

Exchange On Knowledge From January 2020

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Yes this is a huge topic. I am thinking that one of the major issues here is that people have been browbeat into thinking that because they are not "god," because they do not have "perfect" knowledge, because there are facts that have not come to their attention (they aren't eternal or omnipotent themselves) then their "knowledge" is necessarily worthless and contemptible.

It seems obvious that this is a false standard of comparison, and that holding our knowledge up against a theoretical god's omnipotent and omnipresent knowledge is itself a contemptible exercise in stupidity. However, as always in an effort to make things easily understandable to average people, it would be very helpful to have an understandable description of "knowledge" that makes clear why the false perspectives on knowledge, at both extremes (religious and nihilist) are so "wrong."