WHY PEOPLE BELIEVE WEIRD THINGS

BY MICHAEL SHERMER

Shermer is a believer-turned-skeptic and the transformation was a complete success!

**Where the evidence is convincing (most areas of science) it would be unskeptical to hold contrary beliefs. However, not everything is proven beyond doubt. Many subjects are still open to debate and need more evidence before they become accepted as fact. On these things skeptics can disagree and still be considered skeptics.**

**Shermer’s comparison of “recovered memories of childhood sexual abuse” and the “witch burnings” in our recent past was a stunning connection that I had not seen anyone else make. Remarkable reading.**

**He gives a beautiful dissection of the Ayn Rand phenomena *Objectivism*.**

**He gives an excellent explanation of why presenting counter arguments against Creationism is not the same as being anti-religious.**

**The *amicus curiae* brief given to the Supreme Court in the famous 1987 Louisiana case gives the most amazingly sharp description of science and how it works that I have ever seen. Kudos to Shermer for including it in this book.**

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