Romney & Ryan Budget Math Nonsense : Both Are In Good Company With Other Business Geniuses Who Also Said Their Numbers Added Up.

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"Arithmetic has a 'me' in the middle!"
Wall Street Math Club Motto[/caption]

During the second Presidential Debate in mid-October recall this incredibly revealing exchange about Mitt's deficit reduction promises:

> CROWLEY: . . . If somehow when you get in there, there isn't enough tax revenue coming in. If somehow the numbers don't add up, would you be willing to look again at a 20 percent...
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> ROMNEY: *Well of course they add up*. I -- I was -- I was someone who ran businesses for 25 years, and balanced the budget. I ran the Olympics and balanced the budget. I ran the -- the state of Massachusetts as a governor, to the extent any governor does, and balanced the budget all four years.

I added the *italics* to the text of Romney's response to Crowley's question, but if you heard it on debate night or via replays, he mouthed that sentence with "verbal italics" to underscore the disdain he felt for the question and the questioner. He emphasized his past, rather than on Crowley's question about the future. Why? *Of course* he doesn't want to talk arithmetic . His various plans, on taxes, on budgets, on deficits, each one of them, ***do not add up!***

DO.*NOT*.ADD.UP!!!

And Mitt knows that. Like other con men, he knows. In fact, he's running - or hoping to run - something like a Ponzi scheme. He's selling a glorious future to regular Americans, yet he knows that if he has his way, massive amounts of money will trickle upward, defying the gravity that justice provides. He cloaks his planned thievery in the fog, befuddling voters who want to make a principled and informed decision. Yet. like financial schemers everywhere, he draws them in by cynically manipulating their middle aspirations for themselves, surely, but more so, for their children.

Well. Mr. Romney, here are your compatriots, your fellow travelers: those conniving hot shots who sold dreams they never intended to deliver. Here, meet your peers:

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Candy Crowley: "If somehow when you get in there,
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"I,II,III,V,VI,VII,IX,X"