- "Goto, n.: A programming tool that exists to allow structured programmers to complain about unstructured programmers.
 - Ray Simard
- "Hardware, n.: The parts of a computer system that can be kicked."
 - The Devil's Dictionary to Computer Studies
- "The world is coming to an end. Please log orff."
 - Posix 2.1.1 System Shutdown Message
- "A language that doesn't affect the way you think about programming is not worth knowing."
 - Alex Lu, commenting on Java Programming
- "BUG, n.: An undesirable, poorly-understood undocumented feature."
 - The Devil's Dictionary to Computer Studies
- "Adding manpower to a late software project makes it later."
 - Brook's Law
- "The C Programming Language: A new language which combines the flexibility of assembly language with the power of assembly language."
 - Murphy's Introduction to C
- "User n.: A programmer who will believe anything you tell him."
 - The Devil's Dictionary to Computer Studies
- "An elephant is a mouse with an operating system."
 - Anonymous
- "Line Printer paper is strongest at the perforations."
 - Murphy's Law of Line Printers
- "Pascal, n.: A programming language named after a man who would turn over in his grave if he knew about it."
 - The Chartered Institution of C Programmers
- "C, n.: A programming language which was names thus because it cannot be named B after bees blocked it in a high-court case."
 - The Royal Society of Pascal Programmers
- "C++, n.: C with fine print which is never quoted and no-one knows about; features which renders a correctly-written C programme useless."
 - The Royal Society of Pascal Programmers
- "The goal of Computer Science is to build something that will last at least until we've finished building it."
 - Anonymous
- "The New Testament offers the basis for modern computer coding theory, in the form of an affirmation of the binary number system. But let your communication be Yea, yea; nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."
 - Matthew 5:37
- "The primary purpose of the DATA statement is to give names to constants; instead of referring to pi as 3.141592653589793 at every appearance, the variable PI can be given that value with a DATA statement and used instead of the longer form of the constant. This also simplifies modifying the program, should the value of pi change.
 - FORTRAN manual for Xerox Computers
- "Every programme is a part of some other programme, and rarely fits."
 - The Complete Microsoft Internal Jokes, Vol.III