

WHO KNOWS

OTHER MAN I know something you don't know.

MAN Do not.

OTHER MAN Do so.

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MAN Do not.

OTHER MAN The rudimentary dysfunctional capability of the minimalist appreciation of pop art is derived from the complacent spectrum to which those of an established eye allow themselves to succumb.

MAN I knew that.

OTHER MAN Did not.

MAN Did so.

OTHER MAN Did not.

MAN Did so.

OTHER MAN Did not. I made it up.

MAN I knew that.

OTHER MAN Did not. You don't know nothing.

MAN I do so know nothing. Go ahead. Ask me.

OTHER MAN OK - what is the average life expectancy of a newborn?

MAN (*with great pride*) I don't know.

OTHER MAN Boy, you're good.

MAN Go ahead. Ask me another one.

OTHER MAN OK. Um . . . Due to economic sanctions against left leaning democracies in foreign parts, would it be conceivable that the repercussions of such actions be felt in the cultural and monetary basins of the rural tundra of the Moose Jaw Five Pin Fund Raising Bowling League? And, ifso, what would their score be?

MAN Tricky. But upon reflection and thinking alot I would have to go with my original thought.

OTHER MAN Which is?

MAN I don't know.

OTHER MAN You don't know is your original thought or you don't know your original thought?

MAN Yes.

OTHER MAN (*impressed*) Boy, you sure don't know a lot.

MAN I know.

(Lightning strikes.)

MAN Wow. Look at the lightning. (beat) Do you believe in God?

OTHER MAN I believe in an all encompassing deity which may or may not interact with our present existence. When saying this I am not differentiating between the conscious and the subconscious.

MAN Yah, me too. Do you think the ants down there believe in God?

OTHER MAN Perhaps to the ants we are God.

MAN Would they believe in our God then?

OTHER MAN Our God is beyond the ants comprehension. They could not make the experience relatable and, therefore, to their perception, would not exist.

MAN Isn't God beyond our comprehension?

OTHER MAN Not to the point where God is unrelatable. We can relate to God.

MAN But I thought we based our relationship on a conscious human understanding?

OTHER MAN It is the only forum we know of in which, as the greater majority, we can relate. We must base our understanding in something tangible for, without that foothold, God is not a viable abstract.

MAN So are you saying we exist for God or God exists for us?

OTHER MAN It is conceivable that, without our attention, God would not exist - to us.

MAN Then who would take God's place.

OTHER MAN We would. Without God we would be fully accountable for all our own actions.

MAN But I thought we already were.

OTHER MAN Does God exist?

MAN I wish not to answer that question on the grounds it may intimidate me.

OTHER MAN I would like to think that I am mature enough to be held accountable for all my own actions.

MAN Unless they get you in trouble.

OTHER MAN True dat.

MAN Well, at least I know nothing is something, and I know nothing and that's something. That's what I know.

OTHER MAN You know, you could be right.

MAN You never know.

OTHER MAN You never know.