

ARGUMENT

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Two humans travel from “far and great distances,” from a reasonable approximation of what might be called the “opposite ends of the earth,” and arrive simultaneously in China. Beijing, to be exact. Each begins on one end of what were the original ends of the “Great Wall of China,” traversing the path atop or along its remains, and meet, face to face, atop the wall at some perceived midpoint as determined by their individual paces. Upon arrival, the two humans slowly open their “mouths,” in a slowness partly necessitated by the fact that their “mouths” had resolutely and adamantly remained closed for the entire duration of the walk. “The entire duration.” To get things underway, one “Starter Ant” leaps out, quickly followed by a few more. A string of ants, with the larger of them clutching tightly to the molars, linked mandible to hind legs, mandible to hind legs, shoot forward with the “Bungee-Maneuver,” hoping to rebound their way back into the safety of the mouth – only to be rudely broken by an “Opposition String” of ants. The “Argument” develops. Mid-size ants are propelled forth by the “Twelve-Ant Double-Helix Spring System.” One lands in the opposing human’s mouth, and the team of “Hurrah Ants” in the reserves section on the “Hairline Lookout” cheers for the great coup. Infuriated, the opposing human “closes up” and “turns away.”