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Greg Lee <greg@ling.lll.hawaii.edu> writes:

[...]

> *I've heard a tape of Jones saying the "cardinal vowels".*

You mean his classic hit "The Eight Primary Cardinal Vowels, Pronounced Long"? Available at all good record stores, and at http://www.let.uu.nl/~audiufon/data/e_cardinal_vowels.html.

> *They sounded really strange. I don't see how they can be used as a reference, and I wonder if anyone actually does so. And if so, whether they should.*

I keep a copy next to my platinum-iridium kilogram, for sure. But you can't officially learn them aurally, but only orally from an appointed expert.

> *How can we standardize symbol usage until we know what it is we're symbolizing?*

Economists have disputed for a long time what money really is; my ignorance has yet to stop me wanting more of it.

Des
can also quite like a duck

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"[T]he structural trend in linguistics which took root with the

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International Congresses of the twenties and early thirties [...] had close and effective connections with phenomenology in its Husserlian and Hegelian versions." -- Roman Jakobson