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**A New year,
A New Start,
A New Chapter,
A New Beginning.
Forget the bad,
Cherish the GOOD.
I sincerely wish you a very blessed
New Year ahead.**



Merry Christmas

* (рус. яз.) меридиан, зенит, расцвет, полдень, высшая точка



Fact Of The Day

Geologists Share Weird Facts About Earth That You Probably Don't Know About

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1. “Scientists didn’t know how the Amazon forest got enough phosphor to stay fertile. It turns out it gets it from the Sahara desert. The phosphor travels the Atlantic ocean and a great part of the South American continent to keep the forest alive.”



2. “You know how icebergs are mostly under the water? Mountains work the same way. They have roots that go deep into the mantle. Scientists noticed this when they were measuring the gravity and it wasn’t what they predicted.”

3. “The San Andreas Fault can’t produce tsunamis despite what movies with the Rock may tell you.

The SA Fault is a transform fault which can only move laterally and is not capable of vertical displacement like a subduction zone fault would be able to. Subduction zones make up much of the Pacific Ring of Fire. The San Andreas Fault is not capable of producing an earthquake more powerful than an 8.0 on the Moment Magnitude scale. So an earthquake such as the Tohuku or Indian Ocean (9.0+) is not possible according to earthquake scientists.”





4. “Diamonds aren’t forever, if you want a gem that will truly last forever look into zircons. Zircons are the honeybadgers of the gem world; they simply don’t give a crap. They’re hardy little gems that can undergo multiple orogenic cycles and still maintain their original crystal lattice structures. Very helpful in dating very old rocks.”

5. Africa is huge

“It’s probably more common to know this now, but Africa is bigger than it looks on most maps. The Mercator projection map is the one that most people are familiar with, and it vastly under represents the size of some areas of the world, while making others look a lot bigger. Russia is much smaller than it looks on a map, and Africa is monstrously big when you really look at it. This picture shows a bunch of different countries in relation to Africa’s true size.”





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