

Re: Godel's Incompleteness theorem

Source: <http://sci.tech-archive.net/Archive/sci.math/2008-07/msg00056.html>

- *From:* Neilist <Neilisted@xxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Tue, 1 Jul 2008 07:20:56 -0700 (PDT)
-

On Jun 28, 12:57 pm, Aatu Koskensisilta <aatu.koskensi...@xxxxxx> wrote:

Neilist <Neilis...@xxxxxxxxxx> writes:

Complete means that any truthful statement can be derived from the axioms of the system.

No, it doesn't.

What a lousy response! "No, it doesn't". Childish. I'll just say "yes it does".

Give the correct definition then, genius (sarcasm)!

Moorthy, read or skim Godel Escher Bach by DouglasHofstadter. It is excellent – entertaining and informative, and it deserved the Pulitzer Prize.

It also has the tendency to make people's head swim in confusion.

Confusing for you, apparently. Godel Escher Bach is great fun, and it eases the reader into Godel's work.

For
a more sober approach I recommend Torkel Franzén's *_Gödel's Theorem_*,

But is Franzen's work too sober = dry = boring? Or too advanced for the original poster or to the average person?

.