

Re: Musings on Nasa and the Concept of Truth.

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Sander Vesik wrote:

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> *In sci.space.policy Jonathan <anon@earthlink.com> wrote:*

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>> *I agree completely. But much of the world fervently believes in
>> a personal god. This discovery would show that we are but
>> a drop in an ocean of life. It would be a direct challenge to
>> fundamentalists and creationists all over the world.*

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> *Really? want to give a cite for the "much of the world fervently
> believes in a personal god"? Because unless you do some very radical
> restrictiuons of what the world is, it does not appear to be anywhere
> near truth.*

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> [snip]

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>> *The daily paper constantly drips with the blood of such religious
>> extremism, we fear sparking more of it with good reason.*

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> *Maybe you should move town?*

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>>> *Scientific truth is *not* subject to majority vote. On some matters,
>>> interpretations abound, but whatever the final facts are, they are
>>> independent of wether 51% believe in them, or not.*

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>> *I completely disagree.*

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>> *Truth is that which is unchanging, fixed or predictable. Such as
>> the great 'laws' and 'facts' of science.*

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>> *Please point to me one thing in the universe that is unchanging, fixed
>> or predictable. JUST ONE THING!*

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> *The rest masses of elemntary particles.*

The charge quantities of elementary particles.

The spin of elementary particles.

The valence thresholds of elements.

The Fraunhofer lines at various $e = hv$.

$E = W + h$.

Quantity is bounded by itself.

(He /really/ hates that last one.)

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>> *The only 'truth' of the universe is that there is ...no...truth.*

>> *There is only what we believe to be true, and we arrive at those*

>> *'truths' by consensus.*

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> *Bullshit.*

Yes, he did misspell "consensus," dintee.

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>> *Jonathan*

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> *Sander*

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> +++ *Out of cheese error* +++

Heh. Suffer that myself.

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The most essential gift for a good writer is

a built-in, shock-proof, shit detector. -- Hemingway

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