



Let Other Pens Dwell on Guilt and Misery

... Jane Austen

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Brief

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Okay, I haven't been GREAT in the "I'll post something every day" department. Baby steps.

First, a baseball topic -- but I think it's interesting enough that you'll like it even if you don't care about baseball, so stick with me. It's about the so-called "breaking ball." In baseball, a breaking ball is a ball that moves down or sideways on its way to the plate -- it doesn't travel straight, like a fastball does. A slider, a curve ball -- both are examples of a breaking ball. Over the years I've heard folks say that the "break" of a breaking ball is just an optical illusion but I've also heard former ballplayers scoff and swear that the ball just falls out of the air.

The Neuralcorrelate Society (don't worry what they are) held a contest for the "Best Visual Illusion" and guess what won? An entry that explains the break of a curve ball. Check it out -- it's majorly cool: <http://illusioncontest.neuralcorrelate.com/2009/the-break-of-the-curveball/>

Neat, huh?

Tomorrow promises to be a good day -- I don't have to leave my house, which is new and different. I have work in the kitchen and I'm going to make a version of chicken pad Thai for dinner but otherwise I plan to work in the family room. Lord knows, it needs all the work I can get out of me. :-)

Okay -- it's late. But I posted.

More later...

Mood: sleepy