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Dear Satakopan,

Many thanks for your letter, and for the review to appear in Current Science. I think the latter is much what is wanted, and will send your copy on to Yates.

It is a little surprising that orthogonal polynomials have not more rapidly come into use in meteorology, where their applications are really very numerous. In this country this is partly due to the greater familiarity of mathematical physicists with harmonic functions, which, though obviously useful with periodic phenomena, break down badly with all series which are not strictly recurrent, as with annual series, for example, over a single year. English meteorologists seem only slowly to be recognising this limitation.

Yours sincerely,