

Anatol Rapoport Quotes

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To gain knowledge, we must learn to ask the right questions; and to get answers, we must act, not wait for answers to occur to us.

~Anatol Rapoport

The moral development of a civilization is measured by the breadth of its sense of community.

~Anatol Rapoport

Cooperate on move one; thereafter, do whatever the other player did the previous move.

~Anatol Rapoport

Do you know that all great spurts in...progress came just after some unorthodox ideas or exotic impressions had penetrated into a closed system?

~Anatol Rapoport

A thorough understanding of game theory, should dim these greedy hopes. Knowledge of game theory does not make one a better card player, businessman or military strategist.

~Anatol Rapoport

The "flow of information" through human communication channels is enormous. So far no theory exists, to our knowledge, which attributes any sort of unambiguous measure to this "flow".

~Anatol Rapoport

The outcome of a non-constant-sum game may be dictated by the individual rationality of the respective players without satisfying a criterion of collective rationality.

~Anatol Rapoport

A theorem is a proposition which is a strict logical consequence of certain definitions and other propositions.

~Anatol Rapoport

It is misleading in a crucial way to view information as something that can be poured into an empty vessel, like a fluid or even energy.

~Anatol Rapoport

The outstanding feature of behavior is that it is often quite easy to recognize but extremely difficult or impossible to describe with precision.

~Anatol Rapoport

The transition from the concept of information in the technical (communication engineering) sense to the semantic (theory of meaning) sense was indeed difficult, if not impossible.

~Anatol Rapoport

It is one thing to say that the dwelling has symbolic and cosmological aspects... and another to say that it has been erected for ritual purposes and is neither shelter nor dwelling but a temple.

~Anatol Rapoport

[It is a] well-known fact that the likely contacts of two individuals who are closely acquainted tend to be more overlapping than those of two arbitrarily selected individuals.

~Anatol Rapoport

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