

## Re: THE THREE "LAWS OF THOUGHT"

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"Dave Seaman" <dseaman@no.such.host> wrote in message  
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> *On 11 Oct 2004 09:52:17 -0700, T.M. wrote:*

> > *tuckpointer wrote:*

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> > *I am really grateful for your kind response.*

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> > > *The "basis for mathematics" was never decided. [...]*

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> > *Right. If I may quote another poster I tremendously respect and value,*

> > *it is "turtles all the way down" (btw, I do not even know what it*

> > *really means).*

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> *Google does.*

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Stephen Hawking in *A Brief History Of Time* starts with the anecdote. A well-known scientist (some say it was Bertrand Russell) once gave a public lecture on astronomy. He described how the earth orbits around the sun and how the sun, in turn, orbits around the centre of a vast collection of stars called our galaxy.

At the end of the lecture, a little old lady at the back of the room got up and said: "What you have told us is rubbish. The world is really a flat plate supported on the back of a giant tortoise."

The scientist gave a superior smile before replying, "What is the tortoise standing on?"

"You're very clever, young man, very clever," said the old lady. "But it's turtles all the way down."

<http://www.google.com/search?q=%22turtles+all+the+way+down%22>

There's a hole in the middle of the sea  
There's a hole in the middle of the sea  
There's a hole, there's a hole  
There's a hole in the middle of the sea

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There's a log in the hole in the middle of the sea  
There's a log in the hole in the middle of the sea  
There's a log, there's a log  
There's a log in the hole in the middle of the sea

There's a bump on the log in the hole  
In the middle of the sea  
There's a bump on the log in the hole  
In the middle of the sea  
There's a bump, there's a bump  
There's a bump on the log in the hole  
In the middle of the sea

There's a frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea  
There's a frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea  
There's a frog, there's a frog  
There's a frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea

There's a fly on the frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea  
There's a fly on the frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea  
There's a fly, there's a fly  
There's a fly on the frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea

There's a wing on the fly on the frog  
On the bump on the log in the hole  
In the middle of the sea  
There's a wing on the fly on the frog  
On the bump on the log in the hole  
In the middle of the sea  
There's a wing, there's a wing  
There's a wing on the fly on the frog  
On the bump on the log in the hole  
In the middle of the sea

There's a flea on the wing on the fly  
On the frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea  
There's a flea on the wing on the fly  
On the frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea  
There's a flea, there's a flea  
There's a flea on the wing on the fly  
On the frog on the bump on the log  
In the hole in the middle of the sea?

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> *Dave Seaman*

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