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"It might be logical to start off with definitions and taxonomy, but I doubt that this would really help. Let us just define a quasar as what Dr.Swarup and his co-organisers deem to be one for the purposes of this conference, but recall S.Toulmin's dictum that 'definitions are like belts: the shorter they are the more elastic they must be' "

- Martin Rees (p.1)



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