

Morris Kline

Quotes

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Space, Life, World, Examination, Firsts, Definitions, Paper, Hindsight, Should
Have, Beauty*

The writing in mathematics text is not only laconic to a fault; it is cold, monotonous, dry, dull, and even ungrammatical... The books are not only printed by machines; they are written by machines.

~Morris Kline

Statistics: the mathematical theory of ignorance.

~Morris Kline

Universities hire professors the way some men choose wives - they want the ones the others will admire.

~Morris Kline

A elegantly executed proof is a poem in all but the form in which it is written.

~Morris Kline

Mathematicians create by acts of insights and intuition. Logic then sanctions the conquests of intuition.

~Morris Kline

Actually, most mathematics courses do not teach reasoning of any kind. Students are so baffled by the material that they are obliged to memorize in order to pass examinations.

~Morris Kline

Psychologically, the teaching of abstractions first is wrong. Indeed, a thorough understanding of the concrete must precede the abstract.

~Morris Kline

There is no rigorous definition of rigor.

~Morris Kline

A proof tells us where to concentrate our doubts.

~Morris Kline

In brief, the whole world is the totality of mathematically expressible motions of objects in space and time, and the entire universe is a great, harmonious, and mathematically designed machine.

~Morris Kline

Mathematics is a body of knowledge, but it contains no truths.

~Morris Kline

The most fertile source of insight is hindsight.

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