The Riddle That 80% of Kindergartners Answered Correctly, but Only 17% of Stanford Seniors Got Right-Fiction!

Summary of the eRumor

A simple riddle with a simple answer that was allegedly reported on Paul Harvey...and that Kindergartners answered more correctly than university seniors.

■The Truth

The riddle has been around for a long time, but there is no evidence that research was ever conducted on the comparative answers of Kindergartners and Stanford University seniors.

There is also no evidence that this was reported on Paul Harvey.

The riddle:

What is greater than God, More evil than the devil, The poor have it, The rich don't need it, And if you eat it, you'll die?

The answer to the riddle is "nothing." Nothing is greater than God. Nothing is more evil than the Devil. The poor have nothing. The rich need nothing. And if you eat nothing, you'll die.

A real example of the eRumor as it has appeared on the Internet:

Paul Harvey RIDDLE:

When asked this riddle, 80% of kindergarten kids got the answer, compared to 17% of Stanford University seniors.

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