

## Re: Cerberus and Quine

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Paul Holbach wrote:

> > *examachine@gmail.com* wrote:

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> > *While Paul is obviously very right in saying*

> > *that truth does not have*

> > *to conform to common sense, I think especially*

> > *in caring about ordinary*

> > *language, you have to do ordinary philosophy of*

> > *language, and respect*

> > *common sense, because in a strong sense,*

> > *that is definitely what you*

> > *want to explain.*

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> *I carefully chose my words when I said that common sense was \*not*

> *always\* the key to wisdom.*

> *I didn't say "never"!*

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> > *The true philosophy of mathematics*

> > *has to explain why and how axioms*

> > *are selected, regardless of this*

> > *confusing metaphysical talk.*

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> *Apart from the methodology of mathematics and the philosophy of*

> *mathematics not being one and the same, the "true" philosophy of*

> *mathematics has to provide substantial and elaborate answers to the*

> *following crucial questions:*

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> *"The job of the philosopher is to give an account of mathematics and*

> *its place in our intellectual lives.*

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> - *What is the subject-matter of mathematics (ontology)?*

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> - *What is the relationship between the subject-matter of mathematics*

> *and the subject-matter of science, which allows such extensive*

> *application and cross-fertilization?*

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> - *How do we manage to do and know mathematics (epistemology)?*

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> – *How can mathematics be taught?*

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> – *How i*