

# Re: A General Introduction to the Expanding Earth

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<news:1134909829.672550.287330@xx>

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- > Ford used to be a regular here.
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- > Ford also used to claim that "imaginary numbers weren't real".
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- > We are talking real entertainment..

To quote the esteemed Cambridge mathematician, John Barrow

"If we define religion to be a system of thought which contains an element of faith, then Gödel has taught us that not only is mathematics a religion but it is the only religion capable of proving itself to be one."  
<http://www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/user/jdb34/jdbcv.html>

To quote Einstein....

"As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain, and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality. "

"It is a magnificent feeling to recognize the unity of complex phenomena which appear to be things quite apart from the direct visible truth."

It should always be remembered that mathematics is only self consistent. Not consistent with reality. The difference between the two is rather important, as one might begin to think the laws of mathematics define reality.

They do not, they approximate reality in a highly simplified form. Often so simplified that reality is no longer recognizable.

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> Stuart  
>> The great tragedy of science --- the  
>> slaying of a beautiful hypothesis  
>> by an ugly fact. -- Thomas Huxley  
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