

Dear Readers,

You would think that once you reach senior-hood you would have seen it all, but nope, that is not the case. While I haven't yet seen pigs fly, I am not ruling it out either.

Do you think I am joking? Then you must have missed the recent news coverage of how Israeli scientists taught goldfish to drive water tank-mobiles successfully across a room. You can view this fantastical fish footage on YouTube if interested.

Going back to the subject of pigs though, did anyone else see the sensational news story of a man receiving a heart transplant with a one-of-a-kind genetically engineered pig heart?

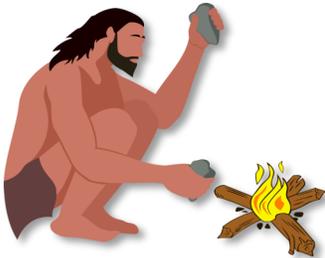
Now that is something to really "snort" about!

I remember another time I was highly impressed with a scientific breakthrough. It was in 2019 when several news outlets declared the existence of authentic "invisibility cloaks".

Now, this isn't some hocus pocus "Harry Potter" magic. This light-bending cloaking material is the real deal and was designed for the military. What could be more beneficial in battle than to successfully hide men, tanks, and aircraft in plain sight. This amazing product was created by the Canadian Company "HyperStealth Biotechnology", and you can easily view it online.

Let's just hope this product doesn't become mainstream. Half the population would disappear trying to spy on the other half! Some of us might have nothing to hide, but I can see problems up ahead for unfaithful spouses! The awe and wonderment of science can be mind-boggling. To think that in human history, we started with nothing but dirt, rocks, and plants. How in the world did we get here? It knocks the socks right off these old feet when I think about it.

This begs the question, what is science? Well, scientifically speaking, science is the never-ending search to gain knowledge and understanding in the natural realm of all things. This is accomplished by systematically testing theories and ideas that eventually give us concluding evidence. This evidence allows us to learn and build upon what we already know.



A good example of this is fire. Humans first learned to make fire by utilizing sticks, flint and dried plant substance. Today, all we have to do is "flick a bic" or strike a match because we have perfected the art of fire-starting through our understanding of how chemicals work.

The building blocks of science have been painstakingly set into place by those before us. As with any building project, there are always errors and setbacks to contend with, and the same goes for science.

Did you know that it is a scientific fact that in science, an observation that has been verified time and time again is considered a fact? Nevertheless, there is always some level of uncertainty, regardless of how solid something is.

The important thing to remember is that 99.9% of what we do is down to a science, whether it is the alarm clock that wakes us up, the processed oatmeal we had for breakfast, the gas we pumped on the way to take the dog to the vet, going to a weekly exercise class, or learning online how to start a fire with flint.

Let me tell you one thing, starting a fire with a piece of flint might have been easy for a caveman (or woman)! However, for me, it is not so easy. Going on two hours and not a whiff of a spark!

Sincerely,

Aunt Winnie

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The National Institute for Health says that more than 50% of U.S. economic growth since World War II has come from science and technology.