

Re: JSH: Psychosocial issues

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"David Harden" <roddleeh@mit.edu> wrote in message
news:a0d492b9.0410051609.711b11c4@posting.google.com...
>> *Now, that means they have to check, as the dark side of their strategy
>> for them is if people realize they must know they are wrong, and are
>> lying to them, but keep at it.*
>>
>> *So you will see a certain pattern of behavior where there will be
>> pauses from certain posters as they check. If they don't see the
>> appearance that they've been caught, they assume success and continue.*
>>
>> *That pattern proves their duplicity.*
>
> *Then, by your logic, since you are the biggest and best example BY FAR
> of someone involved in this who fails to address corrective postings,
> you are the most duplicitous-looking one of all.*
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>>
>> *So why do it? Why fight math? It seems stupid in abstract, right?*
>
> *You would know the answer better than anyone else, given your
> extensive experience in this endeavor.*
>>
>> *Well yeah, in abstract, but in reality people routinely make
>> convenient lies that others wish to hear knowing that social forces
>> make the lie more palatable than the truth.*
>>
>> *Social forces rule humanity: even in the field of mathematics.*
>>
>> *Therefore, it follows that you cannot just trust people to tell or
>> accept the truth, even when it is proven with the rigor that
>> mathematics provides.*
>
> *You would know, wouldn't you? You're the closest of anyone to an
> example of this, since you're already there.*
>>
>> *For a social example outside of mathematics consider the current
>> position of the United States of America with the international*

>> *community, and its current position in Iraq.*
>>
>> *There are facts that can be checked, but now go to the *discussions**
>> *on these issues that occur in the United States and compare them to*
>> *discussions in other countries.*
>>
>> *People can see the truth, but believe the opposite of it based on*
>> *need.*
>
> *Please tell us what need you have that makes you plague our newsgroup*
> *in this way. I'm sure we'd all appreciate it very much. It might even*
> *serve as a basis for some sort of therapy for cranks. We're waiting.*
>
> ----- *David*
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> *To send me email, move the r from the beginning to the end of the part*
> *before the @ and insert "alum." at the beginning of the part after the*
> *@.*

Yes, please do all cranks a favor, James Harris, and explain why you need to do what you do??? your contribution to the psychology of cranks is much more important than any of your mathematical theories. You can do a great service to all of usenet by letting us know why you do what you do.