Keith Devlin Quotes

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Calculus works by making visible the infinitesimally small.

~Keith Devlin

A PhD in Mathematics is three years of guessing it wrong, plus one week of getting it right and writing a dissertation.

~Keith Devlin

Indeed, nowadays no electrical engineer could get along without complex numbers, and neither could anyone working in aerodynamics or fluid dynamics.

~Keith Devlin

Cardinal arithmetic will be quite important for us, so we spend some time on it. Since, however, it tends to be trivial, we shall not need to spend much of this time on proofs.

~Keith Devlin

I firmly believe that mathematics does not exist outside of humans. It is something we, as a species, invent.

~Keith Devlin

We mathematicians are used to the fact that our subject is widely misunderstood, perhaps more than any other subject (except perhaps linguistics).

~Keith Devlin

The whole apparatus of the calculus takes on an entirely different form when developed for the complex numbers.

~Keith Devlin

There can be very little of present-day science and technology that is not dependent on complex numbers in one way or another.

~Keith Devlin

I've never met Hans Rosling, but I just knew him through his many YouTube videos, and they were absolute dynamite.

~Keith Devlin

Given the brief - and generally misleading - exposure most people have to mathematics at school, raising the public awareness of mathematics will always be an uphill battle.

~Keith Devlin

The linear-programming was - and is - perhaps the single most important real-life problem.

~Keith Devlin

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