

Re: Delusions and occasional bleak truth

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Stephen Montgomery-Smith wrote:

mike3 wrote:

On Nov 27, 2:47 pm, Stephen Montgomery-Smith
<step...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:
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While the mathematics will probably need to be completely
reinvented one
day, I don't think that now is the time.

Even if someone does find a legitimate problem now? Although
Venkat Reddy doesn't seem like that someone.

You'd just blow it off? Even if it's 100% valid?

I'm not sure what you are saying here. What is "it"?

If "it" is current mathematics, the answer, of course, is "no." Current mathematics has proven
itself extremely effective at getting very good ideas about reality, and presumably for most
common calculations it would still be heavily used. When I say "completely reinvented" I am
talking about the logical foundations, not the methodology.

On the other hand, if "it" is someone discovering a big flaw, then most certainly I wouldn't ignore it. My
saying that now is not the time is rather based upon the sense that I don't think this flaw is going to be
discovered anytime soon.

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