Diving Deeper Discussion Chat
January 9, 2021

00:23:27 Kristine Johnson: Kristine Johnson, Advanced Systems Engineer (Aerospace) at Honeywell, president of the North Star chapter.


00:23:50 April Cordero: April Cordero, Professor of Biology, Point Loma Nazarene University.


00:24:17 Osowoayim: Osowoayim, joining from Mississauga, ON, Canada. Biochemistry/Biophysics, Dalriada drug discovery.

00:26:29 Vicki Best: Welcome everyone to our inaugural session of Diving Deeper Discussions! We are delighted to see you today.

00:29:04 Becky English: https://network.asa3.org/page/DivingDeeper

00:33:28 Sy Garte: I am the Editor in Chief of God and Nature the ASA quarterly online magazine.

00:34:22 ctouryan: Scientists know that very often intuition is more important than rational processing in scientific discovery and 'aha' moments. Should the author have spent more time discussing System 1 in fostering 'aha' moments in people? It is understood that System 2 prepares people for System 1 insights.

00:36:23 Noel Anderson: Noel Anderson, Fargo, ND, Computer Engineering at John Deere.

00:40:14 ctouryan: Storytelling is so effective in bypassing biases. Where is the place for stories when presenting threatening data? Often anecdotal evidence is dismissed as non-scientific.

00:52:21 Arnie Berg: "Surely, the range of intellectual abilities among the religious and nonreligious are variable; yet they are not systematically varied according to religious belief." What does this mean?


01:01:07 Ron Hodges: How does the fraction of Christians in psychology compare with other scientific disciplines?

01:02:12 Liz Hall: I think the question of whether you can hold someone accountable for implicit bias is different from the question of whether you can, with intellectual humility and self-reflection, become more aware of your own biases.

01:04:00 Craig Story: https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html

01:08:58 Christy Albrecht: It seems to me that most of these psychological threats are, at their core, threats to pride. Amongst those who don’t know Christ, these suggestions are probably useful: if Goal #1 is Christ and Him Crucified, we have to accommodate the price and emotions of our conversation partner.

01:09:39 Christy Albrecht: However, can this also be extended to Christians? Shouldn’t we instead to encouraging them to quash their own emotions and pride, and encourage them towards reason and humility? (Thinking along the lines of C.S. Lewis here)

01:09:40 Aniko Albert: We could look at Ben Shapiro's use of data in the speech Osowoayim told us about as an illustration of a highly educated individual expertly using data to uphold rather than challenge his own pre-existing beliefs - note how he used the evidence that fit his desired conclusion and excluded what didn't. (Also, as Liz Hall said above, the way Shapiro conflated two separate questions.)

01:10:01 ledman: If I may be so bold as to answer Arnie Berg's question about the nature of the variations in intellectual abilities among and within believers and non-believers: Erin is saying that while within the "group" of believers, there is a lot of variation in intellectual ability and this is also true of the non-believing community. However, the mean level of intellectual ability is not measurably different for the community of believers and the community of non-believers. The differences don't vary related to belief. To put it simply: non-believers are not "smarter" than believers. Knowing someone's IQ doesn't help you predict their belief status.

01:11:03 Arnie Berg: Thank-you, ledman, that is helpful.

01:11:09 Osowoayim: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GR4gUQlEsns

01:11:39 Osowoayim: link to Shapiro’s argument, I hope I didn’t misrepresent him.

01:11:40 Janet: FYI - my forthcoming book is on causation and COVID-19 - the longest chapter is the one on cognitive processing.


01:12:51 James Peterson: Vaccine Hesitancy is the lead article in the forthcoming March PSCF issue on the pandemic.
01:12:55 Anikó Albert: I'm sure you did not, Osowoayim - what you said sounded exactly like him. :)

01:20:21 Ralph Stearley: I would just like to tell Erin that her Figure 1 in the article really resonates with my experience and I would guess, with lots of folks here.

01:20:48 Charlotte Witvliet, Hope: humility navigates between pusillanimity and arrogance...

01:20:53 Craig Story: Friday’s “The Daily” podcast from NYTimes investigated the current situation of the “stop the steal” people, which started on Facebook, and describes how they ran their (mis)information filter. It’s a current-events case study in how you can have incredible level of in-group thinking and blocking out any data that contradicts to your beliefs. Interesting that it was one story after another. Convincing sounding stories that tickle the “scheme 1“ thinking but don’t hold up to “system 2” evaluation. The result was seen on Weds, massive groups of utterly convinced people storming the capitol. It’s worth a listen.

01:22:57 Jennifer Wiseman: Great discussion and presentation. All this discussion seems to assume that we are correct, when engaging fellow christians sensitively. But what if they approach us with the exact same assumptions and approaches? Are we prepared to be on the receiving end of this? And to potentially be wrong?

01:24:00 Jennifer Wiseman: i cannot access camera or mic right now, so chat query will have to do from my end...

01:24:59 Osowoayim: Great question: I needed clarification on that too

01:26:41 ledman: In response to Jennifer Wiseman, when I teach critical thinking to my students, I have 6 rules we work through. Rule #1: because you are not God, it is not only possible or probable that you are wrong about something, it is absolutely inevitable that you are wrong about something. I think this is the basic stance of intellectual humility and the fundamental stance of science. And I think it is a theological axiom. And so, yes, we all need to remember that we are wrong too. About something . . .

01:27:48 Charlotte Witvliet, Hope: Thank you for this rich, rigorous discussion!

01:34:49 Paul Overby, Wolford, ND: This is great! I was working on an email to my pastor about the topic of climate change as a follow-up to a comment he made during his sermon on Sunday. Glad I didn't hit send! Now I need to go back and rewrite it!

01:35:11 Liz Hall: I think Terry may be talking about the kind of interpersonal knowledge we label “trust,” rather than cognitive propositional knowledge.

01:35:36 Janet: also - implicit vs explicit knowledge

01:35:59 Janet: and personal vs factual knowledge

01:39:11 Del, Fozzie, Quack-Quack, Little Quack-Quack: Naturalistic methodology in science doesn't imply that scientists believe in ontological naturalism. Getting some in the church to understand this is something Christians can contribute. Probably more System 2 than System 1, and not worth time for in this webinar.

01:41:37 Del, Fozzie, Quack-Quack, Little Quack-Quack: Excellent article. Excellent presentation. Excellent responses in Q&A. Thank you Erin for your thoughts and work.

01:41:54 Osowoayim: I think Ralph Rohr has his hands up

01:42:19 Jennifer Wiseman: I am on the treadmill!

01:42:32 Osowoayim: He's been indicating for awhile now

01:44:23 Jennifer Wiseman: but a should i e.g. be “open” to not mask-wearing?

01:46:08 ledman: Perhaps being open to people, and wanting to understand their perspective, even when we deeply disagree with the conclusions that perspective leads to.

01:46:35 Craig Story: Listen to understand, speak to be understood...


01:47:13 Arnie Berg: Also find common ground before engaging in topics of difference.

01:47:34 Erin Smith: esmith@calbaptist.edu

01:47:40 Erin Smith: Thank you so much, everyone!

01:48:03 Craig Story: Well, the bar has been set pretty high for this forum. Everyone invite your friends for the next one!

01:48:08 Jennifer Wiseman: Thank you Erin, and Randy!

01:48:17 Osowoayim: Thanks so much, it was a very interesting session

01:48:28 Kristine Johnson: That's for the great article and discussion

01:48:30 Vicki Best: Thank you, Erin and Randy! And everyone for a stimulating discussion!!

01:48:30 Mike Beidler: Wado (thank you), Erin!

01:48:39 John Wood: Thanks Erin and Thanks Randy!

01:48:40  ctouryan: Very much enjoyed this stimulating discussion.
01:48:45  Terry Gray: Thanks Erin and Randy.
01:48:49  David A. Larrabee: bye