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"Nam D. Nguyen" <namducnguyen@xxxxxxx> writes:

The rough phrase "to be useful for mathematical purposes" is simply meant to avoid going into details about representing primitive recursive functions (or PA or what have you) and getting the very broad notion across to the reader.

Wouldn't you use, instead, the phrase "to be as strong as arithmetic" to avoid the appearance of sloppiness? After all, there are complete theories that are mathematically useful as well!

Would readers of the text understand what that phrase means?

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Jesse F. Hughes

"He was still there, shiny and blue green and full of sin."

— Philip Marlowe stalks a bluebottle fly in

Raymond Chandler's /The Little Sister/

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