

The Power of Stupidity



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This is a review in Spanish. I find it unusually intriguing.
Effectively short and snappy. So I am translating it into English.
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Humanity's most destructive force: the power of stupidity

We deal with it day after day. Sometimes we get carried away with it. So why are there so few studies of stupidity?

This is the question that has prompted Giancarlo Livraghi, Italian philosopher, writer, bibliographer and publicist, to write *The Power of Stupidity*.

This essay endeavors, with a dose of humor, some not hidden disgust and an unusual understanding of the problem, to make us realize that we are surrounded and infected by stupidity – but it isn't invincible.

We are confronted with an amusing, though often serious, book. Far removed from anything like one of those cheap how-to manuals, Giancarlo Livraghi analyzes the influence of human stupidity and offers us tools to fight it effectively, as well as hitting us hard with truths that may be obvious, but we too often ignore.

A highly commendable text that should be obligatory reading. And furthermore, what the hell, an author who quotes, in an essay like this one, Neal Stephenson, Douglas Adams, Robert A. Heinlein, Isaac Asimov or Frank Zappa, and whose website is called Gandalf – we definitely must read.

“Morgan Blackhand”

Morgan Blackhand is a character in the *Miles Vorkosigan* science fiction saga by Lois McMaster Bujold where Vorbarr Sultana is the capital city of planet Barrayar



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