



APRIL FOOLS



April 1st is often referred to as April Fool's Day. It is sometimes called All Fool's Day. While its origins are uncertain, it is one of the more light-hearted days of the year. Some say the day of hoaxes began in France in 1582, while other say it stems from a European spring tradition where people disguised themselves as practical jokers. Around the world, the day has different names. In France, those who are fooled are called "poisson d' avril" (April fish), and it is common to pin a cardboard fish to a person's back. In Scotland, it is called "Gowkie Day," named after the gowk or cuckoo bird. Regardless of its origin April Fool's is a day of silly fun. Following are some April Fool's Day quotes from throughout the years.

- ☺ "The trouble with practical jokes is they usually get elected." - Will Rogers
- ☺ "Even the gods love jokes." - Plato
- ☺ "I have great faith in fool's- self-confidence, my friends call it." - Edgar Allan Poe
- ☺ "Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me." -Chinese Proverb
- ☺ "The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes." – Winston Churchill
- ☺ " Fools build houses, and wise men buy them." – English Proverb
- ☺ "Wise men don't need advice. Fools won't take it."-Benjamin Franklin
- ☺ "A mother takes 20 years to make a man of her boy, another woman makes a fool of him in in twenty minutes." – Robert Frost
- ☺ "It's the ability to take a joke, not make one, that proves you have a sense of humor." Max Eastman
- ☺ "Here cometh April again, and as far as I can see the world hath more fools in it than ever." –Charles Lamb

April Fool's Day has survived for centuries because it is a light-hearted way to make a joke and to share a laugh. Some believe the day creates a transition from the gloom of winter to the joy of spring and summer. April Fool's Day is observed throughout the western world, and is a favorite day for the media, including internet sites, to create comical and often satiric stories about leaders or events around the world. Enjoy April Fool's Day and know you and millions of others celebrate the day.

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