Ever hear of the Great Spaghetti Monster and the Pastafarian Cult devoted to its worship? It might make you wonder: what does it take to make a belief to be rational or solid instead of stupid or kooky (like Pastafarian belief)? This talk will address such questions, which belong to a formal study of epistemology, or the theory of knowledge.

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