

NECTAR OF THE GODS, .
OR YOU DON'T BUY BEER, YOU RENT IT

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SINCE THE ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES MARCH 4TH, 1789, AND THE ACCOMPANYING ''BILL OF RIGHTS'', WHICH FOLLOWED IN DECEMBER OF 1791, WHAT IS ARGUABLY THE WORLD'S GREATEST EXAMPLE OF HOW A COUNTRY SHOULD BE GOVERNED HAS BEEN AMENDED 17 TIMES.

WHILE SOME OF THOSE CHANGES, THOUGH LONG-LIVED, MAY HAVE BEEN ILL-ADVISED, SUCH AS GIVING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND LIMITING BILL CLINTON TO ONLY TWO TERMS IN OFFICE, FOR THE MOST PART THEY HAVE EITHER FURTHER DEFINED DEMOCRACY OR PLACED SOME LIMITATIONS ON GOVERNMENT.

THE ONE NOTABLE EXCEPTION, WHICH LASTED 14 YEARS, WAS NATIONAL PROHIBITION, OR THE ''VOLSTEAD AMENDMENT'', WHICH OUTLAWED ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NATIONALLY, THOUGH TWO-THIRDS OF THE U-S WAS ''DRY'' IN 1919 WHEN THE 18TH AMENDMENT TOOK EFFECT.

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON'S VETO OF THE ''VOLSTEAD AMENDMENT'' WAS OVERRIDDEN BY CONGRESS AND THAT EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED THE BAN ON THE SALE, MANUFACTURE, OR TRANSPORTATION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR, WHICH WAS DEFINED AS ANYTHING WITH AN ALCOHOLIC CONTENT IN EXCESS OF 1 PERCENT, WITH ANOTHER DEMOCRAT---FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT--IN THE WHITE HOUSE WHEN THE 18TH AMENDMENT WAS REPEALED IN 1933.

IN THE INTERIM, AMERICA HAD LOST A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ONE OF ITS PRECIOUS RESOURCES, BREWERIES, WHICH NUMBERED IN EXCESS OF 2-THOUSAND PRIOR TO THE BAN, WITH LESS THAN 200 STILL ROLLING OUT BARRELS OF BEER TWO YEARS AFTER PROHIBITION DIED IN 1933.

ALSO IN THE INTERIM, WITH THE PROCEEDS FROM THE ILLEGAL SALE OF ALCOHOL, WHICH FUELED OTHER ILLEGAL ENTERPRISES, ORGANIZED CRIME, IN THE FORM OF THE ''MAFIA'' AND OTHER CRIMINAL SYNDICATES GREW FROM A FEW REGIONAL GANGS TO A NATIONWIDE THREAT.

THE 'CHICAGO TRIBUNE' ESTIMATED THAT THE CITY'S ORGANIZED CRIME SYNDICATE, HEADED BY THE INFAMOUS AL CAPONE, OPERATED SOME 10-THOUSAND 'SPEAKEASIES', OR ILLEGAL GATHERING PLACES FOR THE SALE OF LIQUOR, AND OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, WITH THE INCOME FROM BEER ESTIMATED AT 3-MILLION 500-THOUSAND DOLLARS PER WEEK!

AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE WIDELY-REPORTED 'SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE' OF 1929, REPORTEDLY MASTERMINDED BY CAPONE, THOUGH HE WAS NEVER CHARGED, WAS PART OF WHAT BECAME KNOWN AS THE 'BEER WARS' INVOLVING THE CAPONE GANG VERSUS THE IRISH MOBSTERS IN THE 'WINDY CITY'.

NOW..HOW'S THAT FOR A SCHOLARLY, STRUCTURED, ONE-PAGE INTRODUCTION TO AN ATHENAEUM PAPER?

THINK OF ALL THE OPTIONS I HAVE--ORGANIZED CRIME, LEGALIZED LIQUOR, LEGISLATING MORALITY, OR SOME OTHER SNEAKY TOPIC LOOSELY RELATED TO GOVERNMENT OR ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

I CHOOSE BEER---ONE OF THE PLEASURES OF LIFE.

IN MY OPINION, THE CONSUMPTION OF AN ICY COLD 'ADULT BEVERAGE', PARTICULARLY THOSE PRODUCED BY ANHEUSER-BUSCH, RANKS AMONG THE REAL PLEASURES IN THIS WORLD, THOUGH I MUST ADMIT, THAT OPINION HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT SHAPED BY AN ADULTHOOD FILLED WITH THE CONSUMPTION--AND SOMETIME ABUSE--OF THE GOLDEN BEVERAGE, RANGING FROM A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION NIGHT ENCOUNTER WITH HEILLEMANN'S 'OLD STYLE', FREQUENT STOPS AT A WATERING HOLE KNOWN AS 'KAM'S ANNEX' ON THE CAMPUS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS IN CHAMPAIGN, BETWEEN CLASS TRIPS TO 'JACK O'CONNOR'S' IN DOWNTOWN ELGIN WHERE I WAS EXILED AFTER TOO MANY TRIPS TO KAM'S, AND THE BEER JOINTS ALONG U.S. 6-41 NORTH OF PARIS, TENNESSEE, AND JUST SOUTH OF HAZEL, KENTUCKY, WHICH CARRIED THE RATHER PICTURESQUE NAMES OF 'THE COTTON CLUB', THE '6-41 CLUB' AND 'BIG APPLE BILL'S', WITH THE LATTER OPERATED BY SOME BLACKS WHO OFFERED SOMEWHAT OF A REFUGE FOR SOME OF US YANKEES, WHO DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE COLOR OF OUR FELLOW DRINKERS, WHICH APPARENTLY PRESENTED A PROBLEM TO SOME OF THE 'LOCALS'.

IT'S MY INTENTION TO ATTEMPT TO ENTERTAIN AND POSSIBLY EDUCATE YOU CONCERNING THE BEVERAGE WHICH IS CONSIDERED BY SOME TO BE THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND CIVILIZATION ITSELF---HONEST!

DATING BACK TO 10-THOUSAND B.C., BEER WAS DISCOVERED BY NOMADIC HUNTER-GATHERERS WHO FOUND THAT RAIN-SODDEN GRAIN, LEFT ALONE FOR A WHILE, MAKES A BEVERAGE WITH MAGICAL POWERS.

OVER THE COURSE OF SEVERAL GENERATIONS, THE NOMADS SETTLED DOWN TO 'DOMESTICATE' BARLEY AND ENSURE A STEADY SUPPLY OF MATERIAL FOR THEIR BEER.

THUS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST PERMANENT VILLAGES, AND EVENTUALLY, THE PINNACLE OF CULTURAL ACHEIVEMENT--THE NEIGHBORHOOD TAVERN.

THOUGH THE NATURE OF HOPKINSVILLE'S ZONING AND LIQUOR LAWS MORE OR LESS LIMIT TAVERNS TO SPECIFIC AREAS, OTHER COMMUNITIES I'VE LIVED IN HAVE SUCH FAMILY-FRIENDLY, NEIGHBORHOOD TAVERNS, INCLUDING MY NATIVE SOUTH ELGIN AND ELGIN, ILLINOIS, FOUNDED BY GERMANS AND SWEDES.

ONE OF THE POPULAR SPOTS IN ELGIN WAS LEFTY WEISS'S 'BOULEVARD TAP', AND WHILE IT MAY HAVE LACKED ALL OF THE COLOR OF 'CHEERS', ALMOST EVERYBODY 'KNEW EVERYBODY'S NAME', AND THE BARTENDER HAD A REGULAR CUSTOMER'S 'LITTLE JOE' SCHLITZ, BUDWEISER, OR BLATZ SITTING AT HIS USUAL SPOT AT THE BAR BY THE TIME HE'D SETTLED IN.

THE 'BOULEVARD TAP' WAS ALSO A HOT SPOT ON FRIDAY NIGHTS FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES IN THE 50'S AND 60'S WHEN 'MEATLESS' FRIDAYS WERE STILL PART OF THE CATHOLIC RITUAL.

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INTERESTING BEER FACT #1: PASTEURIZATION WAS DEVELOPED BY FRENCHMAN LOUIS PASTEUR FOR BEERMAKING, AND LATER ADOPTED BY THE DAIRY INDUSTRY, WHICH REMINDS ME OF THE STORY DATING FROM THE DAYS MILK WAS HOME DELIVERED.

THE SHAPELY YOUNG "WOMAN OF THE HOUSE" MET THE MILKMAN AT THE DOOR ONE MORNING AND SAID SHE WANTED TO TAKE A MILK BATH, HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK SHE'D NEED?

THE MILKMAN ASKED HER IF SHE WANTED IT "PASTEURIZED"? AND SHE RESPONDED, "NO, JUST UP TO MY KNOCKERS!".

BEER IS THE PRODUCT OF THE FERMENTATION OF SUGAR INTO ALCOHOL BY YEAST. THE PRIME INGREDIENTS OF MOST BEERS ARE BARLEY, HOPS, WATER, AND YEAST, ALTHOUGH IN VARIOUS CIVILIZATIONS THROUGHOUT HISTORY OTHER ITEMS HAVE BEEN ALTERNATIVELY UTILIZED, INCLUDING SOME CLEVER METHODS USED BY CONVICTS AND SOLDIERS DENIED OTHER OUTLETS.

SPEAKING OF SOLDIERS, THE ULTIMATE INSULT I CAN RECALL BEING PAID TO ANY BEER CAME AT FORT POLK, LOUISIANA, WHILE I WAS AT "TIGERLAND" IN THE SUMMER OF 1969, UNDERGOING TRAINING AS AN INFANTRYMAN FOR SHIPMENT TO VIET NAM.

WE TRAINED HARD ALL DAY IN THE SCORCHING HOT AND HIGH HUMIDITY CLIMATE OF SOUTH CENTRAL LOUISIANA IN JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

MOST NIGHTS WE WERE THROUGH BY 6 O'CLOCK AND AFTER CHOW WE WOULD AMBLE UP TO THE P-X FOR 10-CENT BEER OF THE "3-2" VARIETY--MEANING THAT THE ALCOHOL CONTENT WAS 3 AND 2-TENTHS PERCENT, WHICH REMINDS ME OF A QUOTE FROM HERBERT HOOVER I CAME ACROSS WHILE DOING RESEARCH FOR THIS PAPER---YES, I DID DO SOME.

HOOVER IS QUOTED AS SAYING IT IS "MIGHTY DIFFICULT TO GET DRUNK ON 2-POINT-7-5 PERCENT BEER".

I CAN IDENTIFY WITH THAT, HAVING TRIED MY BEST TO ACHIEVE A ''BUZZ'' WITH 3-2.

ANYWAY, THE BEER IN THE P-X HAD BEEN THERE ALL DAY LONG AND WAS ICY COLD AS THOSE OF US SO INCLINED BOUGHT TWO OR THREE CANS EACH.

SINCE THERE WERE TWO A-I-T BRIGADES AT NORTH FORT POLK AND LIMITED P-X FACILITIES, IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO DEplete THE SUPPLY OF COLD BEER, WHICH WAS LIMITED BASICALLY TO PABST BLUE RIBBON AND SCHLITZ, AND AREA BRANDS, SUCH AS PEARL AND ONE CALLED ''JAX''--J-A-X.

''JAX'' WAS NOT A POPULAR BRAND AND SURVIVED THE INITIAL ONSLAUGHT OF G-I'S, MEANING IT WAS COLD WHEN THE SECOND WAVE OF DRINKERS HIT THE P-X, BUT THEY OPTED FOR WARM SCHLITZ OR P-B-R OVER COLD ''JAX'', EVEN IN TEMPERATURES WHICH REMAINED WELL INTO THE 80'S AFTER THE SUN WENT DOWN.

THAT'S THE ULTIMATE INSULT!

BACK TO THE BREWING PROCESS.

GENERALLY, TO MAKE BEER, BARLEY IS SOAKED IN WATER FOR HYDRATION, SPROUTED, AND THEN DRIED TO FORM MALT. THE MALT IS THEN ''MASHED'' IN HEATED WATER UNDER CONTROLLED CONDITIONS TO ALLOW FERMENTATION TO OCCUR AND PRODUCE ALCHOL. THE HOPS WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE BEVERAGE ARE ACIDIC AND DERIVED FROM THE FLOWERS OF A VINE IN THE HEMP FAMILY. THE INCLUSION OF HOPS PROVIDES BITTERNESS AS WELL AS SOME OF THE FLAVOR AND AROMA OF BEER AND ALSO HELPS PRESERVE THE DRINK SINCE IT INHIBITS THE GROWTH OF CERTAIN MICROORGANISMS.

HOPS GAINED POPULARITY AS A SEASONING IN BEER IN CENTRAL EUROPE IN THE 8TH AND 9TH CENTURIES; XENOPHOBIC BRITONS OUTLAWED HOPS WHEN IT WAS INTRODUCED TO THE BRITISH ISLES IN THE 16TH CENTURY BY DUTCH BREWERS, FEARING AN INSIDIOUS FOREIGN INFLUENCE. HOWEVER, COMMON SENSE AND GOOD TASTE EVENTUALLY PREVAILED, AND HOPS BECAME WIDELY USED IN BRITISH ALES.

AFTER FERMENTATION, BEER IS THEN FILTERED OR PASTEURIZED--THERE'S THAT WORD AGAIN--AND IS THEN ''CHARGED'' WITH CARBON DIOXIDE TO GIVE IT THE TINGLY TASTE.

INTERESTING BEER FACT #2:THE OLDEST KNOWN WRITTEN RECIPE IS A FORMULA FOR BEER WRITTEN ON A CLAY CUNEIFORM TABLET, PART OF AN EPIC POEM DEVOTED TO NINKASI, THE SUMERIAN GODDESS OF BEER. THE RECIPE DATES BACK TO 4-THOUSAND B.C.

BEERS ARE DIVIDED INTO A VARIETY OF TYPES, ALTHOUGH THESE CLASSIFICATIONS MAY HAVE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT MEANINGS IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND LOCALES. THE TERM ''ALE'' IN GREAT BRITAIN, FOR INSTANCE, OFTEN REFERS TO ANY LIGHT-COLORED BEER;HOWEVER, IN THE UNITED STATES, THESE BEVERAGES ARE ALSO CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING A STRONG FLAVOR OF HOPS. ''LAGER'' BEERS, HOWEVER, ORIGINATED IN GERMANY AND ARE STORED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME TO ALLOW A SECOND FERMENTATION TO OCCUR. IN GENERAL, THEY CONTAIN A SMALLER AMOUNT OF HOPS THAN OTHER TYPES OF BEERS. DARK BEERS ARE MOST OFTEN DESCRIBED AS ''PORTERS'' OR ''STOUTS''. ''PORTERS, WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY DEVELOPED AS BLENDS OF ALE WITH OTHER BEERS, ARE NOW MORE TYPICALLY MADE FROM MALT BROWNED OR CHARRED BY DRYING AT HIGH TEMPERATURES. ''STOUTS'' TEND TO BE DARKER AND MALTIER THAN PORTERS AND SOME VARIETIES MAY HAVE ALCOHOL CONTENTS AS HIGH AS 7-PERCENT, WHILE THE AVERAGE AMERICAN BEER IS CLOSER TO FIVE PERCENT OR LESS.

I INCLUDED ALL THAT MAINLY TO GIVE A SCHOLARLY TONE TO A PAPER WHICH WILL LEAN TOWARD THE ANECDOTAL, AND ALSO TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE ''BEERS'' OTHER THAN THE BUD, MILLER, AND COORS WHOSE ADS PRIMARILY BOMBARD THE T-V VIEWER.

FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, I CONFINE MOST OF MY BEER DRINKING TO THE PLAIN OLD, RED LABEL BUDWEISER---THE KING OF BEERS; DISTRIBUTED LOCALLY BY DAVID WELKER'S P AND E DISTRIBUTORS.

DAVID IS ONE OF THE REASONS I'M A BUD DRINKER BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DOES TO THE COMMUNITY--AND HE ALSO SPONSORS OUR ELECTION COVERAGE ON WHOP.

I BOYCOTTED BUDWEISER FOR SEVERAL YEARS WHEN THAT WELL-KNOWN LOUD-MOUTH HARRY CARAY WAS STILL ALIVE.

HARRY HELD A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF BUDWEISER STOCK AND I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO GET ANY OF MY MONEY, THOUGH I RECONSIDERED WHEN I REALIZED ALL THAT DAVID WELKER DOES FOR THIS AREA AND RARELY STRAY FROM ANHEUSER-BUSCH PRODUCTS, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ''DODGE STORE'' QUIT STOCKING ''ROLLING ROCK'', WHICH I OCCASIONLY DRANK AS A CHANGE OF PACE.

BEER JOKE NUMBER 1:TWO BROTHERS ARE DRINKING AND HUNTING---A POTENTIALLY LETHAL COMBINATION, THOUGH THEY SUCCESSFULLY MADE IT BACK TO THEIR CAR PARKED IN A FARM YARD.

WHILE ONE OF THE BROTHERS WENT TO THE BARN TO RELIEVE HIMSELF, THE OTHER WAS ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION WITH THE LANDOWNER WHO SAID HE HAD A FAVOR TO ASK. IT SEEMS HIS MULE HAD DEVELOPED A POTENTIALLY FATAL DISEASE AND RATHER THAN SEE THE ANIMAL WASTE AWAY, THE FARMER ASKED THE HUNTER IF HE WOULDN'T SHOOT THE MULE FOR HIM THAT HE COULDN'T BEAR TO DO IT HIMSELF.

THE MULE WAS IN WITH A HERD OF CATTLE BY THE BARN, AND THINKING HE WOULD HAVE SOME FUN WITH HIS BROTHER, THE HUNTER WAITED UNTIL THE BROTHER EMERGED FROM THE BARN AND SAID, YOU KNOW, THAT FARMER SAYS SOMEONE HAS BEEN SHOOTING INDISCRIMINATELY AROUND HIS PROPERTY, CAUSING DAMAGE TO HIS FENCES AND BUILDINGS AND FOR THAT REASON, WE CAN'T HUNT HERE ANY MORE. AND JUST FOR THAT, I THINK I'M GOING TO KILL HIS MULE, AND HE RAISED HIS GUN AND FIRED.

AT THE SAME TIME, AND NOT TO BE OUTDONE, HIS DRUNKEN BROTHER RAISED HIS GUN AND SHOT TWO OF THE COWS!

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT, BEER IS BIG BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD, AND WHILE THE UNITED STATES HAS ITS SHARE OF BEER DRINKERS, THE CHAMPS ARE RESIDENTS OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC, WHOSE AVERAGE INTAKE PER PERSON IS ABOUT ONE PINT---16 OUNCES, OR A "TALL BOY" AS I LEARNED WAS THE PROPER REFERENCE IN KENTUCKY FOR THE LARGER CANS.

THE AVERAGE CONSUMPTION OF BEER FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD IN THE UNITED STATES IS ABOUT 3 AND A HALF PINTS PER WEEK.

IN BETWEEN ARE GERMANS, DANES, AUSTRIANS, IRISH, BELGIANS, AND BRITS.

THE LATEST FIGURES I COULD FIND FOR U.S. PRODUCTION, INDUSTRY-WIDE, WAS ABOUT 203-MILLION BARRELS IN 1997, WITH A BARREL DEFINED AS 31 GALLONS. WHAT AMERICANS COMMONLY CALL A "KEG" IS 15 AND A HALF GALLONS, OR A HALF-A-BARREL.

FEDERAL TAX ON A BARREL OF BEER IS 18-DOLLARS, SO YOU CAN IMAGINE THE WINDFALL TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

I'LL LEAVE YOU KNOW WITH A SERIES OF FACTS AND FIGURES--QUOTES--AND MY FAVORITE ALL-TIME BEER JOKE.

Two hydrogen atoms go into a bar and have a few drinks. As they're leaving, one of them says to the other, "I think I left my electron in there."

"Are you sure?" the other one asks.

"Yeah, I'm positive."

Mother's in the kitchen washing out the jugs,
Sister's in the pantry bottling the suds,
Father's in the cellar mixin' up the hops,
Johnny's on the front porch watchin' for the cops.

Source: Prohibition song

Gorilla

A gorilla walks into a bar, pulls up a stool, and orders a beer. The bartender pours him a tall, frothy mug and says "That'll be five bucks." As the gorilla is paying for his beer, the bartender adds "You know... we don't get many gorillas in here." To which the gorilla replies, "At five bucks a beer, it's no wonder..."

14 Funky Facts about Beer

- It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer, and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the "honey month", or what we know today as the "honeymoon".
 - There are 19 different versions of Guinness.
- According to a diary entry from a passenger on the Mayflower, the pilgrims made their landing at Plymouth Rock, rather than continue to their destination in Virginia, due to lack of beer.
- A barrel contains 31 gallons of beer. What Americans commonly refer to as a keg is actually 15.5 gallons, or a half-barrel.
 - The first beer cans were produced in 1935.
- Before thermometers were invented, brewers would dip a thumb or finger into the mix to find the right temperature for adding yeast. Too cold, and the yeast wouldn't grow. Too hot, and the yeast would die. This thumb in the beer is where "rule of thumb" comes from.
- In 1788, Ale was proclaimed "the proper drink for Americans" at a parade in New York City.
 - In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's".
- The original text of the Reinheitsgebot only had three ingredients: Barley, hops, and water. Yeast wasn't mentioned for another 35 years.
 - George Washington had his own Brewhouse on the grounds of Mount Vernon.
- After consuming a bucket or two of vibrant brew they called aul, or ale, the Vikings would head fearlessly into battle, often without armor or even shirts. In fact, "berserk" means "bare shirt" in Norse, and eventually took on the meaning of their wild battles.
- The Budweiser Clydesdales weigh up to 2,300 pounds and stand nearly 6 feet at the shoulder.
- 12 oz of a typical American pale lager actually has fewer calories than 2 percent milk or apple juice.
- In 1963, Jim Whitaker became the first American to reach the summit of Mt. Everest. A can of Seattle's own Rainier Beer made the ascent with him.

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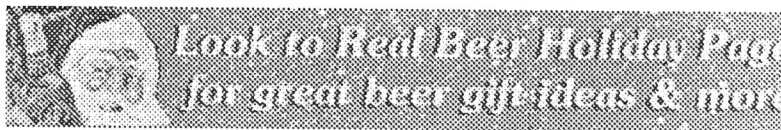
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To start, the first person simply looks to his right and says, "Fuzzy Duck." The next person follows, looking to his right and saying, "Fuzzy Duck." This continues until someone chooses to change directions by looking back at the person who "tagged" him and asking, "Duzzy?" This not only reverses direction, but changes the tag to "Ducky Fuzz." Anyone can reverse direction and tag words again by simply asking, "Duzzy?" Speed is key in the game and any perceptible stall in response should be appropriately rewarded with a chug. Because of the obvious profanities that can result in the tongue-twisting, this is a great game to loosen up elder relatives or anyone who seems to take themselves too seriously.



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Top Ten Beer Quotes of All Time

10. "Relax. Don't worry. Have a homebrew." Charlie Papazian
9. "If God had intended us to drink beer, he would have given us stomachs." David Daye
8. "I'd rather have a bottle in front of me than a frontal lobotomy." Tom Waits
7. "24 beers in a case. 24 hours in a day. Coincidence?" Steven Wright
6. "Alright brain, I don't like you and you don't like me - so let's just get this over with so I can go back to killing you with beer." Homer Simpson
5. "Beer has food value, but food has no beer value." Anonymous
4. "Beer will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no beer." Freddie Freak
3. "Give me a woman who loves beer and I will conquer the world." Kaiser Wilhelm
2. "You can't be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline. It helps if you have some kind of football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a beer." Frank Zappa

and the number one beer quote of all time...

1. "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." Benjamin Franklin

BONUS! Three honorable mentions from Dave Berry -

"Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza."

"When I heated my home with oil, I found that I used an average of 800 gallons per year. I have found that I can keep comfortably warm for an entire winter with slightly over half that quantity of beer."

"Not all chemicals are bad. Without chemicals such as hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer."