

**TOPIC # 9 (cont.)**  
**ENERGY TRANSFORMATIONS &**  
**KINETIC ENERGY**  
**The Law of Motion & Momentum**



**(and some links to GLOBAL CHANGE!)**

**CLASS NOTES: pp 47-50**

## QUOTE :

*Mathematical and  
mechanical principles are  
the alphabet in which  
God wrote the world.*

~Robert Boyle



# ANOTHER QUOTE FOR TODAY:

*“If I have seen farther  
than other men,  
it is by standing on the  
shoulders of giants”*

Sir Isaac Newton (1642-1727)



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Stand on the shoulders of giants

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# SCIENCE IS A CUMULATIVE ENTERPRISE



"IT'S OUR NEW ASSEMBLY LINE. WHEN THE PERSON AT THE END OF THE LINE HAS AN IDEA, HE PUTS IT ON THE CONVEYOR BELT, AND AS IT PASSES EACH OF US, WE MULL IT OVER AND TRY TO ADD TO IT."



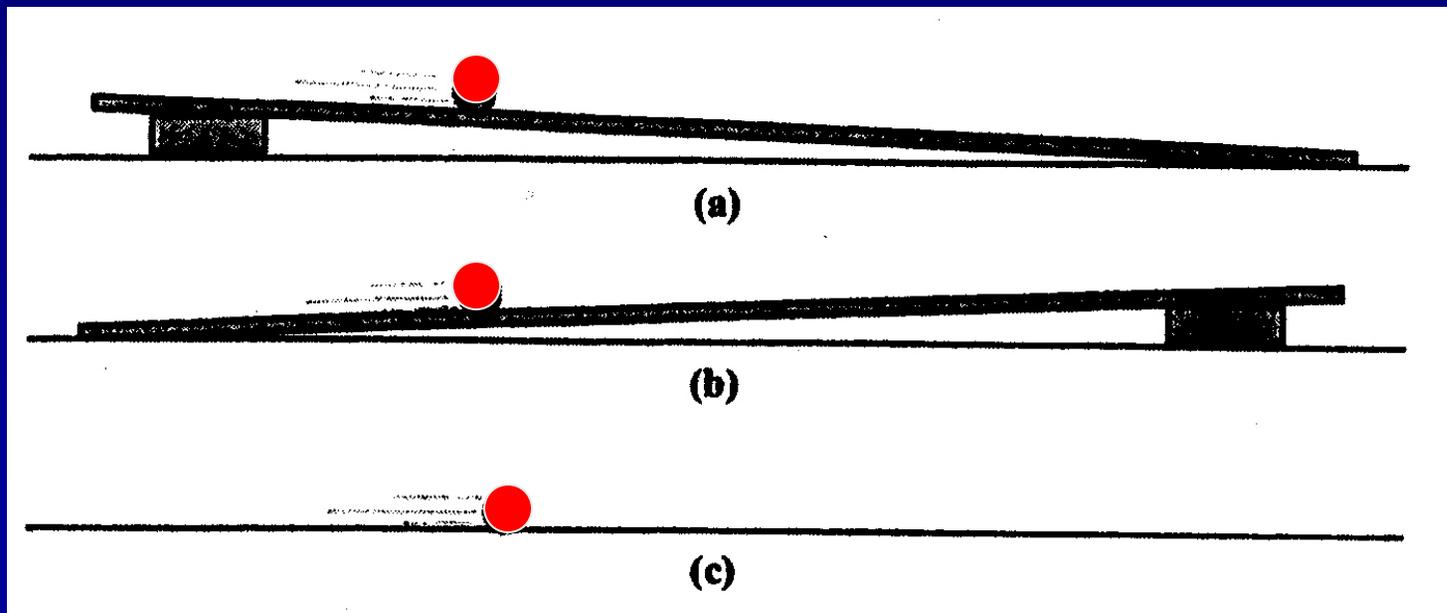
## EVER-CHANGING NATURE OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE



# Galileo Galilei

(1564-1642)

- “Father of Experimental science”



# Isaac Newton

(1642-1727)

Newton later expressed many of Galileo's ideas, observations and theories as formal "laws" which we know as **"THE LAWS OF MOTION."**



## SOME DEFINITIONS WE NEED:

**Force (F)** = any influence that can cause a body to be accelerated.

(The common force unit is the *newton*. A force is an *action*, not a thing.)

Every force is similar to a push or a pull.

**Acceleration** (def) = The change that occurs in an object's **speed** or **direction** in a certain period of time.

**Net force = the total, overall force on an object.**

If acting in the in the **SAME** direction = the (vector) sum of the two forces



If acting in the **OPPOSITE** direction = the (vector) difference between the two forces:



Net force acts in the direction of the stronger force:



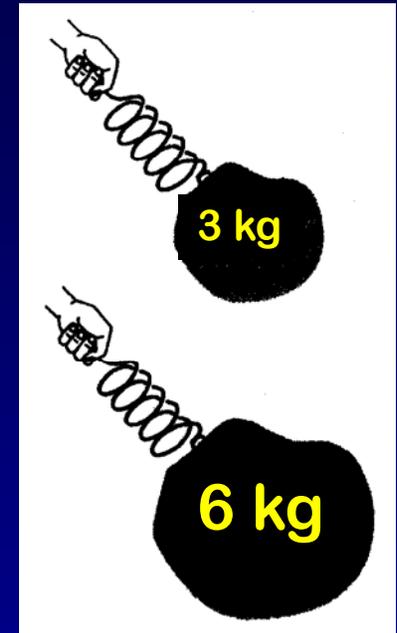
## SOME DEFINITIONS WE NEED:

**Inertia = The tendency of a body to resist a change in motion;**

**... or a body's ability to stay at rest or to maintain an unchanging velocity**

(A body's INERTIA is its degree of resistance to acceleration, in other words: its MASS)

**Mass = the quantity of matter in a body, a measurement of the inertia or sluggishness that a body exhibits (in absence of friction)**



## SOME DEFINITIONS WE NEED:

### Mass vs. weight

**Mass** = the quantity of matter in a body, a measurement of the inertia or sluggishness that a body exhibits (in absence of friction)

**Weight** = The force due to gravity upon a body.

(More specifically: the net gravitational force exerted on it by all other bodies.)

The astronaut in space depicted at right finds it just as difficult to shake the “weightless” anvil as it would be on earth.

**Q1: If the anvil is more massive than the astronaut, which shakes more:**

**1 = the anvil**

**2 = the astronaut**

**3 = neither shakes more than the other**



ANSWER =

2 = the astronaut

*WHY?*



Both the anvil and astronaut are **weightless**, but the anvil has more MASS, hence the anvil has more inertia and shakes less.

# 1st Law of Motion

## (Law of Inertia)

A moving object will continue moving in a straight line at a constant speed . . .

. . . and a stationary object will remain at rest . . . unless acted on by an unbalanced force.

## *Other ways of stating Law #1:*

- Every body continues in its state of rest, or of uniform motion in a straight line, unless it is compelled to change that state by forces impressed upon it. (MH text)

*or*

- All bodies have inertia.

# Newton's Laws in everyday life:

**1<sup>st</sup> LAW =**

**The LAW  
of  
INERTIA!**

REAL LIFE ADVENTURES/Gary Wise & Lance Aldrich



Every so often, Newton's Laws of Motion  
rear their ugly heads.



*EASY WAY of remembering the 1<sup>st</sup> Law:*

The key word is "continue."

If a body is at rest, it **continues** to stay at rest; if moving, it **continues** to move in a straight line.

It can't start or stop moving on its own without some external force, i.e. "a body does not accelerate itself."

# 2nd Law of Motion

(Newton's Law of Motion)

The acceleration (a) produced on a body by a force (F)

is proportional to:

the magnitude of the **force (F)**

and inversely proportional to:

the **mass (m)** of the object.

$$a = F / m \quad \text{or} \quad F = ma$$

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Law: $F = ma$

*Acceleration  $\propto$  net force / mass*

$\propto$  = "is proportional to"

*or*

$$a \propto F/m$$

$$a = F/m$$

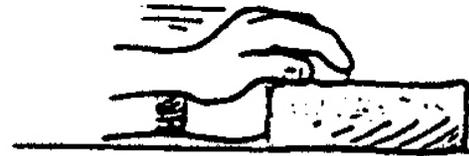
*(with appropriate units of  $m/s^2$  for  $a$ ,  
newtons for  $F$ , kilograms for  $m$ )*

$$F = ma$$

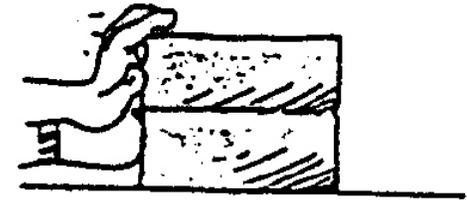
FORCE OF HAND  
ACCELERATES  
THE BRICK



TWICE AS MUCH FORCE  
PRODUCES TWICE AS  
MUCH ACCELERATION



TWICE THE FORCE ON  
TWICE THE MASS GIVES  
THE SAME ACCELERATION

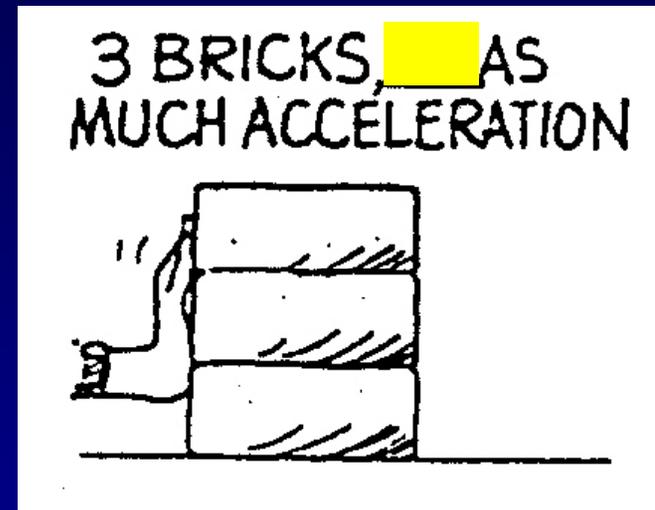
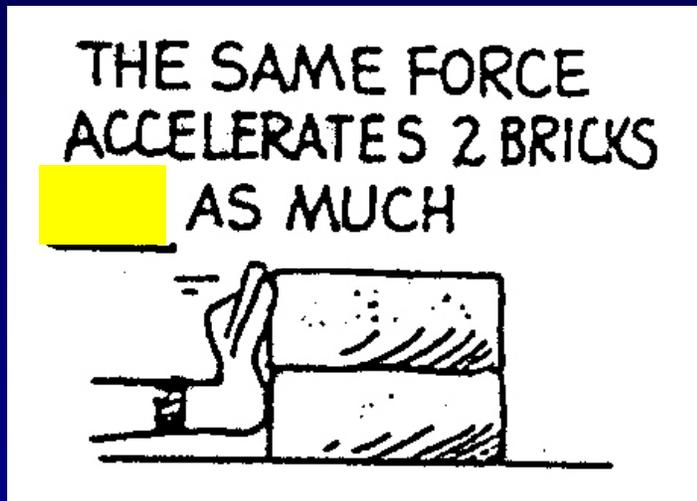


THE SAME FORCE  
ACCELERATES 2 BRICKS  
AS MUCH



# $F = ma$

Q2: Fill in both blanks



CHOICES FOR ABOVE:

A =  $1/2$  ←

B = twice

C =  $1/3$

CHOICES FOR ABOVE:

D = 3 times

E = 6 times

F =  $1/3$  ←

# 3rd Law of Motion

(Law of Force Pairs)

For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.

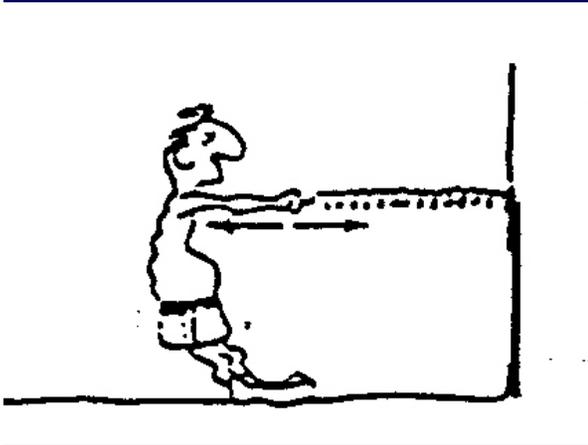
3rd Law = “Law of Force Pairs”

- **Forces always occur in pairs;**  
an **action** and a **reaction**.

To every action force there is an equal and opposite reaction force;

- whenever one body exerts a force on a second body, the second body exerts an equal and opposite force on the first body.

- The two forces are equal in strength but opposite in direction. **There is never only a single force in any situation.**



ACTION: Man pulls on spring

REACTION : \_\_\_\_\_ pulls on \_\_\_\_\_

String pulls on man

## Remember this quote?

*Newton's passage from a falling apple to a falling moon was an act of the prepared imagination.*

*~ John Tyndall (1820-1893)*



**→ Inspiration emerges from a well-informed mind!**

Isaac Newton's Apple Tree in  
Lincolnshire, England

# NEWTON'S INSPIRATION = apple & moon!

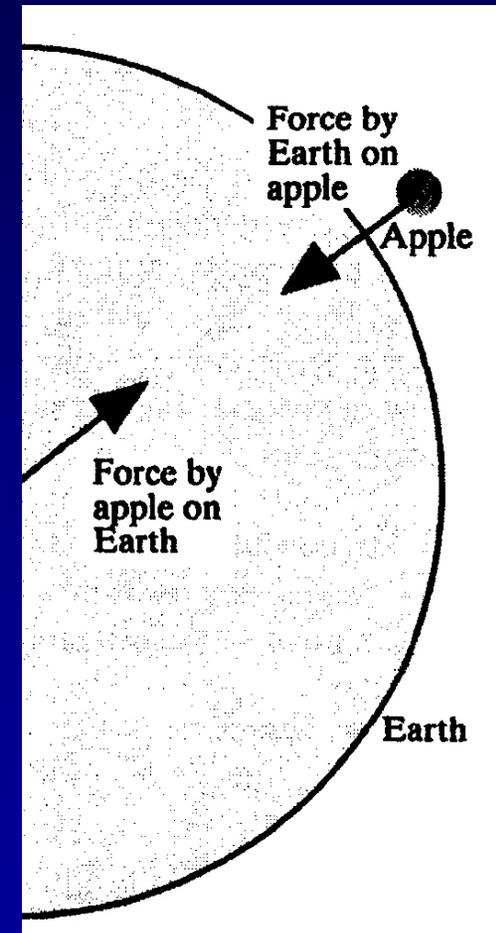
Earth pulls on apple (gravity)

but . . .

## THE APPLE ALSO PULLS ON THE EARTH!

(so small it cannot be  
measured -- but it is there)

→ He then likened the force  
pairs between the apple &  
earth to the apple & the moon!



## GLOBAL CHANGE LINK:

For every gallon of gas you use, you add ~ 22 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere.

Recall Newton's 1st and 2nd Laws.

Now consider the mass  
(and acceleration capabilities) of a  
large SUV (sport utility vehicle) vs. a  
small sedan . . .

# 2<sup>nd</sup> law reminds that MASS is involved!

**LARGE Acceleration**  
(due to small MASS)

$$\frac{F}{m} = a$$

Econo-car



**SMALL Acceleration**  
(due to larger MASS)

$$\frac{F}{m} = a$$

vs. SUV!!



**An SUV and a small sedan are both at rest at a stop light. Which vehicle has a greater inertia?**

**Choices:**

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If the mass of the SUV is three times that of the sedan,

the same amount of force (via consumption of gasoline) will accelerate the SUV \_\_\_\_\_ as much as the sedan (all other things being equal in the two engine designs)?

Choices:

1 = 3 times

2 = 1/3



3 = nine times

*One more concept . . . . .*

**Momentum** = inertia in motion; or more specifically, the product of mass of an object and its velocity.

**Momentum = mass x velocity**

or  $P = m v$

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To change the **momentum** of something requires

(an external) **force and time**

(and depends on how long the FORCE acts)

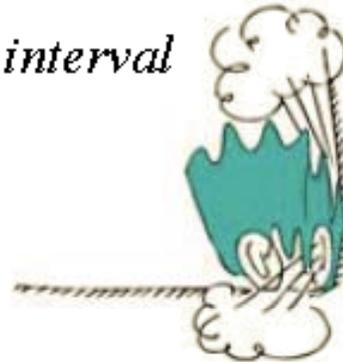
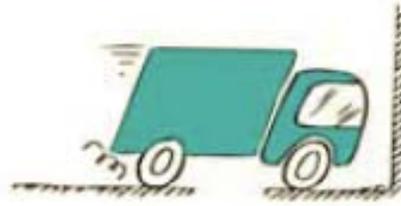
**IMPULSE = Force x time interval**

**IMPULSE (Ft) changes momentum**

**Force x time interval = change in (mass X velocity)**

**$Ft = (\text{change in}) mv$**

*Wall is opposite FORCE slowing  
down the truck over short TIME interval*



$$\text{MASS} \times \text{VELOCITY} = \text{TIME} \times \text{FORCE}$$

*Haystack is opposite FORCE slowing down the truck over  
long TIME interval*



$$\text{MASS} \times \text{VELOCITY} = \text{TIME} \times \text{FORCE}$$

**MOMENTUM IS CONSERVED**

“before and “after” In EACH CASE

*(Principle of Conservation of Momentum)*

Now imagine that the two vehicles are moving down the freeway side by side at equal velocities of 75 mph.

Suddenly, after rounding a curve, the drivers encounter a large semi-truck at a standstill that has jackknifed across both lanes.

If the two vehicles have comparable brakes, which one is most in danger of smashing into the truck ahead? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain why, using the term **momentum**.

# “Understanding Car Crashes: It’s Basic Physics”

As you watch the video,  
fill in the blanks on pp 49-50  
in CLASS NOTES.



# Epilogue: YOUR CAR & GLOBAL CHANGE

(Being a GC Savvy  
Consumer)

**SAFETY vs. ENVIRONMENT??**

What kind of car do you  
drive???





Dr H and her  
hummer

????????????

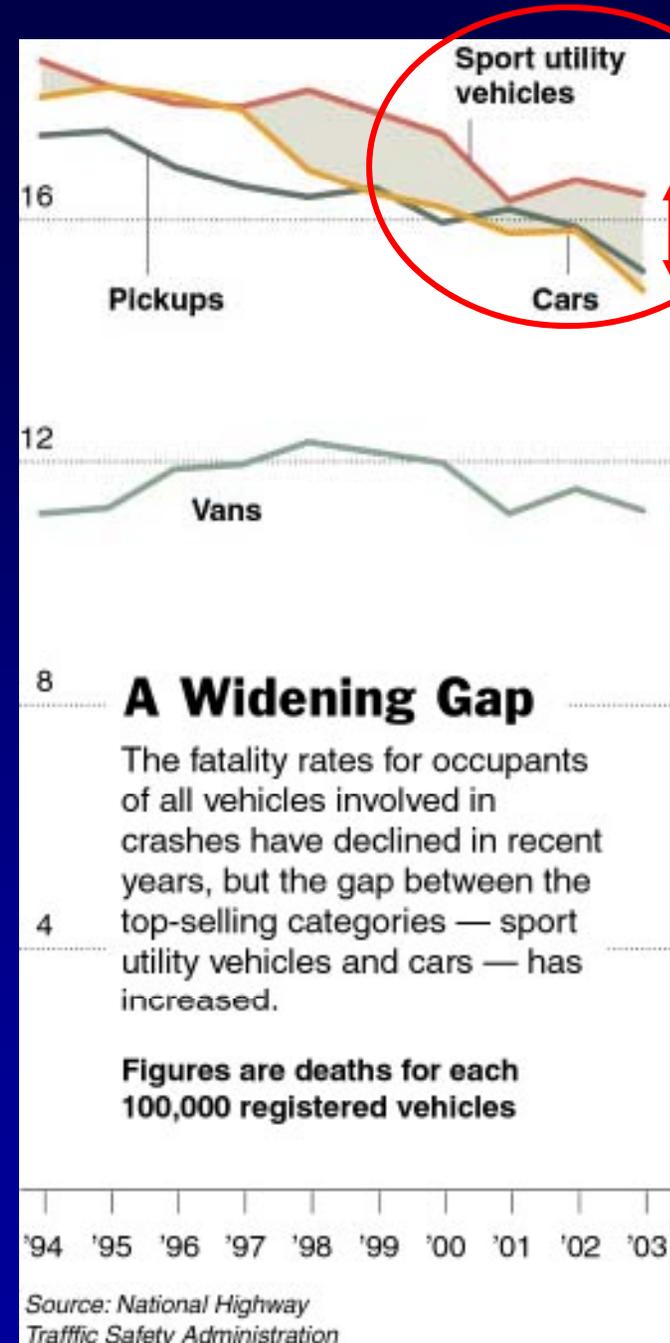


# Your CAR & GLOBAL CHANGE

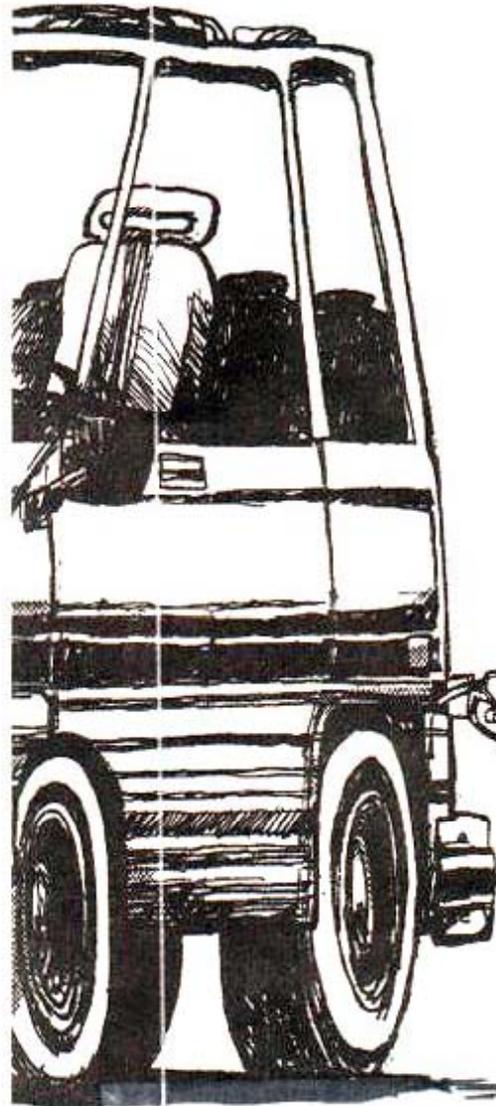


Fatality Rates  
for occupants  
of all vehicles  
involved in  
crashes

(deaths per 100,000  
vehicles)



VINCE BREYMAN  
CINCINNATI  
ENGINTEER ©2005



## SELECT PRICE YOU'RE WILLING TO PAY:

DEEPER  
INVOLVEMENT  
IN MIDDLE  
EAST



IRREPARABLE  
DAMAGE TO  
PRISTINE  
WILDERNESS



TAKE  
PUBLIC  
TRANSPORT-  
ATION



DOWNSIZE  
TO FUEL  
EFFICIENT  
VEHICLE



**&  
SAFETY?**



## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER!

-- Are large SUVs & Pickups safer just because of their size and mass ?

--- Now that we have hybrid SUV's will that solve the problem of their notoriously low gas mileage and larger contribution of CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere – compared to smaller cars?

## QUESTION #1:

Suppose the traffic accident mortality rate goes up because cars are made smaller to preserve fuel.

Is that a good trade-off ?

**Or . . . . QUESTION #2:**

**Is it environmentally irresponsible or a good safety practice to own a large SUV or pickup truck that gets mileage of LESS than 20 mpg?**

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND  
& STUDY HARD  
FOR TEST #2**

**Go CATS!**