

Of Numbers and Flowers

The Truth about Truth

“What is truth?”

- John 18:38

The Gwyneth Paltrow film *Proof* and Russell Crowe's *A Beautiful Mind* perpetuate certain myths about mathematics.

MYTH #1: Mathematics is only about numbers.

In fact, mathematics is the quest for Truth, and the enterprise of mathematics has much more in common with art and poetry than the ordinary layperson might think.

MYTH #2: Mathematicians are very often insane.

Actually, that is not a myth.

MYTH #3: In mathematics, everything is either right or wrong.

Indeed, in 1931, a young Austrian mathematician uncovered a secret about Reality that would revolutionize mathematics...and unravel his mind....

[Everyone is welcome; no mathematical background is assumed.]

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Wer kennt die Wahrheit? Um Wahrheit aus mathematischer und philosophischer Perspektive geht es an diesem Abend. Dr. Jonathan Farley gibt einen Einblick in das Leben des bedeutenden österreichischen Mathematikers Kurt Gödel. Mathematische Vorkenntnisse sind nicht erforderlich! Englische sprache.

