

## PHOENIX EGG

FUNERAL DIRECTOR: What could this possibly be?! Did Occupy Toledo lay its final egg? *Who* could possibly know what this is?!

Look, it's none other than Doctor Knows-a-lot, the Occupy Toledo Memorial Professor, from the University of Toledo's Institute of Inexplicably Cool Stuff.

PROFESSOR: [holding up book] I just happen to have with me a copy of *The Guide to Inexplicably Cool Things*. This could help.

[looking at egg] This is rare! This is VERY, VERY rare! This is a Phoenix egg!

[looking in book]

Let's see...YES, here it is...

The Phoenix is a mythical bird known throughout the world, but rarely seen. The Phoenix appears in the cultures of Arabia, Persia, the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, Chinese, and Native Americans. According to legend, a Phoenix egg appears only once every 500 to 1,000 years. This must be a VERY special time!

ONE-PERCENTER [stepping up]: Very special indeed! Breakfast time! This egg will make the finest omelet in the world. I must have it. I bid \$5,000!

Other One Percenters [bidding war]: I bid \$10,000! I bid \$20,000! I bid \$50,000! I bid \$100,000! I bid ONE MILLION DOLLARS! I bid TEN MILLION DOLLARS! I bid ONE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS!

PROFESSOR: STOP IT!! I don't believe this! This is the fulfillment of the prophecy!

[looking in book] Here it is...The Phoenix egg will only appear in rare moments in human history. Prophetically, the phoenix egg is a sign of re-birth of things too precious to be lost. One form of this prophecy occurs when non-humans, non-persons gain control over humanity, real persons. When these mythical non-humans or non-persons appear to be real to many people, then the danger of losing our own humanity is great. Those few who hide behind these mythical creatures, though only appearing as perhaps one in a hundred, will manipulate the remaining 99 and cheat them out of their birthright. However, do not despair, there are sure signs of the prophecy of the Phoenix bringing re-birth. The surest of these signs will be a crass compulsion by the few to put a price on everything while truly valuing nothing. The few will insist on buying anything and everything, even if that thing is the only hope for humanity, the re-birth of the many to overthrow the rule of the few. When this crass compulsion to buy anything and everything rears its ugly head, you will have your sign, the prophecy will be fulfilled, and the Phoenix will bring re-birth to the many.

FUNERAL DIRECTOR: Wait! What sign?! How are we to know that the prophecy will be fulfilled? Wait -- what is this? [remove scroll from urn] I didn't see this in here before!  
[Hand scroll to professor]