

Ain't It the Truth? Nope, Not Always

Axiom is a proposition regarded as a self-evident truth. Common sayings might be axioms, but sometimes they are not. For example:

A shower will come within 48 hours after you wash the car or water the lawn.

The plane you want to catch will be on time if you're late, but when you get to the airport early, expect the plane to be late.

The high price of gasoline becomes secondary when the importance and urgency of any trip to any place is considered.

By the time a highway improvement is planned, financed, engineered and constructed, it is obsolete and must be rebuilt.

Downtown Oklahoma City some day will rise in glory out of the craters of demolished buildings because urban renewal authorities have not discovered how else to fill the holes.

Those least tolerant of the views and rights of others most loudly demand freedom of speech and action

for themselves.

No matter how unreasonable or ridiculous a "get rich" con game may appear to be, some people will fall for it.

Rising prices and high interest rates do not keep people from buying what they want if they can make the down payment.

If a new idea for progress is presented, some group will protest it on grounds that it may interfere with civil rights, the ecology, the economy or long-standing prejudices.

Criminals are apt to receive greater consideration of their rights than victims do, and outlaws seem to have more rights.

If Congress assigns a law to a federal bureau to put into effect, the bureau will hire thousands of people and expand the regulations defined in the law by 1,000 times or more.

If any substance comes to the attention of FDA or EPA, it will be suspected of causing cancer and probably be banned.

When lawmakers cut taxes in one

place, they balance their appropriations budgets by increasing taxes elsewhere.

Local government and organizations automatically exclude subsidies their community receives from Washington when they are demanding a reduction in wasteful government spending.

Whatever it is that causes candidates to deny they are running improves their ability to hear a whispered call of the people.

Legislators pay more attention to mail from campaign contributors than they do to communications from mere voters, who may receive responses from mere computers.

No matter what farm program is adopted, consumers will think it increases the cost of food and farmers will argue that prices still are too low.

Regarding a happening as a "self-evident truth" does not make it one, but when careful observations verify the conditions, the event could become axiomatic. Some of the above might qualify as axioms!