Reasoning About Luck: probability and its uses in physics

Vinay Ambegaokar

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Selected Letters

Date: Mon, 25 Nov 1996
To: Vinay Ambegaokar
Subject: COMMENTS ON YOUR BOOK!

Dr. Ambegaokar:

Your book "Reasoning about Luck" is absolutely wonderful! You take on some very formidable subjects and
show how powerful conclusions can be drawn with the barest mathematics. I am not a physicist but I love physics.
Most physics books I like are mathematically too hard for me. I felt very comfortable with your book. Please write much more.

Steven Schnider
Vienna,VA

Date: Thu, 23 Jan 1997
From: Ben Widom

"Reasoning About Luck" is a beautifully written, highly original treatment of probability in the physical sciences -- notable
for its clarity, its wit, and its insights. It succeeds admirably in teaching the subject to any attentive reader, even one with
no mathematics beyond high-school algebra, and yet can be read with pleasure and profit by professional physicists as well.

Benjamin Widom
Goldwin Smith Professor of Chemistry
Cornell University

Date: Thu, 5 Jun 1997
From: Caprari, Robert
To: vinay@msc.cornell.edu

Dear Prof. Ambegaokar,

. . . Your book is exquisitely presented, in terms of visual aesthetics, fluency and comprehensibility of prose, and surprising absence of
typographical and factual errors. It's a credit to you, your distinguished proofreaders, and your publisher. . .

Regards,
Robert Caprari

Date: 8 January 1998

Dear Vinay,

By pure "luck" I happened to run into your book in the library. May I say how much I enjoyed reading it? It was exceptional both for its substance and style. Congratulations.

With warm regards,
Shankar
Physics Department
Yale University