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Adventures with Dick in Mathematics Education.

Over a span of 25⁺years, I had hundreds of discussions with Dick Askey about (mainly high school) mathematics. I came to learn about some distinguishing features of his taste in all of mathematics—things like his love for parsimony, his passion for simplicity, and his deep dislike for special-purpose cleverness.

We argued often. But we agreed (and laughed) equally as often. Dick's approach to mathematics and mathematics teaching greatly influenced our curriculum work at EDC, even though I didn't always take his advice about "the right way" do do this or that.

This talk will recount some stories about Dick and his influence on education in the US. I'll include some curated segments of our email and in-person discussions. (Received September 16, 2020)