

Message

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Toronto at 8:00 pm and got on five hours later. Everyone on the plane was going crazy waiting for election results but the airline wouldn't announce them. A flight attendant told me it's because some people might boo, and that would be a negative flight experience for other passengers. But everyone in the plane was starving for information liked crazed weasels. The experience really pointed out how needy for information we've all become.

Sometimes I feel really fucked up by having so much information thrown at me from all directions — as well as the information I actively seek out — but then I realize that everyone on earth is feeling the exact same way, and there's a kind of solace in that.

People can, and usually *do*, believe in the stupidest things. But when two people both believe in the same stupid thing and meet online? It's almost sexual. And if their relationship progresses, they move on to believe even more intensely in their shared stupid thing. That makes me worry about the future of our species.

I guess the thing about 2012 is that everyone's smarter than they've ever been before, yet everyone feels stupider.

The other thing about 2012 is that people are more connected than they've ever been before — except they've been tricked into thinking they're isolated. How did that happen?

Every morning when I open my emails, there's a part of me that feels like I'm scratching a lottery ticket, except instead of just winning things, you can also lose things, too. Money. Friends. Status. Work. Love.