

## Blue Honey and Blown Money

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Since when do bees make honey in various shades of blue and green?

Beekeepers in northeastern France were posing that most reasonable question lately, until they suspected their bees were eating the sugary waste from M&Ms -- those brightly colored, candy-shelled chocolates.

A biogas plant in Alsace is thought to be the culprit. It deals with waste from a Mars chocolate factory. Combine a harsh winter with a rainy summer, and the bees have had less time than usual for foraging, forcing beekeepers to set out sugar syrup for the bees.

The bees instead made a beeline for the *waste chocolate shop*. A spokesperson for the British Beekeeper's Association said, "Bees are clever enough to know where the best sources of sugar are, if they are no others available."

The biogas plant operator said it would clean up its operation and prevent this from happening again. Meanwhile, the beekeepers say they are stuck with the blue honey as it is unsellable.

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The flu continues here. The sticky-sweet, blue-green, overnight-blitzkrieg liquid is still fired off from a plastic shot-cup, those 10% alcohol shots firing across fever's bow. Then, it's lights out, early.

This morning, I awaken late and find Debate One has already been held, with most observers agreeing Romney has taken the first round.

I find Obama saying, "When I got on to the stage, I met this very spirited fellow who claimed to be Mitt Romney."

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Obama continued, "But it couldn't have been Mitt Romney, because the real Mitt Romney has been running around the country for the last year promising \$5 trillion in tax cuts for the wealthy. The fellow on stage last night said he didn't know anything about that."

*Now, hang on a sec.* This is not the reality I remember from a few days ago, high-temperature flu or no flu.

Last time I checked, Obama was something of an orator, fairly quick on his verbal feet, and an agile speaker with a good grip on the facts. Romney routinely produced insults aplenty while churning out whoppers of lies, in between stuffing his own feet in his mouth.

*Odd, inexplicable, freakish things happening left and right...*

Yesterday, it was black spidery-somethings on Mars. Today, it's bees making blue honey -- and, now, we're saying Romney has learned to energize his empty-suit persona and speak well in front of audiences? That an always-debate-ready Obama's basically just blown money on his own speaking prep?

What's next?

- Israel making peaceful overtures to Iran?
- The Department of Defense and banksters finding surplus trillions and happily walking them back to Congress?
- The Koch brothers refusing to fund crazed, right-wing extremists?
- The Republican House abandoning gridlock, suddenly deciding to patriotically do the People's business?
- Rush Limbaugh apologizing for decades of hate speech, racism, sexism, and propaganda?
- Fox News promising to tell the truth from now on?
- Mayor Bloomberg giving a sudden thumbs-up to a 960-ounce, MonsterGulp on wheels?

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If so, then, *fine* -- having the flu and enduring these high-fevers and hallucinations is certainly worthwhile.

If not, then -- *well*, someone should make Romney take an anti-doping and DNA test, just to make sure no one slipped in a robot or ringer, and certainly not one with a little something extra in the performance-enhancing category, slipped inside.

In a bit, the anti-doping tests might be back... this tinfoil hat right here might be finished... and this fever might be a deliriously wonderful thing of the past.

*Meanwhile, somebody has some 'splaining to do.*

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Honey: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-19835847>

Debate: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-19835176>