

THE CONCEPT OF BILLOPHILIACS VERSUS SCIENTISTS

Around 1641 when Rene Descartes wrote *Meditations on the First Philosophy*, he and Francis Bacon of England began a process today we call the *Scientific Revolution* in Europe. The effect was in the end that for Natural Phenomena, actual measurements were considered more important than various subjective beliefs and considerations, ruminations of sages and other authorities.

We define a Billophiliac to be a person who eschews measurements of Natural Phenomena to determine the truth of particular theories and instead gives authority to Bill Gates for pronouncement of various nontrivial claims as truth.

Some examples are helpful. A Scientist would consider the Parsimonious theory that Hammurabi was Iraqi to be quite acceptable. A Billophiliac would instead accept Bill Gates' claim that Hammurabi was white.

A Scientist would do some research to determine that Sumerian and Mesopotamian Civilisation came before Egyptian Civilisation while a Billophiliac would consider Bill Gates' claim that Egypt came first more seriously.

A Scientist would take Zulf's measurements of moral opinion of Muslims versus Christians as valid given that they are simply inferences from World Values Survey, while a Billophiliac would rather consider the caricature of Muslims in Bill Gates' racist worldview as more valid.

Zulf believes that you do have the right to be a total gullible schmuck and become a Billophiliac. Please go ahead. It's your right, and your life. Do as you wish.