

# Re: Things Formulaic

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> Al wrote:

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> <I'll reply to the below because you don't seem to know how to  
> direct and format replies appropriately to newsgroups; it'll come  
> eventually. I'll even show you how it might look>

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>> There seems to be a misunderstanding. I do not think that maths is bad;  
>> maths is neutral, its the use to which it's put that is bad. There is  
>> nothing wrong with science per se, its the ham fisted way it is used.

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> <The single indent means you wrote the immediately above text>

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> "Ham-fisted" usually indicates a lack of consideration of some  
> factor(s). Which factor(s) did you have in mind?

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>> When I speak of dehumanisation I mean the quantifying of us.

> See below

> Look, whether you like it or not, people have characteristics  
> which are quantizable (not that it's been done to the last decimal  
> place yet) and thus subject to statistical modelling.

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>> Psychology has decided to lick the ass/arse of science and reduced us  
all to

>> statistical nonentities.( This includes you also) The reason for this is  
>> because science has pointed the finger and accused psychology of having  
a

>> murky past. This is only true in a scientific sense.

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> Yep, and what other "sense" is worth considering?

> It's like speaking to someone under hypnosis. All you can hear is the  
hypnotists voice, with a vague notion of something else going on.  
He says dance and you dance, although you don't know why.

>>> "Mathematics is used to quantize the elements of problems in order  
>>> to make predictions about previously-unseen combinations of those

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> >> elements;  
>  
> <The double indent means I wrote the immediately above text; your  
> newsreader program may display things a bit differently>  
>  
> > "Making 'predictions'" is the operative word Mark.  
>  
> Yep, it sure is. Previous versions of psychology have failed  
> utterly precisely because they used "murky" methodologies. Do you  
> have a problem with your behaviors being made predictable?  
Yes

Do you

> actually believe that "predictable" in this case means "inhuman"?  
Yes mass control is what it is all about.

It

> doesn't, you know. Psychology will simply never be able to reduce  
> \_individual\_ human behavior to the same level of predictability  
> Physics has for individual fundamental particles for reasons that  
> ought to be blatantly obvious to you; that people's minds have many,  
> many more "quantum states" available to them than do say hadrons,  
> and can transition between them without warning not to mention  
> existing in two or more of them simultaneously. Nor is the word  
> "stable" applicable to humans except in the context of a given  
> sociopolitical venue.

People don't have quantum states, they have thoughts, ideas, creativity

>  
> However, it's fairly easy to observe which state(s) is/are  
> predominant in a given population sample at a given time and tailor  
> inputs to get a given response; ask any rabble-rousing politician.

>  
> See, I predicted (but didn't mention) that you'd have the precise  
> reaction you've exhibited because you're actually a wannabe Mystic  
> who thinks that there's some ineffable aspect to humans that  
> separates them from "Physical reality". That mindset comes from a  
> very shallow understanding of what "Physical reality" means.

What is reality? I'd be very interested to know.

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> >> "You seem to  
> >> have a serious bug up your ass about "higher  
> >> mathematics" being a tool used to exclude those who don't understand  
> >> any of it from being taken seriously when discussing subjects where  
> >> it's applicable".

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> > Absolutely. It's used to pull the wool over the eyes.

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> Horseshit. Learn the math used, and then challenge the  
> discussions. You consistently use hostile terminology when talking  
> about math; did you run up against some personal ability to absorb  
> it? Get over it; I got stuck at Beginning Calculus, but have managed

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- > to slowly slog my way deep enough into it to be able to
- > differentiate (pardon the pun) between real results and handwaving
- > bullshit.

When you have stood in front of a class of seventeen/eighteen-year-olds you don't flinch at insults. Wasting your time.

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- >> I'm talking about the consequences of telling lies to the public and
- >> bullshit maths when the poor 'masses' hang on every word that science
- >> utters.
- >
- > How about the purely emotion-based lies told daily by
- > politicians, aimed specifically at those on the low end of the bell
- > curve? Are those OK with you?
- > The subject is scientists
- >> Have a look at what Michael Crichton( Well known sci fi writer)
- >> [http://www.crichton-official.com/speeches/speeches\\_quote04.html](http://www.crichton-official.com/speeches/speeches_quote04.html) ) has to
- say
- >> about his early faith in science and how he became disillusioned. I feel
- >> just the same.
- >
- > And... Crichton is your hero because he's finally come out as a
- > neoLuddite? Surprise, he always was.
- > No I haven't read any sci fi for years. No time. I'm too busy following
- the mess our great minds are making.

> Mark L. Fegerson

Regards

Al

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