

the manuscript: It is true that Fisher has made some brilliant contributions. But his methods have been intuitive and even mystical. His approach is essentially authoritarian and subjective. The interpretation of probability as an objectively observable frequency arising from objective natural laws (the Kolmogoroff-Neyman-Pearson approach) seems to me to be more consistent with your whole point of view than the one you take in this chapter. (Have you seen Neyman's First Course in Probability,)

I very much hope that your book will be published, and you are assured of my continued interest.

Sincerely yours,

Sd/-

Kenneth O. May,
Professor of Mathematics.

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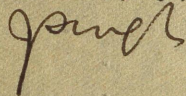
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D/10th Nov., '52.

Dear Prof. Krishnan,

I have just received a copy letter from Prof. Kenneth O. May, Mathematics Department, Carleton College, Northfield, to whom M/S John Wiley had sent the manuscript of my book MATHEMATICS AND YOU for review. A copy of his letter is given below. I wonder whether you have been able to jot down the suggestions you promised to make for the improvement of the manuscript. If so, I shall be grateful if you will kindly send them to me as I intend to undertake a reperusal of the manuscript in the light of your and Prof. May's suggestions.

Yours sincerely,



Sir. K.S. Krishnan,
National Physical Laboratory,
New Delhi.

Copy of D.O. of 25/9 from Prof. Kenneth O. May, Deptt. of Mathematics, Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Singh,

Some months ago I had the pleasure of reading your manuscript MATHEMATICS AND YOU which was sent to me by John Wiley and Sons.

I very much enjoyed reading it, felt that it was a fine piece of work, and urged that it should be published. Apparently, Wiley felt that it should be but did not consider that it would be a suitable textbook for their list. Accordingly, I asked them for your address so that I might write you some comments and suggestions for improvement.

First of all let me say that I like the point of view and the intent. It seems to me also that the topics are well chosen and clearly presented. However, I think the effect would be better for the following changes

1. There should be a greater variety of references. Hogben, excellent as his books are, should not be the only one. Such writers as E.T. Bell and L. Lieber should be mentioned.

2. Bibliographic references should be given on the names mentioned.

3. There is now some oversimplification in presenting historical questions; see page 6 particularly. It probably weakens the effect to say categorically that a certain mathematical development took place for some rather simple cause when actually the interactions were much more complicated.

4. The point of view you take on probability is inconsistent with the rest of

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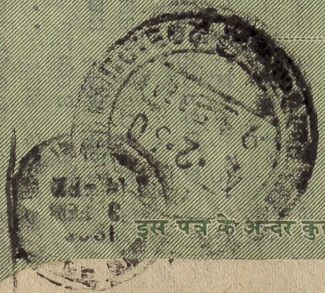


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Jagjit Singh.
Chief Operating Supdt.
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Dated 2 Feb.60

Dear Dr. Krishnan,

- 4 FEB 1960
I shall be very grateful if you will kindly send me a copy of the review that you kindly agreed to write on my book 'Mathematical Ideas'. My Publishers - Messrs. Hutchinsons - sent me extracts from two recent reviews of the book which I reproduce below :-

Yours sincerely,

Jagjit Singh
(Jagjit Singh)

EXTRACTS FROM RECENT REVIEWS.

M A T H E M A T I C A L I D E A S.

By

Jagjit Singh.

Published
30th Nov.59.

THE TIMES LITERARY SUPPLEMENT - 4th December 1959.

"This book describes with commendable clarity some of the mathematical techniques which have recently become especially important to the scientist..... it could be read with advantage by anyone who is interested in such modern developments and who is prepared for some close thinking if his mathematics are at all rusty.... The style is pleasing and the illustrative analogies vivid, if at times naive. The author knows his subject matter thoroughly and has the gift of communicating his knowledge with vigour and without waste of words."

LIVERPOOL DAILY POST - 2nd December 1959 (Professor L. Rosenhead,
C.B.E. F.R.S.)

"There ought to be a law that every teacher of mathematics in our secondary schools, technical colleges and universities should read this book and not allowed to teach his subject until he passes an examination on its contents ! All sixth-form boys and girls, whether mathematicians or not, should read this book for fun, and it would not do harm if their G.G.E. examination papers on "General Studies" contained some questions on the topics discussed by the author. Further, many an intelligent layman could read this book and derive pleasure and profit from it The nature of mathematics, the calculus, vectors, zero, infinity, space, time, chance, logic and other topics, are illuminated by Mr. Jagjit Singh by stimulating writing which is jewelled with references to history, classical writing, scientific ideas, electronic computers and social history. The parts which are specifically mathematical are clear and logical; they contain no signs of slipshod thinking or writing. 'Congratulations to Mr. Singh - his book is well worth reading'."