FRANCESCO SEVERI, *Vorlesungen über algebraische Geometrie*, Johnson Reprint Corporation, 1968, 408 pp. Textbooks in algebraic geometry should be written by Italians and corrected by Germans. This principle is literally followed in this classic text, still the best. Now that we know how to translate visual geometry into commutative algebra, we have the added pleasure of realizing that it was all correct after all.

P. L. PETERSON, *Concepts and Language*, Mouton, 1973, 186 pp. A brave, though not necessarily successful, attempt to do philosophical linguistics by leaning on mathematical structuralizing. How much longer will the present *folie* for precision in philosophy last? Need a concept be precise in order to be meaningful and effective? Or do philosophers wish to commit hara-kiri on the altar of mathematics?

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