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**Quiz for November 1, 2005**

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} (\cos x)^{\tan x}$ .

**ANSWER:** The base is a positive number heading toward zero. The exponent is heading toward  $+\infty$ . If you take a fraction and raise it to a big power you get a fraction which is even closer to zero. The two parts of this problem reinforce one another! There is no conflict! The limit is zero.