

Jerry Fodor

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I hate relativism. I hate relativism more than I hate anything else, excepting, maybe, fiberglass powerboats. Surely, surely, no one but a relativist would drive a fiberglass powerboat.

~Jerry Fodor

Self-pity can make one weep, as can onions.

~Jerry Fodor

I rather doubt that life has a meaning. If I thought perhaps it did, and I wanted to find out what its meaning is, I don't imagine I'd ask someone whose credentials consist of a PhD in philosophy.

~Jerry Fodor

The content of a thought depends on its external relations; on the way that the thought is related to the world, not on the way that it is related to other thoughts.

~Jerry Fodor

If, in short, there is a community of computers living in my head, there had also better be somebody who is in charge; and, by God, it had better be me.

~Jerry Fodor

Philosophers who pay for their semantics by drawing checks on Darwin are in debt way over their heads.

~Jerry Fodor

On my bad days, I sometimes wonder what philosophers are for.

~Jerry Fodor

No doubt, intuitions deserve respect. ...[but] I think that it is always up for grabs what an intuition is an intuition of. At a minimum, it is surely sometimes up for grabs.

~Jerry Fodor

Methodological individualism is the doctrine that psychological states are individuated with respect to their causal powers.

~Jerry Fodor

Who wins a... competition [between two traits] is massively context sensitive.

~Jerry Fodor

The data that can bear on the confirmation of perceptual hypotheses includes, in the general case, considerably less than the organism may know.

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