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jayne.kulikauskas@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

Using what makes sense to you as your criterion is not working.  
You are making a fool of yourself.

Jayne, you can think of me as that fool however much you want.  
You're hardly the kind of person I would go out of my way to  
impress. What is important to me is how I think about myself. And  
I don't think of myself as a fool. So, that ad hominem is wasted  
on me. Why do you even bother?

I felt sorry for you. It wasn't an ad hominem; it was advice.

And you expect her to understand that?  
The question remains, why do you, after knowing her for quite a while  
(?) now, bother debating anything with her? Is it missionary charity?  
Does she behave differently elsewhere? Because here all she does is  
assert some uninformed stuff, upon which people try to explain to her  
why it doesn't make sense, upon which she replies with some fallacy made  
of either the misapplied obvious or the obviously wrong - all