



Are you sure you're up to date?
Do you explain, or explicate?
Do you guess, or hypothesize,
And can you content-analyze?
Do you repeat, or replicate,
Do your parameters obfuscate?
Do you work with facts or data,
And have your variables an indicator?
Have you dropped sight, for perception,
Is your every notion a conception?
Do you look for proof, or validation,
Can you manage disconfirmation?
Has societal superseded social
And affective banished the emotional,
Have all imprecisions really gone
From your scientific lexicon?
Is your focus sub-systemic?
Have you transcended mere polemic,
Eschewed intuition and impression,
And made of science your profession?
Can you achieve a minor miracle
By being rigorous and empirical?
Come now, can you operationalize,
Quantify and conceptualize?
Can your output be machine-read?
Have you a code in your head?
Are you adept at research design—
Brother, can you paradigm?

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