

# Re: Epistemology 201: The Science of Science

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Lester Zick said:

> *On Thu, 10 Feb 2005 15:51:39 -0500, Tony Orlow (aeo6)*

> *<aeo6@cornell.edu> in comp.ai.philosophy wrote:*

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> *>Lester Zick said:*

> > *On Thu, 10 Feb 2005 09:56:51 -0500, Tony Orlow (aeo6)*

> > *<aeo6@cornell.edu> in comp.ai.philosophy wrote:*

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> > > *>Lester Zick said:*

> > > > *On Wed, 09 Feb 2005 07:21:09 -0500, "robert j. kolker"*

> > > > *<nowhere@nowhere.net> in comp.ai.philosophy wrote:*

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> > > > *>Jason wrote:*

> > > > > *Yeah, I guess there are two tensions in maths, the formal system side and the*

> > > > > *appeal that it relates to the world in some (perhaps deep) way. Interestingly*

> > > > > *there is also the artistic side of maths, its beauty and intrigue. Even formal*

> > > > > *systems can't formalise out the human element, whatever that means.*

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> > > > *>To be sure. Mathematics is done by humans (and presumably could be done*

> > > > *>by sentients if sufficiently intelligent). On this planet it is*

> > > > *>exclusively a human activity. Other animals do not do it and no*

> > > > *>inanimate devices do it.*

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> > > > *People aren't animals and there are certainly animals that count.*

> > > > *Which raises the curious question whether they're counting countable*

> > > > *infinities and doing modern math?*

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> > > > *Regards - Lester*

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> > > *>People aren't animals????*