

## Re: JSH: Brainstorming over, for now

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"Nora Baron" <norabaron@xxxxxxxxxxxx> writes:

> jst...@xxxxxxx wrote:

>> Ok, I've finished brainstorming on the SFT and how to best present  
> it.

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>> It's been a VERY useful few days as most importantly I've managed to  
>> air out my paranoia about the dangers of this research, and  
> communicate

>> loud and clear I hope, so that the people who are supposed to pay  
>> attention to problem areas assuredly noticed!

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>> Which makes me feel a little silly for being worried—as nothing has  
>> happened—but then again, how do you know if you don't check?

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>> My fears about working on the factoring problem go back for YEARS and  
>> have affected a lot of things for me, so it's a tremendous relief to  
> be

>> here now with what I feel is a major result, and it looks like  
>> everything is fine.

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>> No worries.

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>> Things get a lot more boring from here for the rest of you, as  
> there's

>> less need for me to talk anything out, as I think I've learned what I  
>> needed to know, and a lot less interest on my part in this subject  
>> area anyway, as I'm getting that been there done that feeling.

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>> Extreme mathematics is about the extreme—pushing limits and the  
>> envelope.

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>> Maybe I burned myself out ahead of time on factoring, worrying about  
> it

>> so much, but now it just seems like so much old hat.

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>> Of course, papers to be sent off, but I have a backlog now. I've  
> been

>> sitting on papers versus working them out to be sent off, as it's all

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>> just kind of tedious and annoying—the social crap.  
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>> In any event, the world is still here. The economy didn't crash, and  
>> I'm feeling stupid but giddy.  
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> So I assume this is what you think suffices as an admission  
> that your precious "SFT" was a useless debacle – right?

It's hard to see *\*what\** he thinks, but he clearly still thinks that SFT is important and interesting. He has not said that it fails to solve the factoring problem, even though he noticed that the economy didn't crash.

I think the key is where he wrote "the people who are supposed to pay attention to problem areas assuredly noticed!" Maybe the crypto bigwigs and the powers—that–be had a contingency plan for the solution of the factoring problem. Maybe they read JSH's posts and realized it was time to implement that plan and *\*that's\** why the world still spins.

But however we're supposed to interpret this post, I'm pretty damn sure it's not an admission of failure.

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"The papers are currently at journals. [When published,] make no mistake, there will be no place on this planet where you can hide. Remember, I'm not talking about something vague here. I'm talking about publication in journals." James S. Harris. Wow. Journals.

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◇ From: Gib Bogle

• *References:*

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