

Article Attacking "Post Empirical Science"

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Perhaps we should begin with a small first step. Let's acknowledge that theoretical physicists are perfectly entitled to believe, write and say whatever they want, ~~within~~ reason. But is it asking too much that they make their assertions with some honesty? Instead of 'the multiverse exists' and 'it might be true', is it really so difficult to say something like 'the multiverse has some philosophical attractions, but it is highly speculative and controversial, and there is no evidence for it'? I appreciate that such caveats get lost or become mangled when transferred into a popular media obsessed with sensation, but this would then be a failure of journalism or science writing, rather than a failure of scientific integrity.

Here is an excellent article shared today by the Epicurus page - I am pasting a clip of the conclusion. Claims of truth without evidence are something that Epicurus dealt with regularly. When people make claims for which they have no evidence, can they not at least pay us the respect of saying so, even if they do so in the name of "science?"

(I see the piece comes from Britain, where they do not have American freedom of speech. Because I like free speech, nor do I see any evidence that Epicurus attempted to restrict the speech of his adversaries, I editorialized by striking the "within reason" comment.)

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