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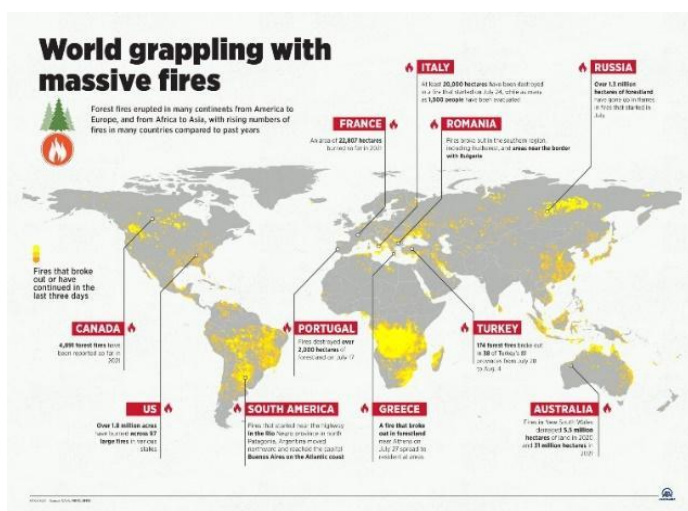


Wildfires in 2021

The number and the severity of the world's wildfires have never been that threatening. Forest fires all around the world in summer in 2021 was a natural disaster occurring right before our eyes.

Global warming, which has a great impact on the ecological changes, is directly related with these wildfires. The temperature in the world has increased by 1.2 degrees in the last hundred years. This leads to climate change which is also called the climate crisis. The wildfires aren't the only result of the climate crisis because this has an influence on the change of the precipitation cycles, the melting of the glaciers or snow, and the rise of the sea levels as well. However, the studies show that global warming and wildfires have a reciprocal effect, and forest fires increase global warming, too.

Besides wildfires, the increase of the greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere as a result of the emissions from both the natural processes and the human activities directly results in global warming and also in this life-threatening climate crisis for all the livings (not only the mankind but also the animals and the plants) in the world. One of the main reasons is that greenhouse gases preserve hot air.



The combustion of fossil fuels like coal, oil and gas for power generation, transportation and for industrial or domestic use is one of the main sources of greenhouse gases. To prevent the negative consequences of climate change as soon as possible, we must reduce or prevent these emissions before it is too late. If we want our children to live on this planet

healthily and happily, we must, urgently, initiate to find ways of balancing the ecological system to create the appropriate conditions for all living beings.

Eren Şahin M1-12

Creating A Cozy Vibe

Your space should be the area where you feel most comfortable after a tiring day, and in most cases, this could come across as the bedroom or living room. It's probably where you spend your most conscious hours of the day. The warmth and comfort should take away all your tiredness and invigorate you for the next task.

Only in that moment can we enjoy the precious and even free time we have reserved for ourselves. You can think of this as a blessing offered to us. And to accept this blessing in the best way.

We create the environment in which we feel most comfortable. According to some, these may be a few plants that will make your room look spacious and lively, a hot coffee with scented or unscented candles, a pleasant sound of music, the moment you watch the snow falling outside while under your blanket in winter, or even when you are alone with a Shakespeare in your hand... for example, this can be an example that reflects me. It makes me feel very, very good to create such an environment in my own free time.



Remember that moments like these add meaning to our lives. In this free time, I rest myself and start the next day peacefully and free from unnecessary thoughts in my mind. Create your own free time. Spend time with yourself and enjoy it.

Hale İclal Surahi M1-15

Lion

I watched Lion 2 years ago and this movie is one of my favorite movies. This movie had a huge impact on me because this movie is based on a true story. Things happen in the movie that you could never imagine. Especially the ending... If you are an emotional person, keep your napkins ready! Keeping this secret between us, I was very emotional while watching the movie. I am sure you will be impressed when you watch it, too. The film's director is Garth Davis. The movie won Best Picture at the 89th Academy Awards.

Storyline

In 1986, Saroo was a five-year-old child living in India. He had a poor family, but they were happy. On a trip with his brother one day, Saroo gets lost at the train station. Then, he gets on a train, and he travels 1000 miles from home. He went to a city he never knew. He can't describe himself nor his house to the authorities because he is a quiet child. He survives by living on the streets until he is sent to an orphanage. Soon, Saroo is chosen for adoption by the Brierley family in Tasmania, where he grew up in a loving, prosperous home. His new family takes very good care of him and raises him. But the older he gets, the more he wants to find his real family.

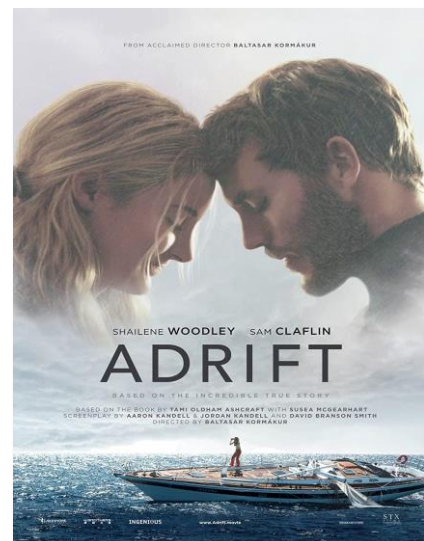


Will he be able to find his real family?

Adrift

If you want to watch romantic and drama movies, you should watch this movie. When you watch the movie, you won't know when it's over because this movie is so gripping. At the end of the movie, you realize something you would never have guessed, and you also experience the sadness of the lead role.

It is based on an incredible true story. People who like true stories should definitely watch this movie. I'm sure you'll find yourself researching the true story after the movie is over. I did.



Storyline

Five months before the hurricane, Tami meets British sailor Richard Sharp. They soon fall in love with each other. Then Richard convinces Tami to go on an adventure together. Two lovers sail out to the ocean. When everything is going so well, they get caught in a hurricane. The hurricane shatters everything. Hours later Tami wakes up, but their ship is wrecked, and

Sam is badly injured. With no hope of salvation in sight, Tami does incredible things to save herself and the man she loves. She is left alone in the middle of the ocean with her seriously injured lover and the damaged boat.

Days later, when she wakes up in the morning, she can't find Richard. Where is Richard? Will she find Richard? Will she be able to escape from the middle of the ocean? What will happen after 41 days in the middle of the ocean?

İlay Savaş M1-14

Mother Nature's Humble Sons

People are extremely busy in today's world. We have plenty of things to do most of the time and some of us don't even have ordinary working hours. It is nearly impossible for working people to take care of another living creature which is in need of care and in this situation, low requirement plants are our new pets!

Are you rarely at home? Don't you have enough time to water or nurture your plants regularly? Isn't there even sunlight in your living room for a green leafed orchid? Here are the top five indoor plants that actually want nothing from you.



Devil's Ivy

It is a great choice for a beginner because it can grow its vines in the worst conditions as well. It also grows unbelievably fast, so you can see a new leaf every other day. It doesn't need a special soil to perform better.



Snake Plant

This plant's name derives from its snake shaped leaves, but it is actually a succulent. That means that it can store water in its leaves for later and as a result, you don't have to water it until the soil gets rock hard.



Spider Plant

It doesn't even mind being forgotten in a lower light condition. It is okay if you forget to water your plant for a month because the plant can store water in its potato shaped tuberous roots. Only too much water can kill it.



Zanzibar Gems

It looks too stunning to be this easy to take care of. It can even survive in a dark bathroom corner as a knick-knack. Propagating a Zanzibar gem is also surprisingly easy: cut a healthy leaf, let the stem dry off and stick the leaf up in a glass of water and that's it. It takes only a few days to see new roots.



Air Plant

This incredible plant doesn't need water or soil to grow beautifully. You can simply hang it down your ceiling with a wire and it will live forever in your home. Leaves can absorb the water that plants need to survive, so you have nothing to do for this plant.

They are waiting for you to adopt them from a flower store's shelf, and they don't even require green thumbs to make your life greener and more beautiful. Why don't you go to the closest store and find yourself a chloro friend?

Melek İrem Karataş M1-11

Manchester of the East: Osaka

Located in western Japan, the city of Osaka is also known as the water city because it intersects many canals and rivers along the bay. The city, which was the economic powerhouse of the Kansai region for centuries, was formerly known as Naniwa and was the first capital of Japan. With the Edo period, it became one of the most important ports. In the 1900s, with the modern management system, the city managed to grow and became the industrial center of the country. Moreover, Osaka has improved itself in the field of



automobiles and now hosts the most famous brands we know. Today, it is called the "Manchester of the Eastern Countries".



Osakans are very respectful of their traditions and regularly organize cultural or religious events to maintain their ancient traditions. One of them is Bunraku, which emerged in Osaka in ancient times and has survived to the present day. It is a traditional Japanese puppet theater. Today, the National Bunraku Theater is the center of bunraku and a popular destination for Osakans. Also, Buddhism is an important practice in the city and Shitennoji Temple, the first Buddhist temple in Japan, has been accepted as the central area of Osakans' religious activities.

Osaka is also famous for its cuisine. Osakans are very proud of their city's local dishes such as Okonomiyaki (pan-fried batter cake), Negiyaki (green onion pancake), Takoyaki (octopus in fried batter) and Kitsune Udon (a noodle dish). The culinary culture in the city is so rich that most people joke that if you go to Osaka, the money you spend on food can ruin your life.



If you are interested in Japanese culture, the second largest city of Japan is looking forward to welcoming you with its rich culture and delicious food.



Yağmur Elçin Coşkun M1-11

Horoscopes

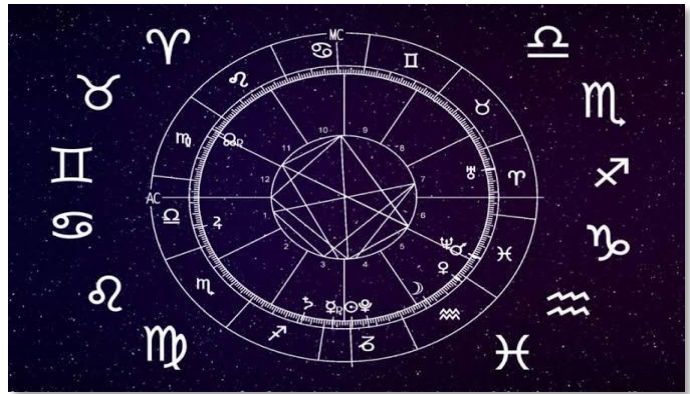
Zodiac signs came into our lives in Mesopotamia 1st Millennium B.C. They have been in our lives ever since. There are 12 zodiac signs, and they have different characteristics. The

names of these zodiac signs are Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius and Pisces. In astrology, the signs are determined by the zodiac belt.

Each zodiac sign is good or bad at something different. For example, my zodiac sign is Libra. Libra is symbolized by love. I agree with this statement. I am a loving and romantic person. As for the other signs, Aries is known for its stubbornness, Taurus is known for their ease, Gemini has a double personality, Cancer is calm and touchy, Leo is egoist, Virgo is organized, Scorpio is jealous, Sagittarius is an independent sign, Capricorn is gentle and disciplined, Aquarius is hardworking and selfish, and Pisces is very emotional.

In addition to having a specific feature, each zodiac sign matches with some specific signs, or they cannot get along with some certain signs. However, I believe that it may not always be true. It can change from person to person. We should not organize our entire lives accordingly. We can still have fun, without seeing it as an ultimate source for decision.

Anyway, the people around me generally match with their zodiac sign. Also, not everyone believes in it, but I do. Astrology is a universally recognized phenomenon, and I don't think it should be denied.



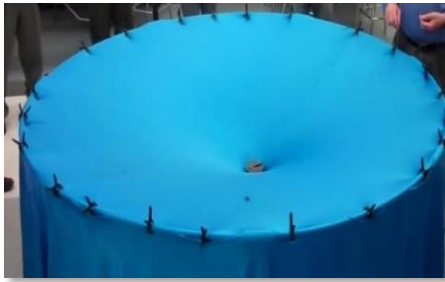
Dilara Çalmlı M1-19

Complex Nature of the Universe

Space is like an expanding, flexible fabric made of nothing. I know, it sounds strange. Let me explain: Space is made of nothing because there was nothing at the beginning. We know this because if everything is made of other things, what was the first thing made of?

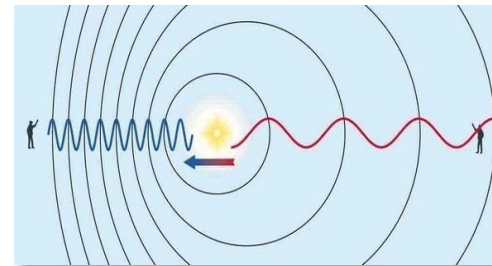
Space is like a flexible fabric because the weight of planets bends it. There is gravity because of this. I will explain that with an experiment: We need to have a flexible fabric, a ball weighing 100 gr, a ball weighing 10 gr, and a circle table where there is a big hole in the middle for the experiment. We fix the flexible fabric on the table; then if we put the heavy ball in the middle of the fabric, the ball will bend the fabric. After that, if we put the light ball on the fabric without speed, we will see that the light ball goes towards the heavy ball and hits it at the end. If we put the light ball with speed towards the right or left side, we will see that the light ball

will firstly turn in an orbit. Then, it will hit the heavy ball because of the friction. The orbits of planets also work like this, but they do not hit the sun because there is no friction in space.



Space is expanding and that expansion is accelerating. We know that because when we observe the other galaxies, they look red. Let me explain it: I am sure, all of you have noticed that when a vehicle with a siren is approaching you, its sound becomes shrill (high pitched); and when a vehicle with a siren is moving

away from you, its sound becomes bass (low pitched). It is called “doppler effect” in physics, and the change in the frequency of the sound causes this. There is a similar rule for the light. If an object is moving away from you, its color becomes red; and if an object is approaching you, its color becomes blue. You can ask this question: Why don’t we see red or blue colors when we are looking at the



moving objects in the world? This is so because they are too slow to appear red or blue. For example, imagine there is a galaxy that is 1.000.000 light years away from our galaxy “the Milky Way”, and it moves away from us with the speed of nearly 1.803.600 km/h, but that speed is not the speed of the galaxy. It is the expansion rate of space, and that speed is constantly increasing. I will explain with an example: Expansion of space is like a balloon, but that balloon is quite different. There is not just one hole to blow air inside. It has holes to blow air everywhere of its surface area. As the balloon inflates, its surface area increases; as a result, more holes to blow air forms. Because of this, space expands accelerating, but some scientists say that this expansion will not last forever; one day, it will stop, and space will be like what it was at the very beginning. It is called “the big crunch theory” in physics. Big crunch will happen because one day the expansion rate of space will be close to the speed of light, and this speed is the speed limit of the universe. At that time, space expansion will stop. Then, planets will approach each other because of gravity. Gravity will do that because there will not be a reason to keep the planets apart, but don’t worry about that because the sun will have already killed the world before this happens. The sun will absorb the world because when the hydrogen (the fuel of the sun) is gone, the sun will get bigger.

There are millions of theories like these in physics. Frankly, physics is an ocean for those who want to get lost.

Yunus Efdal Çelik M1-20

Books

We should love to read books because books develop us and teach us many things. I started reading books 5 years ago. I know it is a bit late, but it is never too late 😊. I read the book named “The Alchemist” as one of my friends had recommended it. It was the first novel I read and now it is my favorite novel. This book made me love reading books. The story, characters, the author’s style etc. were so gripping. I couldn’t stop reading it when I started reading.



I can give some advice to people who don't like to read:

- Firstly, you should choose what type of book you like to read. For example, horror, classic, romance, science fiction etc...
- Secondly, you should start reading a few pages of the books first.
- You should start by reading three or four pages a day.
- You shouldn't read books that don't interest you.
- You should go to libraries and spend your time scanning different books and reading their covers. You can find the book which you look for.
- You can read books and discuss them with your friends. For example, you can join a book club and discuss the books which you read with other people. You can learn a lot of things from other people about books.
- If you follow my advice, I'm sure you will enjoy reading the book.'

Book Recommendations for Beginners

- The Alchemist
- Lord Of Flies
- Finland: The Country of White Lilies (This book is the book that Atatürk recommended to the soldiers)
- My Sweet Orange Tree
- Momo
- Restlessness (Huzursuzluk)
- The Little Prince
- Dead Poets’ Society



The Japanese Automobile Industry

The Japanese automobile industry began with the Japanese automobile, which was first produced in 1907. With World War I, many companies began to produce military vehicles. As a result of this, many Japanese automobile companies appeared. In World War II, these companies produced military vehicles and trucks, and at the end of the war,



restrictions were imposed on the production of trucks. As a result of this limitation, several companies reached the verge of bankruptcy, but didn't go bankrupt. Since 1955, with the support of the government, Japanese car production has increased. By the 1970s, Japanese automobile exports had reached millions. With the 1973 oil crisis, the demand for Japanese cars increased more and more because Japanese cars had smaller engines and were economical. In 2000, Japan became one of the largest vehicle-producing countries in the world. Japanese cars focused on safety, speed, and technology.

Japanese cars made up most of the iconic cars that are dreamt of by many young people today. Some iconic cars: Impreza, Supra, Miata, RX-7, Skyline ... These cars are very much loved by young people because these cars are fast and handsome.

Nowadays, the Japanese car industry has become one of the largest in the world and continues to offer cars to the world improving itself every day.

Fatih Kızılkaya M1-21

FRENCH ARTICLES

Le métaverse



Avec l'amélioration de la technologie, une nouvelle conception est entrée dans nos vies : le Métaverse. C'est un concept qui a été abordé dans de nombreux films de science-fiction mais qui a commencé à devenir un sujet d'actualité récemment. Le Métaverse est un réseau des mondes virtuels qui se concentre sur la communication sociale. En d'autres termes, on peut transférer tout dans notre moindre à cet univers virtuel en trois dimensions. Ainsi, c'est une sorte de réalité virtuelle. Par exemple : Vous pouvez regarder une vidéo préparée par votre professeur dans n'importe quel environnement, en contactant les personnes de votre choix. Par ailleurs, vous pouvez tout acheter seulement avec de l'argent propre à ce monde virtuel. Alors, existe-t-il une telle chose aujourd'hui ? Oui, ces dernières années, les premiers pas vers la réalité virtuelle ont été faits après les lunettes de la VR. Le plus important d'entre eux est la société "Meta", fondée par Mark Zuckerberg, et ses travaux (Horizon World 09.12.21). La réalité virtuelle soulève également des interrogations telles que le rapport à la réalité.

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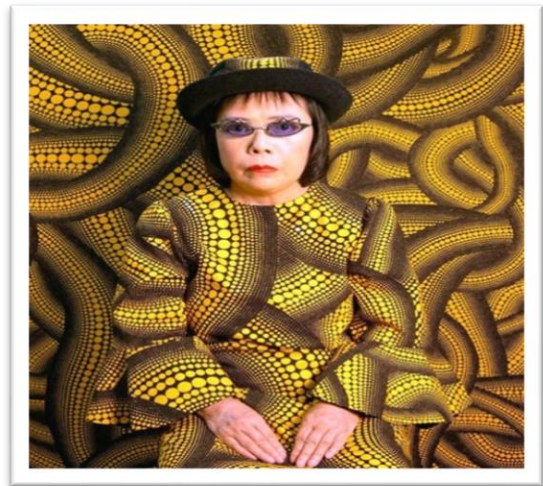
Qui Est Yayoi Kusama?



Kusama est née en 1926 au Japon dans une famille aisée qui adhère aux traditions. Mais en termes de bonheur, ils étaient pauvres. Elle avait un père absent et une mère détruite, à la fois physiquement et spirituellement. Elle avait commencé à peindre des hallucinations qu'elle avait vues alors qu'elle n'avait que dix ans. Cependant, le désir de devenir artiste professionnel n'a pas été encouragé par sa mère;

malgré toutes les difficultés de sa mère, Kusama n'a pas abandonné. Elle est l'un de ces rares artistes qui a même transformé sa maladie en art.

Lorsque Kusama a commencé à avoir des hallucinations étant enfant, elle s'est trouvée un moyen de faire face à cet étrange phénomène. Elle dit que l'art est devenu pour elle un moyen d'exprimer sa maladie mentale. On le voit le plus clairement dans ses œuvres, où elle crée des cercles élaborés basés sur des motifs répétitifs et remplis de pois ou de minuscules points de lumière.



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