipedia, an event I allude and link to in this otherwise fond and amusing memoir:

[\[http://barnesworld.blogs.com/barnes_world/2007/04/harvey_bialy_th.html\]](http://barnesworld.blogs.com/barnes_world/2007/04/harvey_bialy_th.html). Upon its discovery, I sent a ferocious note to Moore with some “very bad language”, and then forwarded it to his dean and a few others with a note of explanation, and a sentence to the effect that I made no apologies of any kind for my bad language in that what John had done was infinitely worse.

This Sunday’s Funny Page will be devoted to an *in depth* visual and textual examination of the above and the synopsis of subsequent events that follows: John used *part* of what I wrote him (omitting his own emails of course) and prominently “posted” a rather vicious attack piece against me on his website that he calls AIDSTruth.org, and which we like to refer to more properly as AIDSTruthiness.org

[\[http://barnesworld.blogs.com/barnes_world/2006/11/stephen_colbert.html\]](http://barnesworld.blogs.com/barnes_world/2006/11/stephen_colbert.html) that has caused a few emails from people with contents that I was not accustomed to reading from the people who sent them, as well as a few bizarre ones from cyber-pseudos.

Also newly atop the Truthiness sidebar are a number of attacks against Rebecca Culshaw that I described to John yesterday in an email as another “golden opportunity” and thanked him.

But that is also neither bad manners nor good gossip, although it gets closer.

On the same page, is also a “New” piece by Martin Delaney in which he gets very verbally upset at the fact that Peter Duesberg has never worked a day on HIV, and so how could he possibly be in a position to criticize the work of those who have (to no obvious *public* good) for so long.

Since the cartoon of this past Sunday relates so directly to Howard Temin and the rotten way he was awarded half a prize for an idea that was completely his own, and which he fought tooth and nail to get accepted for 10 years, I wrote to Martin.

What follows is our exchange to now. It appears finished, but who knows...and in any case web publishing allows it to be updated as required. *All* the emails were copied to JP Moore, Peter Duesberg and Rebecca Culshaw. What qualifies it as gossip is that in the very first email to me, Delaney attempts to make “use” of the Moore assault PDF that accuses me of rampant homophobia (when, as all who know me know, I am in fact, a homophiliac). What makes it “good” is that Delaney reveals many truths not only about his own intellect, knowledge and character, but also those of his partners in AIDS, Inc., who think, argue and write almost exactly the same. Publishing them I suppose is bad manners, like I really care. Delaney in his preferred azul email ink and me in lc negrita type.

From: bialy harvey [
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2007 6:52 AM
To: Martin Delaney, Cc: John P. Moore, PhD; Peter Duesberg; Rebecca Culshaw
Subject: give it a rest martin

howard temin NEVER worked on hiv and that did not stop him from becoming the senior author on the ONLY semblance of a scientific debate EVER held in the literature in 25 years....

of course you would not know this because for one thing you have never read my simple to understand, fully documented history that is exceptionally well thought of by notables such as george miklos, sir henry harris, walter gilbert, charles cantor, gunther stent, richard strohman, and of course that thoroughly despised, lunatic nobelist kary mullis to name a few with publication records i for one would be exceptionally proud to call my own.....

Stuff it. I knew Howard Temin quite well and spent quite a bit of time with him, right up to his death. Don't disgrace his name. His views on HIV and AIDS were completely antithetical to your own. And please, don't talk down to me. You've shown all of us who you really are in the text of the emails you've been firing off like a canon on a water logged deck, hanging by it last rusty bold. I am oh so sure that your list of names all just love your thinking on AIDS.

and you're no jack kennedy either ..marty...but do you disagree with the fact that he never worked on the deadly virus...why i wonder IF it was the most important retro ever

ever and he was a very dedicated man...i knew him too...and i treat him very respectfully in my extremely accurate first hand history..another FACT that you might know if you bothered to read it mr stuff it....peter knew him a bit as well. i dare say a little better even than you, and a little longer too and when he wasn't plagued by the spectre of his own mortality.....

and martin...ever hear the expression to each according to their abilities?

well it applies to my emails...and their very different styles...

you have shown yourself to be a literate, non personally abusive and not malicious opponent...i don't think i have ever written to you like i do your friend john...

I know what Howard thought of Peter and did not share your worship of him. That's about all I need to say.

maybe you did know what howard thought of peter (maybe), but to imagine that my book is hero worship is simply idiotic, and i know you are not an idiot by any means...so once more i conclude that you have not actually read it.....

Of course I don't disagree with the fact that Howard didn't work on the virus. Neither did he spout nonsensical claims about HIV that were obviously contrary to the data. Duesberg made himself a target. He has no one to blame but himself. When scientists all but make a career out of challenging the "conventional wisdom" on an issue, they incur an obligation to at least attempt to prove what they say with experiments and data. Remember what they say about "extraordinary claims require extraordinary data?" Your friend hasn't offered a single speck of data or a single experiment or study. He simply attacks the views of others and very often misrepresents their the work of others. If I'm no Jack Kennedy (neither am I a drug addict as he apparently was), then it is all the more sad that I find Duesbergs mistakes so easy to point out. See, even us dummies can see through his nonsense.

well enough written (per usual) and, as always, a not terribly convincing deflection...i suggest that you look here:

http://barnesworld.blogs.com/barnes_world/2007/04/darin_c_brown_t.html for the ultimate refutation of your last ditch defense....confidently yours, bialy

Believe, nobody takes YBYL seriously, even in your own camp.

you have reduced your superior intelligence considerably, like your friend moore, and are now arguing total nonsense. previously you only maligned (perhaps humorously, perhaps not) a president of the united states in exactly the same way you cast your delicately phrased aspersions against peter).

martin...how could you possibly have any data at all on how many of the 500-800 daily readers according to Google Analytics and Alexa take what they read seriously?

2. look at the contributors list, martin. these are serious people..surely there are a few people in the world who might take what they write a little seriously....

it is when you begin to 'argue' like this that i lose the respect that you engendered once by recognizing the beauty of my collaborative work with charles stein in his translation of the odyssey for the 21st century [<http://bialystocker.net/posts/1147540584.shtml>]...a work that is now completed, with all its extensive notes and will be published late this year or early next by north atlantic books ... the same press that published my worthless "hagiography" and the even worse (for you) Culshaw "tome/ette".

What is wrong with you? You can't write two sentences without passing judgment on someone, either the person you're talking to or someone peripheral to the conversation. Let me get this clear: I do not give a hoot what you think of me. If you are so stupid as to not see that my remark about Kennedy was intended as humor, not judgment, I find it impossible to have a conversation with you. This "contributors list" you think so highly of is little more than a simple public relations trick. There is absolutely no assurance than the people on that list have ever willingly contributed anything (it's not a contribution if Barnes simply lifts something someone has said). Nor is there any assurance that the people on the list in any way support the views of the site itself. This is so silly it isn't worth talking about.

Talking to you is like trying to dance on thin ice. One just never knows when the ice will crack. It worth the trouble. You obviously live for the sake of argument. Enjoy your life. But please stay out of mine.

While correcting one final typo (*to* for *tot* – one of those typos spell-checkers don't find), I thought to add this, which is the thought anyone who has read this far now, or just a moment ago, has, or had --- namely that my book is not the only thing that Martin has not read, and yet writes with such apparent authority about, drawing meaningful conclusions and proper inferences just like his heroes, Robert Gallo, Anthony Fauci, David Ho and JP Moore.

19.04.07

A short while ago, I found this after giving up all hope of ever seeing jpm2003 in the trash bin again. The addict must get his fix, but this is carrying the expression "monkey on the back" to literal extremities even Wild Bill Burroughs never imagined. I wrote back in about 4.7 seconds (copying all he did) that he was on safe enough legal grounds, but as usual, demonstrably full of shit from top to bottom.

From Moore, to Delaney, me, Duesberg and Culshaw: 8:29 am CST

Marty,

Thanks for forwarding me the message string on Bialy's attempts to communicate his "thoughts" to you. My advice would be three-fold.

- 1) Don't attempt to correspond any further with this individual, as it's a waste of time you could better spend doing other things.
- 2) Do what I did a few weeks ago and have a central block applied to all emails that come in from Bialy's various email accounts. It reduces irrelevant email traffic considerably, for one thing. Tech support at Project Inform would surely have the computer-savvy to get this done for you. If you don't, he'll just bombard you and other

people at Project Inform with increasingly offensive and abusive messages that, after a while, serve no further purpose (once one has a few on file, the rest are merely overkill).

3) Don't click on the YBYL site. Bialy monitors the very few people who do, and it gives him pleasure to see what he writes being read by civilized people like you. If you don't click, he doesn't get his jollies. As they say, if a tree falls in the forest and nobody hears it..... (or however it goes).

Regards, John

And although the above (and the associated comments pdf) are undeniably funny, there is an *extremely* serious message contained here (as in *all* the writings from the overly proud - for no reason whatsoever - Prof. Moore and associates that are published on YBYL).

If they can be so willfully obtuse, transparently deceptive, ignorant of data that anyone surfing the internet can verify for themselves in minutes, and spend so much time and energy engaging a lunatic beatnik in Mexico, what does this say about their reliability as AIDS experts?

Addendum: *All* of the “increasingly offensive and abusive messages” JP claims he never read are compiled here: <http://barnesworld.blogs.com/jpmletters.pdf>