

# Beliefs

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Recently I've been encouraged - or even challenged - by a certain professor, to explore the set of beliefs that I live by. He argues that it is these beliefs, more than any other factors, that dictate how we live, how well we interact with others, and the kind of people that we are. I can't say that I find any fault in that reasoning. It is our beliefs, after all, that separate us from one another and make us individuals.

Taking that professor's advice, I've decided to outline my beliefs here, hoping to learn something - anything - about how I live, about my interaction with others, and generally, what kind of person I am.

I believe that Latrobe Breweries makes the finest beer in the world. I believe that The Simpsons isn't funny anymore

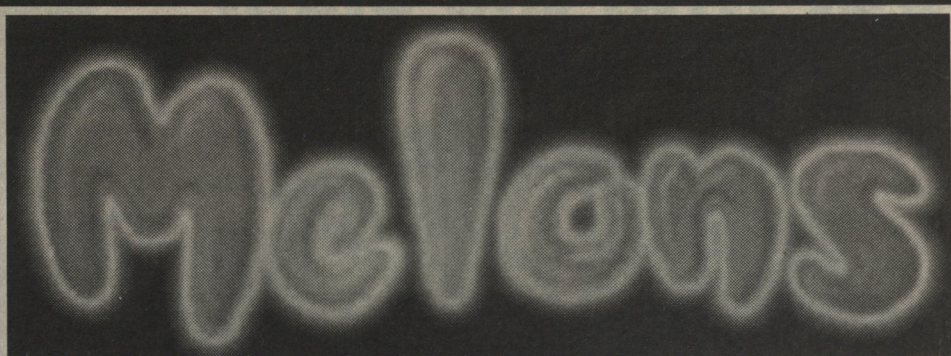
and that O.J.'s "hunt for the real killers" will probably come up a little short. I believe that the Philly Cheese-Steak sandwich at Razy's Roadhouse is second to none. I believe that I've probably consumed enough Starburst over the last twenty-two years to fill a large warehouse.

I believe that Jack Kerouac's On The Road should be required reading for the entire human race. I believe that Communism should work, could work, and would work if Capitalism wasn't so damn enjoyable. I believe that there probably is intelligent life on other planets, but somehow I doubt that they sit around all day designing spaceships that are shaped like dinnerware.

I believe that the metric system is responsible for my inability to conduct multiplication on numbers larger than 10 without the use of a calculator.

I believe that Astro-Boy is one of the greatest television shows of all time. I believe that microwaved pork tastes like turkey, which makes me wonder about the cafeteria Christmas special from highschool.

I believe that the World is round. The sky is blue. Money doesn't grow on trees. And I believe that one day, maybe - just maybe - I'll actually be finished with school.



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