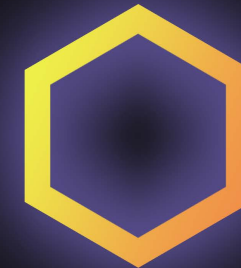


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"HARRY POTTER AND THE METHODS OF RATIONALITY POSES AN ALTERNATE WORLD IN WHICH HARRY IS A GENIUS. ... IT'S A TERRIFIC SERIES, SUBTLE AND DRAMATIC AND STIMULATING. YUDKOWSKY GETS IT, AND LOTS ELSE. SMART GUY, GOOD WRITER. POSES HUGE TERRIFIC QUESTIONS THAT I, TOO, HAD THOUGHT OF... AND A NUMBER THAT I HADN'T. ENJOYED ALL REFERENCES TO THE ENLIGHTENMENT. I WISH ALL POTTER FANS WOULD GO HERE, AND TRY ON A BIGGER, BOLDER AND MORE CHALLENGING TALE."

— DAVID BRIN

"OH THOTH TRISMEGISTUS, OH MAAT, OH GANESHA, OH SWEET LADY ERIS... I HAVE NOT LAUGHED SO HARD IN YEARS! ... READ IT AND LAUGH. READ IT AND LEARN. ELIEZER RE-INVENTS HARRY POTTER AS A SKEPTIC GENIUS WHO SETS HIMSELF THE TASK OF FIGURING OUT JUST HOW ALL THIS "MAGIC" STUFF WORKS. STRONGLY RECOMMENDED. AND IF YOU MANAGE TO LEARN ABOUT SOURCES OF COGNITIVE BIAS LIKE THE PLANNING FALLACY AND THE BYSTANDER EFFECT, AMONG OTHERS, WHILE YOUR SIDES ARE HURTING WITH LAUGHTER, SO MUCH THE BETTER."

— ERIC S. RAYMOND

