

Re: Torkel Franzén is dead

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Timothy Murphy wrote:

George Dance wrote:

Now, that' OTT. Torkel was in no way comparable to Hitler. A better comparison would be to Lord Haw-Haw.

I think that is very unfair.
I disagreed quite strongly, and at length, with Torkel on the subject of Chaitin (Algorithmic Entropy); Torkel seemed to regard Chaitin as almost a fraud. But I thought his arguments were always cogent, and thought-provoking.

Then I assume that Torkel believed you had a PhD in math, and thus considered you a peer, capable of understanding logic and worth discussing it with. Which would explain the difference in your experience of him, and that and some the other who have posted on this thread.

I thought when he was rude it was generally deserved, and nothing I've read in this thread has changed my mind on that.

I don't think anyone expects to change anyone's mind; it is reasonable to believe one's own experiences rather others' testimony, if the two contradict.

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