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Douglas Nol Adams (March 11, 1952 – May 11, 2001), also known (to fans) as Bop Ad or Bob (after his illegible signature), or by his initials "DNA", was a cult British comic radio dramatist, musician and author, most notably of The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series (HHGG or H2G2). Hitchhiker's began on radio, and developed into a "trilogy" of five books (which had sold more than fifteen million copies by the time of Adams' death) as well as a television series, a computer game and a feature film that was completed only after Adams's death.

He felt that his whole life was some kind of dream and he sometimes wondered whose it was and whether they were enjoying it.

- Adams, Douglas

The moment at which two people, approaching from opposite ends of a long passageway, recognize each other and immediately pretend they haven't. This is to avoid the ghastly embarrassment of having to continue recognizing each other the whole length of the corridor.

- Adams, Douglas

Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss.

- Adams, Douglas

In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and has been widely regarded as a bad move.

- Adams, Douglas

There is a theory which states that if ever anybody discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened.

- Adams, Douglas

Anyone who is capable of getting themselves made President should on no account be allowed to do the job.

- Adams, Douglas

To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity.

- Adams, Douglas

What to do if you find yourself stuck in a crack in the ground underneath a giant boulder you can't move, with no hope of rescue. Consider how lucky you are that life has been good to you so far. Alternatively, if life hasn't been good to you so far, which given your current circumstances seems more likely, consider how lucky you are that it won't be troubling you much longer.

- Adams, Douglas

A common mistake people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.

- Adams, Douglas

Afterwards, the universe will explode for your pleasure

- Adams, Douglas

People will then often say, 'But surely it's better to remain an Agnostic just in case?' This, to me, suggests such a level of silliness and muddle that I usually edge out of the conversation rather than get sucked into it. (If it turns out that I've been wrong all along, and there is in fact a god, and if it further turned out that this kind of legalistic, cross-your-fingers-behind-your-back, Clintonian hair-splitting impressed him, then I think I would choose not to worship him anyway.)

- Adams, Douglas

Isn't it enough to see that a garden is beautiful without having to believe that there are fairies at the bottom of it too?

- Adams, Douglas

To summarize the summary, people are a problem.

- Adams, Douglas



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