

Ernest Sosa

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When the risk of failure is too high, the right choice is to forbear.

~Ernest Sosa

It is bad to want something that not even God could attain, especially when the impossibility becomes obvious.

~Ernest Sosa

A successful account enables us to understand human knowledge in general.

~Ernest Sosa

Epistemic competence might be posterior to knowledge conceptually, however, while still prior metaphysically.

~Ernest Sosa

Flourishing is properly the main human end, and flourishing is activity of soul that succeeds in accord with virtue.

~Ernest Sosa

Descartes's epistemology is a special case of Aristotle's virtue ethics.

~Ernest Sosa

Philosophers need not much use the word 'intuition' or the concept of intuition, except when they happen to be working on the epistemology of the a priori.

~Ernest Sosa

Knowledge in my view is a form of action. It involves endeavors to get it right, and more broadly it concerns aimings, which can be functional rather than intentional.

~Ernest Sosa

I am mainly concerned with unqualified knowledge, by contrast with the varieties of expert knowledge: scientific knowledge of various sorts,

legal knowledge, medically expert knowledge, and so on.

~Ernest Sosa

There isn't a formal definition of success.

~Ernest Sosa

There's not much to be done about the impossibility. One must instead get rid of the desire.

~Ernest Sosa

You attain aptness by judging while in good shape and in a good situation (good light, good distance, etc.), through the exercise of good barn-sorting epistemic competence.

~Ernest Sosa

The correctness of much testimonially based belief is no more than minimally creditable to the believer.

~Ernest Sosa

When you dream, your perceptual (and other) competence is affected. You are then unable to get it right competently with the beliefs in your dream.

~Ernest Sosa

In my view (animal) knowledge is apt belief, where not only the belief (its existence and content) but also its correctness is creditable to the subject's competence.

~Ernest Sosa

Ultimately, my more significant agreement is with a virtue tradition that features Aristotle and Descartes.

~Ernest Sosa

Any defense of common sense must allow that it is revisable.

~Ernest Sosa

Lowered reliability obviously yields a lesser competence. But lowered breadth does so as well.

~Ernest Sosa

If we have a better understanding of knowledge than we do of such justification or competence, then we can explain the latter through the former.

~Ernest Sosa

We must distinguish judging from guessing.

~Ernest Sosa

Judgment is affirmation with the intention to thereby affirm competently enough, and indeed aptly. That distinguishes judgments from mere guesses.

~Ernest Sosa

In order to qualify as a judgment, an affirmation must aim at getting it right aptly, through competence, and not just through a lucky guess.

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