

# A Call For Links On The Relationship of Mathematics and Geometry to Reality (and Epicurus' view of the issue)

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Is mathematics an effective way to describe the world?

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Math has the illusion of being effective when we focus on the successful examples. Abbott ...

From the look of this excellent graphic, this article describes the position taken by Epicurus on the issue of Math vs Reality. It ends with something that sounds consistent with Epicurus to me: "For Abbott, these points and many others that he makes in his paper show that mathematics is not a miraculous discovery that fits reality with incomprehensible regularity. In the end, mathematics is a human invention that is useful, limited, and works about as well as expected."

I am posting this not only for discussion of this article but to ask that if you know of other well-stated articles which take a similar position, that you drop us a link so we can compile a list of reference cites. So if you are aware of others, please post here, and we'll work on more material about this issue in the future.

<https://phys.org/news/2013-09-m...tive-world.html>