**Imbalance**

**Brief periods of heavy rain broke the scorching drought in parts of Kenya, but scores of starving wild animals died after gorging on too much vegetation, which had sprung up due to the rain. Wildlife officials in Hell's Gate National Park in the Rift Valley province said at least 100 animals -- mostly gazelles, zebra and buffaloes -- had died due to overgrazing. *(Steve Newman, in Daily Camera, March 24, 2006)***

**After leaving the car repair garage, Ziggy says to himself: “They balanced my tires and imbalanced my checkbook!” *(Tom Wilson, in Ziggy comic strip)***

**In Antarctica it can get so cold that you wouldn’t be able to ice-skate. Even under the weight of your body, the ice wouldn’t melt enough to let the blades slip. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**U.S. scientists say they have detected that Earth is absorbing more energy from the sun than it is emitting back into space, throwing the planet “out of balance.” Researchers from NASA, Columbia University and California's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory made the discovery after plugging data from satellites and buoys into ocean-study supercomputers. A report, published by the journal Science, says the imbalance is an expected consequence of global warming because of greenhouse gasses and soot, which block Earth's radiant heat from escaping into space*. (Steve Newman, in Rocky Mountain News)***

**Some people get so earthly minded that they are no earthly good. *(Rev. Andy Kress)***

**At the water cooler: "He fell so hard for her he even lost his balance at the bank." *(Jimmy Starr)***

**A reader writes: “You’ve overworked the answer to why a flamingo raises one leg when it stands still in water. Simple. If it raised both legs, it would fall down.” *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Nothing is more fatal to health than an over-care of it. *(Benjamin Franklin)***

**Galileo became totally blind shortly before his death, probably because of damage done to his eyes during his many years of looking at the sun through a telescope. *(Isaac Asimov’s Book of Facts, p. 394)***

**Referring to Dennis the Menace, who is helping in the garden, Mr. Wilson says to Mrs. Wilson: “I know he’s a good boy, Martha, but I’m getting too much of a good thing!” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)***

**Rheumatic fever is triggered by the streptococcal bacteria that cause strep throat. The body's attempt to fight off the strep infection somehow goes overboard, and the immune system begins to attack the body's own tissue. *(Joanne Silberner, in U.S. News & World Report)***

**As with a light bulb, the guy who is always turned on is the first to burn out. *(Nebraska Smoke-Eater)***

**We ought to be careful not to do for a fellow what we only intended to help him do. *(Frank A. Clark, Al Smith Feature Service)***

**Why does a pitcher raise one leg when he pitches? If he raised both legs, he'd fall down! *(AARP Bulletin / Real Possibilities, October, 2015)***

**When you strive for balance, be gentle with yourself. How can you recognize balance without recognizing imbalance? When you rejoice at the good that you discover in yourself, or despair at the evil, do you move past the balance point between them without noticing it? If you strive only to avoid the darkness or to cling to the light, you cannot live in balance. Instead, try striving to be conscious of all that you are, and to choose responsibly at each moment. That is balance. *(Gary Zukav, in Soul to Soul: Communications from the Heart, p. 7)***

**Many otherwise sincere student of “the way” are over-read and under-done. *((Eric Butterworth, in Discover the Power Within You, p. 75)***

**All sunshine makes a desert. *(Arabic proverb)***

**You might as well fall flat on your face as lean over too far backward. *(James Thurber)***

**All excess, as well as all renunciation, brings its own punishment. *(Oscar Wilde)***

**If the world were to become totally flat and the oceans distributed themselves evenly over the earth's surface, the water would be approximately 2 miles deep at every point. *(David Louis, in Fascinating Facts, p. 46)***

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