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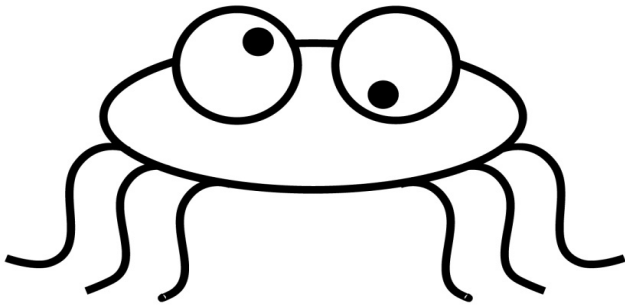
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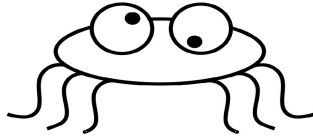


FSM Iconography

What does the Flying Spaghetti Monster (FSM) really look like? This deep question has perplexed humanity since the very beginning (specifically, 2005). Bobby Henderson's website (www.venganza.org), which everyone must visit, includes visions others have had. Some appear on coffee cups. Some on hats. Some on dinner plates. However, all historical images, including Henderson's rendering, have certain fundamental defining characteristics. Meatball eyes are small and placed on stalks. Pupils are centered or absent, leaving the eyes blank. Noodly appendages point away and are jagged, complex, and asymmetrical. The body is either formless, like primal pasta, or a variation of the Jesus fish.

My vision of the FSM, printed on the cover, page 1, and throughout this text, breaks all traditions of FSM iconography. Note that the eyes are large, to see more of the world. They are firmly placed in the body, as in advanced thinking animals; eyes on stalks are characteristic of primitive insects. The pupils no longer stare blankly ahead, but diverge, revealing the subtlety of the FSM's inner thoughts. Indeed, the perceptive student may discover that this ocular placement resembles tossed dice, a reference to the role of randomness in FSM thinking. It is significant that the body is not fishlike, but an encompassing oval with inward-turning appendages, symbolizing that the FSM embraces all religions. Simplicity and symmetry are central to body and limb, reflecting the classic perfection of the revealed truths in this volume. Indeed, each verse is very much a direct reflection of the FSM. To summarize, the revolutionary (not evolutionary) new FSM icon symbolizes a new FSM message, good news for us all.

How did I have my vision of the FSM? It was one of the most profound religious experiences of my life. I was meditating with my pet Burmese cat Moco on my lap. (Legend has it that the Burmese breed is favored by Buddhist monks.) Suddenly Moco started scratching her ear with some urgency. Then the FSM image sort of jumped out at me.



DEDICATION

I wish to thank Bobby Henderson for his encouragement, and for sharing his vision and insight with the world. My book is a scholarly theological analysis of the Flying Spaghetti Monster construct inspired by Bobby's wit and wisdom. It is obligatory that everyone take a pilgrimage to his website (www.venganza.org), buy his book, and purchase all related FSM products.

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CHAPTER 1 In the Beginning

In the beginning was the word.

And the word was with God.

And the word was God.

—John 1:1

The first words of the Bible speak of creation. They are words that have inspired humanity for thousands of years. But what do they mean? Let me share an amazing journey of words, one that led me to revelations that must be viewed as coming directly from God. Furthermore, I offer indisputable proof (which you can replicate) that this is so.

The Game of Anagrams

My journey began with a children's game, **anagrams**. An anagram involves rearranging the letters in a word and words into a phrase. "Elvis" can be rearranged into the anagram "Lives." "Lemon" becomes "Melon." Here are some other anagrams of words and phrases:

"Debit card" = "Bad credit"

"Slot machines" = "Cash lost in 'em"

"Dormitory" = "Dirty Room"

"Astronomer" = "Moon starrer"

One day I decided to take the first six words of the Biblical creation story and, just for fun, look for anagrams. Generally, for a phrase of five or six words, any good computer anagram generator (I use Anagram Genius) can find thousands of anagrams. Astonishingly, the very first anagram that emerged for "In the beginning was the word" was:

"Then God threw in a big new sin."

Confused and hoping for further edification, I searched for more anagrams, and found the equally disconcerting recombination:

"Intertwined benign hogwash."

Now desperate, I tried the final words, "and the word was God." One emerged:

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"Warthogs now added"

The Flying Spaghetti Monster

It was time to take a new look at the meaning of life and God's message for us all. Where to begin? Should I start with the world's oldest religion? The world's biggest religion? The world's richest religion? The world's most aggressive religion? The noisiest religion?

After much deliberation, the answer came to me in a flash. When considering deep questions about origins, I must start fresh and begin with the world's youngest religion, the one also most invested in its theory of creation. Here there is only one candidate, one for which over 70 percent of its scriptural writing is about its view of creation. The religion: Pastafarianism. Its creation theory: The universe was created by the Flying Spaghetti Monster. The insights of this volume are a chronicle of my remarkable journey.

Discussion of anagrams adapted from *The Anagram Dictionary* by Michael Curl (Robert Hale & Company, 1996) and *Words at Play: Quips, Quirks & Oddities* by O.V. Michaelsen (Sterling Publishing Company, Inc., 1998)

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CHAPTER 2

The Flying Spaghetti Monster

The World's most recent religion started in June, 2005. In a small town in Oregon, Bobby Henderson (age 24) had enough. Frustrated with the Kansas Board of Education's debate on teaching supernatural theories of intelligent design (such as the Biblical 7-day creation myth) side-by-side with Darwin's theory of natural selection, he wrote an open letter formally requesting that his deity, the Flying Spaghetti Monster (FSM), be given equal time. Here is his request:

Let us remember that there are multiple theories of Intelligent Design. I and many others around the world are of the strong belief that the universe was created by a Flying Spaghetti Monster. It was He who created all that we see and all that we feel. We feel strongly that the overwhelming scientific evidence pointing towards evolutionary processes is nothing but a coincidence, put in place by Him. (www.venganza.org)

Bobby backed his request with the threat of legal action. Three members of the Board replied and strongly sympathized with his position (they were the dissenting votes in the debate). A supporter of Biblical creation theory warned “It is a serious offense to mock God.”

Bobby’s religion, “Flying Spaghetti Monsterism,” or “Pastafarianism,” caught on. His website, venganza.org, received many thousands of hits, and noted scholars wrote providing support for his vision that the universe was created by the Flying Spaghetti Monster. Scientists proclaimed: “Prove that it didn’t happen!” Theologians provided logical evidence. (“The Flying Spaghetti Monster is a being with every perfection. Existence is a perfection. Therefore, the Flying Spaghetti Monster exists.”)

Soon the nation’s media noticed, and the Flying Spaghetti Monster appeared in *Wired News*, the *New York Times*, and *Scientific American*.

The initial beliefs of Flying Spaghetti Monsterism were sketchy. An invisible and undetectable Flying Spaghetti

Monster created the universe, starting with a mountain, trees, and “midgit.” Evidence pointing toward Darwin’s theory was intentionally planted by the FSM to distract and test us. However, the existing evidence clearly shows that “global warming, earthquakes, hurricanes, and other natural disasters are a direct effect of the shrinking numbers of Pirates since the 1880s.” As the number of pirates have declined, warming and disasters increased. This fact has yet to be challenged by scientists or theologians.

Bobby has enunciated a few additional beliefs and practices:

1. The FSM guides human affairs with His “Noodly Appendage.”
2. The official ending for prayers to the FSM is “Ramen,” not “Amen.”
3. In heaven there’s a stripper factory and a beer volcano.
4. Every Friday is a religious holiday.
5. FSM teachers must be “baptized” by “holy meat sauce.”

6. It is disrespectful to teach of the FSM without wearing His chosen outfit, full pirate regalia.
7. It is polite to end conversations with the words “May you be touched by His noodly appendage.”

Flying Spaghetti Monsterism has already inspired a rich artistic tradition, as can be seen on its website.

Initial revelations are supplemented by *The Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster* (Henderson, 2006).

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CHAPTER 3

The Inner Wisdom of the Spaghettigram

Flying Spaghetti Monsterism might seem like a prank or a spoof. But sometimes viewing things through the eyes of a child helps us to see the truth. Indeed, using the tool of anagrams helped me realize that in the form of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, God is speaking to us through humor. To chuckle or scoff is to miss the point. God is testing us to look past the humor to the truth. Indeed, we shall see that the FSM in His Spaghettigrams states in no uncertain terms His disdain for parody (*“ignorant, empty, flippant, moth-eaten spoofing”*). The anagram is the divine tool of revelation.

All anagrams generated in an attempt to seek knowledge about the Flying Spaghetti Monster are called **Spaghettigrams**. They are properly organized into four-line verses, or quatrains. Here are the rules.

Angelic Omniscient Spaghettigrams are anagrams of the phrase “Flying Spaghetti Monster” with no words added. These are the most prized and important anagrams. They are Angelic in purity and direct from the all-knowing, omniscient FSM. They are nothing less than the infallible, authoritative word of the Deity.

Wisdom Spaghettigrams are anagrams that add any topic, name, or phrase to the phrase “Flying Spaghetti Monster.” Thus, “sexuality and the Flying Spaghetti Monster” can produce a proper Wisdom Spaghettigram. A Wisdom Spaghettigram is often a question, as one might ask an oracle, “Does the Flying Spaghetti Monster permit polygamy?”

Illuminary Spaghettigrams include at least one key word or phrase from the FSM lexicon, for example:

Noodle or Noodly Appendage

Pirate

Fish

Kansas School Board

Beer Volcano

The key word or phrase must be logically a part of the phrase to be submitted to anagrammatic analysis. Thus, "Noodles are food" would not be acceptable, where as "May you be blessed by His Noodly Appendage" ("*Debasingly moneyless, baboon-headed yuppy*") is fine.

Finally, the FSM prefers to communicate in terms of quatrains, or four-line verses, like the quatrains of Nostradamus, the 16th century French physician, astrologer, and prophet. Nostradamus created a total of 942 quatrains. Here are a few examples:

*The human realm of Angelic offspring
Appearing at the time of the great games of slaughter
It will be seized and plunged into the Vat
High price unguarded none will have provided for it*

*The gods will make it appear to the humans
The bird of prey offers itself to the heavens
Everlasting captive times what lightning on the top
Late and soon comes the awaited help*

*When the fish that travels over both land and sea
is cast up on to the shore by a great wave,
its shape foreign, smooth and frightful.
From the sea the enemies soon reach the walls.*


The astute reader will readily see that the quatrains of Nostradamus often sound like Spaghettigram quatrains. This is evidence of the validity of the Spaghettigram.

Finally, all religious scriptures require interpretation. Typically, such interpretative literature is more extensive than the volume of primary scriptures. That branch of interpretative scholarship for Pastafarianism is termed “noodlology.” This book presents Spaghettigrams and noodlological analysis.


CHAPTER 4

The Angelic Omniscient Spaghettigrams

All of the gems of inner wisdom presented in this chapter are anagrams of “**Flying Spaghetti Monster.**” As such, they are truly words of wisdom that come *directly from* the Flying Spaghetti Monster. No other world religion can make such a provable claim about its scriptures.

First, let me explain a few things about how this book is set up. Anagrams are printed in a *special font*, preceded by the pest-like FSM icon: 

Thus, rearranging the letters of “Flying Spaghetti Monster” gives:


 *Almighty pestering fonts.*

We begin with the most central of Spaghettigrams, the Original Spaghettigram Quatrain, “*Finest Might, Sporty*


Angel.” The FSM proclaims the wisdom of this quatrain (*This strong, if empty, Angel.*) We see the FSM symbolized as an “Angel,” a reference that appears frequently in Pastic Quatrains. Once again, all Spaghetti-grams in this chapter are anagrams of the words “Flying Spaghetti Monster.”

 *Finest Might, Sporty Angel*

 (*Ghastly Omnipresent Gift*)

 *This strong, if empty, Angel.*

 *Fine, strong, almighty pest.*

 *Temptingly fights reason.*

 *Strong, hasty, fleeting, imp.*

Scholarly analysis, noodlology, explains that the FSM is a mighty angel, one given to the sport of fighting close-minded logic and reason. He is an omnipresent gift, always there to be considered. Note the element of impish playfulness; the FSM is a hasty, ghastly pest to those lacking a sense of humor.

The Four Noodly Truths


The body of Angelic Omniscient Spaghettigrams comprise four groups: (1) The Nature of Illusion and Folly, (2) Sources of Ignorance and Folly, (3) Noodly Virtues, and (4) Spiritual Exercises.


THE NATURE OF ILLUSION AND FOLLY

What are truth and illusion? What are wisdom and folly? The Angelic Omniscient Quatrains reveal that often illusion is omnipresent and tempts us like a star; however, we should see that following the path of error exposes us to the sting of the powerful serpent of a false angel. Illusion is a fog, a flimsy ghost, nothing more than an empty slot in the game of life.

 *Oh! Star feigns temptingly.*

 *Fleeting myths or apt sign?*

 *Sting of almighty serpent.*





 *This sporty angel figment.*




-  *Ghastly if pertinent smog.*
-  *Frighten temptingly as so.*
-  *Flimsy penetrating ghost.*
-  *Frightening as empty slot.*

SOURCES OF ILLUSION AND FOLLY

The Angelic Omniscient Spaghetti-grams teach us how to detect illusion and folly. Quatrains direct our attention to Love and Sex, the Self-Tormenting Ego, the Chains of Desire, and the Problem of Anger.

Love and Sex

-  *Tempting 'n' faithless orgy.*
-  *Phony flirt gets steaming.*
-  *Self-pitying tenth orgasm.*
-  *Hot self-pity G-string. Amen!*

-  *Finest porn gets almighty.*
-  *Niftiest, ghastly porn gem.*
-  *If mighty angel tests porn,*

 Porn feigns stately might.

 Filthy G-string poets. Amen!

The Self-Tormenting Ego

 Self-tormenting, hasty pig.

 Self-rating egotist nymph.

 Self-pitying hag torments.


 Smother self-pitying gnat.

The Chains of Desire

 Fetish groans temptingly.

 Penalty of thirsting gems.


 This frosty pig gentleman.

 Satisfying, rotten phlegm.


The Problem of Anger

 This petty gem of snarling.

 Self-tormenting, pithy gas.

 This flimsy, potent nagger.

 Strongest, filthy, mean pig.

 Snotty if angriest phlegm.

NOODLY VIRTUES

Every religion has its favorite catalog of virtues. The FSM favors Cleanliness, Courage, Humor, Bearing Witness, and Renunciation. Again, the quatrains, and quatrain fragments, speak for themselves.

Cleanliness

 *Filth torments sane piggy.*


 *Filthy, strong pest enigma.*

Courage


 *Mighty saint, flog Serpent.*

 *Frighten stagy simpleton.*

 *Fate so implying strength . . .*

 *of a serpent's mighty glint.*

Humor

 *Penalty of tight grimness.*

 *Honest, grim self-pity gnat.*

Bearing Witness

 *My! The self-rating posting.*

 *Salty might of presenting.*

Renunciation

 *Thrifty, penniless maggot.*

 *Not thrifty, pleasing gem.*

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES





The FSM encourages all forms of prayer and devotion. However, He teaches us to engage in three core techniques: Pastation, Noodlation, and Saucery.

Pastation

One practices pastation by simply thinking positive feelings or having positive fantasies about the most positive aspects of the FSP. One “pastates” oneself (or becomes “pastate”) before the deity. For example, one might entertain a fantasy about the “noodly appendages of love that bind the universe” or the “warm flowing sauce that embraces all.”

Noodlation

Noodlation is a way of emptying the mind. It is expressed in the following Noodlation Quatrain:

-  *Forget simplest anything.*
-  *Ghost-empty self-training.*
-  *Angel's empty of thirsting.*
-  *Angel hits strong, if empty.*

itself, or as distraction to be put aside
“Forget simplest *anything*.”

Saucery

When one engages in “saucery,” or “sauces it,” one simply savors each moment as it comes and goes, like savoring every drop of spaghetti sauce. Do not linger on any drop, or think about how the sauce was created. Instead, simply attend to each drop of sauce that comes and goes. The universe is the “great sauce that is everywhere.”

STRUGGLES

Pastation, noodlation, and saucery are not easy. They take time, effort, and diligence. Many barriers can emerge along the path. The following Spaghettigrams poetically describe some of the struggles of the path. For each there is no concrete correct interpretation. When you practice pastation, noodlation, or saucery, let your mind dwell upon one of these quatrains. Do not try to deliberately figure it out. Let your subconscious speak to you. All you have to do is listen with an open mind.

 Lightning-fast, remote spy,

 spy something flattering.

 Fragment this tiny gospel.

 Finest ghostly tampering.

 Floating, mighty serpents.

 From angel's petty insight

 Thrifty poem stings angel.

 Often angel strips mighty.


 Serpent of almighty sting.


 Poets rant shiftingly. Gem.


 Patient ogres fling myths.

 Stylish poet fragmenting.

 Atoms step frighteningly.

 Ghastly, impenitent frogs.

 Fine, strong almighty pets,

 tempting of ghastly snore.

 Angel's gift or inept myths.

 Forget anything misspelt.

 Angel's often mighty trips.


 If angel's mighty portents.

 Saintly, top gem frightens.

 Plotting far-seeing myths.

 Mighty farts not sleeping.

 Fart hissingly potent gem.

 Gosh! Tiny, tempting flares.





 Gritty feelings . . .phantoms?

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CHAPTER 5

The Meaning of Love





Love is central to all religion. What does the Flying Spaghetti Monster really think of love? His sole omniscient words on the topic, perhaps, subtle, defy easy interpretation. Recall the “Love Quatrain”:

-  *Tempting ‘n’ faithless orgy.*
-  *Phony flirt gets steaming.*
-  *Self-pitying tenth orgasm.*
-  *Hot self-pity G-string! Amen!*





In this chapter we turn to the Wisdom Spaghettigrams in search of further insight into the subtleties of this quatrain. We examine Love, Abstinence, Compassion, Service, Heterosexuality, and Homosexuality. We now explore the beautiful Wisdom Spaghettigrams, anagrams in which a key word is added to the phrase “Flying Spaghetti Monster.” Thus the Love Quatrains are all Spaghettigrams of the phrase, “Love and the Flying Spaghetti Monster.”

LOVE (and the Flying Spaghetti Monster)





The first Love Quatrain warns of false love, “favored, tempting angel.” Although the angel of false love may be pleasing and fervent, he in fact tests us.





-  Honestly! This favored, tempting angel.
-  Soothingly venerated tempting flash.
-  Oh My God! This fervent, pleasing talent.
-  God In Heaven! Ample fortnightly tests.

The second Quatrain shows us more of the angel of false love. He is handsome, hot, and shapely. But tempting as this type of love might be, the quatrain hints at a warning; the tempting angel is negligent, a flirt, stealthy, and a nymph. Partaking in love with this angel presents one with a test (“test drive”).

-  Top-heavy, handsomest, negligent flirt.
-  Test-driving of shapely, hot gentleman.
-  Permanently invested of a ghost-light.
-  God-given nymph of stealthier talents.





The third and fourth quatrains reveal the true nature of the angel of false love. It is indeed Satan. And what makes this love Satanic is its filthiness and violence (“hot-tempered,” “angry,” “hothead,” “dogfight,” and “malevolent”). Indeed, the violence of false love promises a living death that can fragment even the love poets.

-  *Slovenly fighting hot-tempered Satan.*
-  *Stifling, over-the-top, shady gentleman.*
-  *Grindingly moth-eaten loveshaft pest.*
-  *O My God! Splattering heaven-sent filth.*

-  *Self-violent, angry, tempting hotheads.*
-  *Snottily avenging hot-tempered flash.*
-  *Malevolent, spiny dogfight threatens.*
-  *Honestly! Poets fragment living death.*

The final quatrain offers a glimmer of hope. The victim of false love must realize, loathe, hate his or her depravity, and recognize that false love renders one a self-tormenting ghost (sexually obsessed

by his “top-heavy dangle”). Only then is true forgiveness possible. The quatrain ends with an exuberant “Tally-ho!” Of course, “Tally-ho!” is a hunting cry. When fox hunters sight a fox, they shout “tally-ho” to urge their hounds for a vigorous chase. Thus we learn that forgiveness is not an end in itself, but a “tally-ho” that urges us to pursue the hunt for Satan and his false love.

-  *Strangely hating of this development.*
-  *Ghost self-loathing, tiny depravement.*
-  *This self-tormenting, top-heavy dangle.*
-  *Forgiveness and the tempting tally-ho.*


ABSTINENCE (and the FSM)

One might reasonably surmise that the FSM advises abstinence. However Wisdom Spaghettigrams for “Abstinence and the Flying Spaghetti Monster” revealed a different message. Abstinence is a frightening, stony-faced, flashy, misbegotten, pedantic, and disenchanting bonehead.

 *Frightening bonehead attempts incessantly.*

 *Stony-faced, bantering, tempting healthiness.*

 *Flashiest, misbegotten, enchanting pedantry.*

 *This beast of prey -disenchanting tanglement.*

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CHAPTER 8

Did the Flying Spaghetti Monster Create the Universe?

High school science classes across the nation are blessed with an abundance of creation theories. Major theories include: (See wikipedia.com for details.)

- **Monkey Theory.** According to Darwin, humans evolved from monkeys. All life on Earth evolved through a process of natural selection.
- **Humpty Dumpty Theory.** The universe began as a cosmic egg, which was broken into halves, the sky and the earth (Taoism).
- **Genesis Theory.** God created the universe in 6 days, and rested on the seventh. This happened a few thousand years ago. (Christian Bible)
- **Panspermia Theory.** The god Atum self-fellated and expectorated thereby creating a god and goddess, Shu and Tefnut, who then became parents of all the elements of the world. (Egyptian)

- **Monkey-Spank Theory.** The god Ptah, creator of the universe, maintains cosmic “order” through constant masturbation. (Egyptian)
- **Monkey-Spank Theory - 2.** The god Osiris resurrects himself through masturbation. (Another Egyptian theory)
- **Heavy Breathing Theory.** Innumerable universes come and go as God breathes. One cycle of time is 4.3 billion years. Breathing is slow and heavy. (Hindu)
- **Hollow Noodle Theory.** Supernatural beings originally lived underground. A flood forced them to crawl to the surface of the earth through a hollow straw, where they re-created the world. (Navajo)
- **Jolly Green Giant Theory.** Odin, the chief god, and his brothers killed Ymir, the hated creator of the race of evil frost giants. The resulting flood of blood killed the frost giants. They then recycled Ymir’s remains by creating the world, making lakes and seas out of the blood, mountains from the

bones, rocks from teeth and bone fragments, trees from his hair, the sky from his skull, and clouds from his brains. (Norse)


- **FSM Theory.** The FSM created the universe, starting with a mountain, trees, and a “midgit.”

The astute reader may notice that FSM theory in fact incorporates all intelligent design theories, and is really a **Grand Unified Theory of Everything**. Here it is in full:

The FSM, a tiny naked singularity, crawled out of a wormhole and created the universe in six days of continuous deep breathing and self-pleasuring. Having no partner, (Atum, Ptah, and Osiris were out) he spewed forth cosmic quantities of matter in one cataclysmic bang, thereby creating mountains, trees, a midgit, and a giant. Then he smashed a huge egg over the giant's head and killed it, creating seas out of its blood, mountains from bones, rocks from teeth, trees from hair, and the sky and clouds from his skull and brains. All is bound together by a subatomic sticky stringy substance, (sort of resembling overcooked spaghetti).

Proponents of various creation theories might find common ground by attacking FSM Theory as the great *Pastafarian Heresy*. (“Aha! Ferny as pirates.” “Ha! Satan’s fiery rape.” “Rainy as a sheep fart.”)

Our first quatrain refers to those who question FSM Theory. Many may recognize parts of FSM theory as gifted. However, they berate these gifts as cheap mutterings. Those who speak enthusiastically of the FSM are seen as hot-headed. Even worse, their hot-tempered enthusiasm is empty of any real substance, it is truly eviscerated. Perhaps because such emptiness is attracting such a fervent following, it is seen as frightening. Maybe it is because there is an element of truth in the FSM that is frightening to some. This is succinctly expressed in the following Spaghettigrams of “Did the Flying Spaghetti Monster Create the Universe?”

 God In Heaven!

Thirstiest mutterer cheapens giftedly.

 Frighteningly eviscerated,
hot-tempered enthusiast.