

Are you skeptical and inquisitive about the world around you?

With a sea of information coming at us from all directions, how do we sift out the misinformation and bogus claims, and get to the truth? **Michael Shermer** of **Skeptic Magazine** lays out a "Baloney Detection Kit," ten questions we should ask when encountering a claim.

"Baloney Detection Kit" — ten questions we should ask when encountering a claim

1. How reliable is the source of the claim?
2. Does the source make similar claims?
3. Have the claims been verified by somebody else?
4. Does this fit with the way the world works?
5. Has anyone tried to disprove the claim?
6. Where does the preponderance of evidence point?
7. Is the claimant playing by the rules of science?
8. Is the claimant providing positive evidence?
9. Does the new theory account for as many phenomena as the old theory?
10. Are personal beliefs driving the claim?

*Permission to reproduce the "Baloney Detection Kit" — ten questions we should ask when encountering a claim kindly granted by **Michael Shermer**, Skeptic.com.*

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