

Acceptance Speech of Professor  
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Co-Winner of the 2010 King Faisal International Prize  
For Science (Mathematics)  
32nd Awards Presentation Ceremony

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Your Majesty, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques,  
King Abd Allah Ibn Abd Al-Aziz  
HRH Prince Sultan Ibn Abd Al-Aziz  
Crown Prince, Deputy Premier  
Minister of Defense and Aviation and Inspector General  
Your Highnesses  
Your Excellencies  
Distinguished Guests

I think it is a beautiful thing that the Kingdom has set a major International Prize for the sciences and humanistic disciplines; in a statement that intellectual endeavor has no boundaries.

I am especially glad that mathematics, physics, and medicine are represented in the Prize, because the role of the Arab and Islamic culture in preserving and fostering the continued development of these disciplines cannot be overstated. Without this, mathematics would not be today as it is now. Science, and in particular mathematics, can only benefit mankind forever, if properly used.

I think that mathematics, which I love, is comparable to poetry and the arts, the only difference is that it is done with ideas and with the logic of truth.

Thank you.