

# Math Diversion Problem 456

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Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things  
are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things  
are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things  
are of good report; if there be any virtue,  
and if there be any praise,  
think on these things.  
— A Bible Verse for a  
healthier mindset

The YouTube video is found at:

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUK4Ik5I5oQ>

Title: Harvard University logarithmic Problem.

Presenter: Super Academy

## 1 The Problem

Given the relation

$$x^{\log_5 3} = \sqrt{x} + 4x, \quad (1)$$

find the values of  $x$ .

## 2 The Solution

Let's try an  $\alpha$  substitution to (1). Let

$$x = 5^\alpha, \quad (2)$$

then (1) becomes

$$3^\alpha = 5^{\alpha/2} + 4. \quad (3)$$

Let's try some small integer values for  $\alpha$ , such as  $\alpha = 2$ :

$$3^2 = 5^{2/2} + 4, \quad (4)$$

which works; therefore,

$$x = 25. \quad (5)$$