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A grain of salt

One of the benefits of having a baseline schizoid personality is the fact that when you go wacky, no one really knows it.

Jim Carrey just announced that he is not having a nervous breakdown and he continued by saying “if you let me out of these straps I’ll prove it.”

Actually, the real quote was: “This is no breakdown! It’s a breakthrough! And if you’ll just loosen these straps, I’ll show you the difference!”

I guess we have to take that with a grain of salt, along with a number of other things that have been in the news lately. Perhaps the doctor will order more than a grain of salt — a ton of salt may be the more likely prescription.

In fact, you may wish to take all of the following with at least a grain or two of salt:

1. Lady Gaga just announced that people should not have sex.

Considering her mode of dress, and the way she dances in front of her audience, I’m assuming that Madonna, Pamela Lee Anderson and Jesse James’s porn star ex-wife all will be jumping on the celibacy bandwagon in the very near future.

2. Since the “L.” word no longer is acceptable, we must use the word “progressive” instead.

3. What used to be considered liberal — for instance, love of, devotion to and adherence to the Bill of Rights — now is considered conservative. I’m no tea partyer — and I don’t feel like a Democrat or Republican anymore — but as each of them claims, I do want the government to get off of our backs, and I want my freedom back.

If we could lower taxes, too, that would be just great.

4. Both parties claim the other party is responsible for our

tremendous deficit.

5. Both parties claim the other party is responsible for what is happening in our local, state or federal government.

6. Neither party has any hint of what in the hell is happening in our local, state or federal government.

7. Each party claims to hate activist judges, until the other party nominates anybody for the bench, at which point each party claims the other party’s nominee is an activist.

8. Neither party knows what in the hell an activist judge actually is.

9. Advertising from pharmaceutical companies has your best interest at heart.

10. While attorneys once again have been deemed to have First Amendment rights to run ridiculous advertising, such as the one I saw recently in which two partners basically laugh about the fact that one of them just fell — the same people who ran an ad that appears to make light of a construction worker falling off of a building — we all have rights to react to such a ludicrous abuse of the First Amendment.

11. If you want to see those ads stop, make sure you and your friends do not use firms that engage in such demeaning tactics.

12. I mean it!

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