

Re: A DECLARATION OF MEANING

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Name And Address Supplied wrote:--

> > _____ *start of Form* _____
> > *I declare the following as a true statement*
> > *of meaning for all ongoing discussion.*
> > *If I change any declared meaning that appears*
> > *within this declaration I will explicitly acknowledge*
> > *that this point of meaning I have provided may have been*
> > *refuted where refutation can be proven via either,*
> > *logical invalidity or a confirmed point of refutation.*
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> > **DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES:**
> > *A) What is the purpose*
> > *of processing only fictitious data?*
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> *Illustrative purposes?*
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> > *B) What is the purpose*
> > *of processing non fictitious*
> > *data?*
>
> *Illustration and also hypothesis testing.*
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> > *C) What do you state is the difference*
> > *in principle between any relative and*
> > *any absolute measure?*
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> *Absolute refers to a universal standard. A relative measure involves a*
> *rescaling of the absolute measure for comparative purposes.*
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> > *DECLARED DEFINITIONS:*
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> > *(i) DEFINE ABSOLUTE FITNESS and*
> > *describe how it can be measured.*
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> *If we define fitness as being that which is maximised by the action of*
> *natural selection, then the concept of absolute fitness seems to be a*
> *meaningless concept.*
>
> > *(ii) DEFINE RELATIVE FITNESS and say*
> > *how it can be measured.*
> >
> *Fitness is fundamentally a relative concept, so "relative fitness" =*
> *"fitness". Measuring it would, of course, require a more detailed*
> *definition.*
> *Note that John Edser wrote:*

>snip<

JE:–

This form is not a debate.
Please just complete filling out
the form without making a reference
to any other person or their point
of view. Only use notes set aside
very clearly as a note, to illustrate
your meaning. Debate is not allowed
within this form only outside of it
because the purpose of the form is
just a declaration of meaning by the
person filling in the form. Once
the form has been filled in then
it can be quoted within debates
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and misunderstanding.

If you would like to add or delete/change
any question please submit these
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Regards,

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