

# John Allen Paulos

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Uncertainty is the only certainty there is, and knowing how to live with insecurity is the only security

~John Allen Paulos

The Internet is the world's largest library. It's just that all the books are on the floor.

~John Allen Paulos

When asked why he doesn't believe in astrology, the logician Raymond Smullyan responds that he's a Gemini and Geminis never believe in astrology.

~John Allen Paulos

Mathematics is no more computation than typing is literature.

~John Allen Paulos

Data, data everywhere, but not a thought to think.

~John Allen Paulos

Certainty a strange Ferris wheel of a statement!

~John Allen Paulos

Mathematicians are a bit like the laconic Vermonter who, when asked if he's lived in the state his whole life, replies, "Not yet."

~John Allen Paulos

I think, therefore I laugh.

~John Allen Paulos

Innumeracy and pseudoscience are often associated, in part because of the ease with which mathematical certainty can be invoked, to bludgeon the innumerate into a dumb acquiescence.

~John Allen Paulos

Uncertainty would be the only certainty there's, and realizing how to stay with insecurity could be the only protection

~John Allen Paulos

The fashion pages have always baffled me. In my opinion, the articles appear to be full of gobbledegook as to make the astrology column seem factual by comparison.

~John Allen Paulos

So many see themselves as aggrieved; so few see themselves as aggrieveders.

~John Allen Paulos

Defined broadly enough, mathematics encompasses everything.

~John Allen Paulos

The only bit of logic-based public bathroom humor I know is: the difference between men and women is that between the statement [P and not Q] and the statement [Q and not P].

~John Allen Paulos

The simple equations that generate the convoluted Mandelbrot fractal have been called the wittiest remarks ever made.

~John Allen Paulos

In the stock market... You can be right for the wrong reasons or wrong for the right reasons.

~John Allen Paulos

The once-surprising existence of non-Euclidean models of Euclid's first four axioms can be seen as a sort of mathematical joke.

~John Allen Paulos

One must give up the fantasy of a perspicacious gunslinger/investor

outwitting the market.

~John Allen Paulos

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