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This paper will present and compare several varied responses to Leopold Kronecker’s philosophy of mathematics, beginning with the indignation and resistance of the Berlin School lead by his colleague Karl Weierstrass from the 1870s and ending with Kronecker’s modest resurgence in recent years alongside the rise of algorithmic computation. During the intervening century, biographers, former students, philosophers, and historians of mathematics helped to fashion the Kroneckerian myth. These opinions and allegations were often based on contextual factors well beyond his original philosophy or mathematics. Kronecker’s evolving reception reflects the shifting trends of mathematics since the late nineteenth century. (Received September 15, 2010)