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A student, having problems with 's theorem on the attraction of an ellipsoid, describes Clifford's response to his questions:- Without any diagram or symbolic aid he described the geometrical conditions on which the solution depended, and they seemed to stand out visibly in space. I have had in my mind almost from the time I began to fly kites I have not yet left off the problem of finding the form of a kite-string under the action of the wind. The Cartesian project to replace common good sense with clearly defined mathematical reasoning was aimed at certainty, and not mere probability.

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Ironically given Kant's intentions , the same tendency has worked itself out with a vengeance with regards to all judgments of value, including moral judgments. History of mechanism and machine science Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands, 2007 , 79- 116. In France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain and Italy, it was in its initial florescence associated with the administration of Catholic empires of the competing , and dynasties, both seeking to centralize their power in a modern way, responding to and as part of the so-called.

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Hence, amongst critics of the methodological argument for assuming self-centeredness in economics are authors such as , who have taken their bearings from the above-mentioned philosophical debates involving Habermas, Gadamer, the anti-Cartesian and others, arguing that trying to force

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