

# Reviews

# Be Compassionate

A photograph of two young children, a boy and a girl, walking away from the camera down a gravel path. The boy is wearing a light blue shirt and the girl is wearing a dark blue shirt. They are walking towards a line of trees in the distance. The path is flanked by green grass and some dry, brownish vegetation.

Invert your position and ask yourself how you'd feel if you received your review.  
If it makes your blood boil, take a break, and revise your review.

# Be Constructive

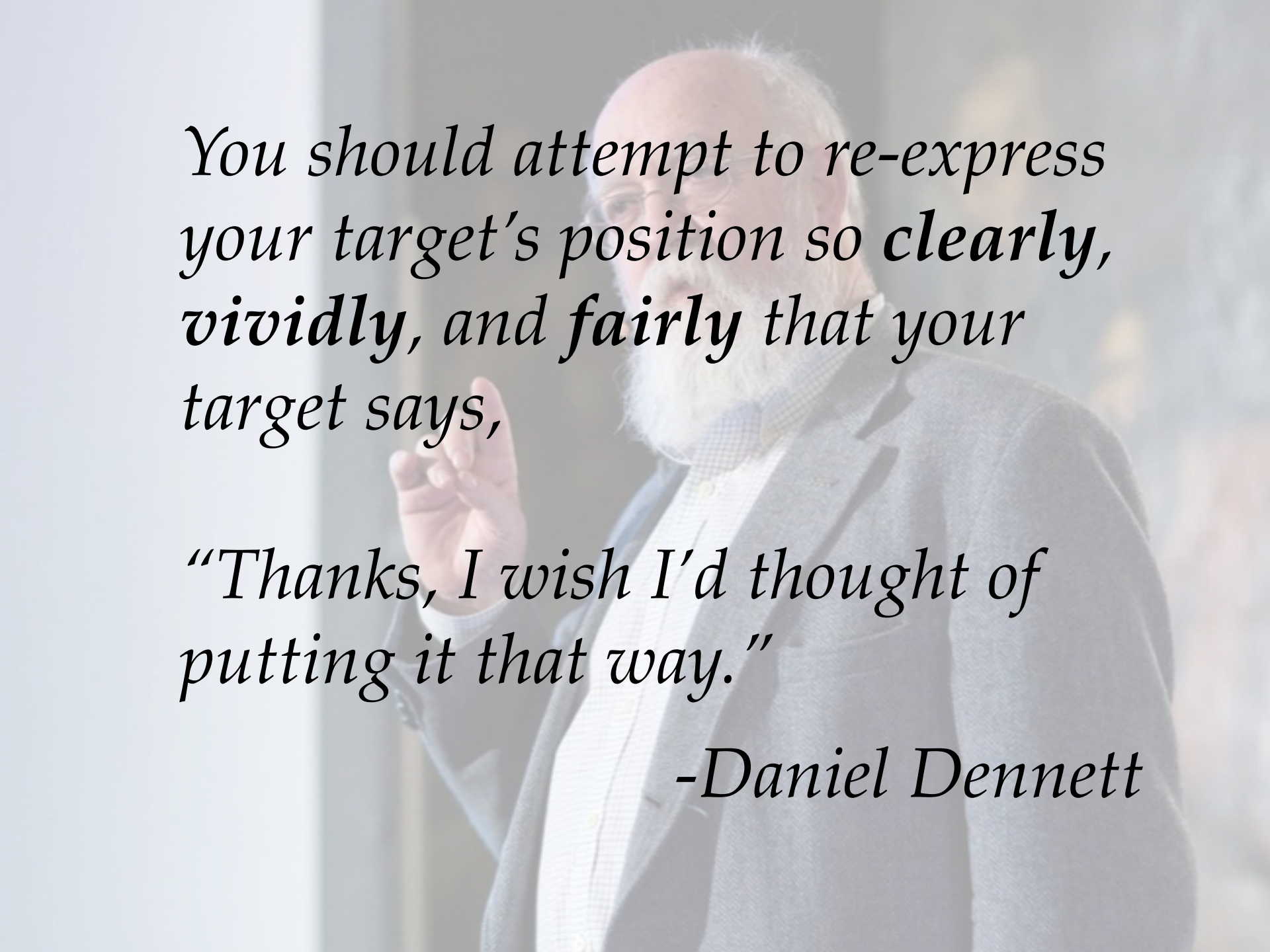


Every paper has a best paper award winner hidden in it. Your role is to guide the author to reveal it.



# Be Scholarly

- Cite your sources.
- Do not make claims like "I do not feel this is true". Your feelings matter to me, but probably not to science.
- Do not hawk your viewpoint.
- Absolutely no ad hominem attacks.

A background image of Daniel Dennett, an older man with a white beard and glasses, wearing a grey suit and a patterned tie. He is gesturing with his right hand while speaking.

*You should attempt to re-express  
your target's position so **clearly**,  
**vividly**, and **fairly** that your  
target says,*

*“Thanks, I wish I’d thought of  
putting it that way.”*

*-Daniel Dennett*

1. Re-express target's position clearly, vividly, and fairly.

2. List any points of *agreements*.

3. Mention anything you have *learned* from the target.

4. Only then you are permitted to say so much as a word of rebuttal or criticism.

# Presenting Papers

*Identify key insight*  
*Don't be procedural*



Start with the bigger picture

Motivation

Problem statement

Why it is hard

Key insight

Details

Results

Broader picture

Restate that the key insight helped address the problem.

