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I was watching a little football the other day when Mrs. Stupidman informed me she wanted a laptop for Christmas. I asked her if she had any credit card capacity left and she, rather sharply I thought, advised me that she wanted me to give it to her as a gift and no, her purchase and my wrapping did not constitute a gift.

She further informed me she would not write it on a little piece of paper and cram it into the large, overflowing pickle jar sitting atop the refrigerator labeled "honey dew". (That was a pretty good idea three years ago but I think the concept has run its course.)

I told her I didn't have that kind of money and I thought we would just exchange cards like we did last year.

Then she hit me with [www.yourfreelaptop.com](http://www.yourfreelaptop.com) (oops, a Freudian slip). This is a vertical referral program with 77 "levels" (they call it a ladder). A person joins for \$29 and after 77 more people join, the original person rejoins for another \$29 and gets a laptop computer.

I told her it was a scam and most of the entrants would never see a laptop. (Greased Lightning and I had reviewed the program almost a month ago when a friend, now former friend, recommended it.) We argued for a while over the value of the reentry and it became very clear this was the "hook" that was convincing some trustworthy netpreneurs to promote it.

Let's say I started it and 77 people joined after me. Those 77 people each need 77 more people minus me (as I rejoined and received a computer) or a total of 5,928. Those 5,928 members each need 77 minus my 77 recruits (who reentered and received their computers) for a new total of 456,379. Finally, the 456,379 each need 77 members minus the 5,928 happy laptop recipients for a data base busting total of 35,135,255 members.

You can take this example one more step and approach the population of the world but I'm already impressed.

Thirtyfive million members, that's like one eighth of the total population of the United States. That's like administering the Social Security program. At \$29 a pop it's more than a billion dollars and enables 6006 people (1 + 77 + 5,928) to purchase laptops for \$58 each. Heck of a deal.

This "ladder" won't last long but it won't need to. The people who thought this up will be rich and I'll lose a few more "friends" for publicizing this. Worse yet, Mrs. Stupidman still wants a laptop but the only way she'll get it is if I sell more books. (I thought about putting the link in here but it detracts from the message.)

For the record, the people I've seen promoting it are honest, decent folk and truly believe they are providing a wonderful benefit for their subscribers.

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## **Why Women Are Directionally Dyslexic**

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I've known a couple of women who aren't and I've heard of a  
couple of men who are. But mainly, directions exchanged  
between the sexes are exercises in futility.

When Mrs. Stupidman gives me directions I need a big piece  
of paper. Her directions are based on rights, lefts and  
landmarks. Go past the Wal-Mart, turn left at the big sign,  
look for the house with the puce shutters (What's puce?),  
then go two houses further on the opposite side.

"What's the address?" "I don't know, but you can't miss  
it." "From what direction did you assume I was coming when  
you began the instructions?" "Huh?"

"The Wal-Mart is on the corner of an intersection. Should  
I go north, south, east or west from the Wal-Mart?" "Huh?"

"Should I head towards Kansas, Arkansas, Texas or  
California?" (We live in Oklahoma.) "Oh, Arkansas."

I realize I don't pay attention to landmarks. I don't notice  
the new stores, the pretty signs, the big tree. I'm limited  
to primary colors and even with that I have trouble  
distinguishing blues from greens.

When I was younger I tried to accommodate women by giving  
landmark directions but I was a failure.

One time my sister wanted directions to a new shopping center.  
I told her to go past three red lights before making a right  
turn. She got lost and blamed me. Turned out I should have  
said traffic light instead of red light.

Mrs. Stupidman and I used to have a lot of conflict over directions. She thought my smug expressions and tone were condescending (not me).

But then one day I picked up a book entitled "Sex On The Brain". Unfortunately, the title was deceiving and it was really about clinical studies that attempted to explain differences for how women and men process information. But

I read it anyway.

One particular study had to do with rats. All of the rats were put in a maze that had white wall panels with food placed at the maze exit. The exit path had colored panels, serving as landmarks, to mark the correct turns. After a little practice the rats found the food. The path was changed repeatedly but as long as colored panels were used all the rats found the food. Then, white panels were substituted for the colored panels. The males still found the food but the females were hopelessly lost.

They cut up all the rat brains (sorry) and found one section of the male brain that was lumpier (some of these scientific terms are just unavoidable) than the female brain. The researchers postulated that the lumpiness was the result of the need to develop advanced locator abilities so the male rats could find their way back to previously discovered food sources while the female cared for the little ratlings.

Then, they cut up human brains (I'm sure they were already dead) and found the same differences.

So, there you have it. I am much more accepting now that I know that women are directionally dyslexic. On the other hand, men might be mutants.

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