

Re: Halting Problem: Give up

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It's unlikely that I've counted right, but roughly, including this posting, Peter Olcott has now wasted 1646 news articles in comp.theory.

Despite all of those articles he has convinced no one but himself that he is correct.

During all of that conversation he has failed to understand Turing Machines, the Halting Problem, the tools used in studying it, or the long established disproof that a general purpose Halting Problem Solver can exist.

>From all the responses to his postings, though dozens of refutations of his nonsense have been written by competent commentators, he has not recognized a single counter to his arguments which he is capable of understanding past his obsession, much less the many, many refutations that have been presented which all competent commentators recognize as sufficing.

>From all of the invested time and energy of others he has learned competence in none of logical thinking, computer theory, mathematical proofs, nor proof by contradiction, nor does he show any signs of seeking to gain such competence.

It very likely *_is_* long past time to recognize Peter Olcott: recognize him as an invincible ignorant person, as a Usenet Kook of the First Water, with Silver Clusters, and as a time wasting moron of the kind with whom Scott Adams' "Dilbert" tells us always to postpone meetings.

In the interests of leaving attention to be available for computer theory subjects of greater interest even if less shrill proponents, I suggest

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that it is time to declare that Peter Olcott has used up his 15 minutes of fame, and needs ignoring by _everyone_ henceforth, and that we should all postpone our future meetings with him by failing to read his valueless postings, the fast track to failing to answer them.

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