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Mathematical platonism is the view that (a) there exist abstract mathematical objects (i.e., mathematical objects that are objective, non-physical, non-mental, and non-spatiotemporal) and (b) our mathematical theories provide true descriptions of these objects. Weak mathematical humanism is the idea that mathematics is a broadly human endeavor. Strong mathematical humanism is that human practices or thought somehow determine which mathematical sentences are correct. While platonism is obviously compatible with weak humanism, it might seem that it's incompatible with strong humanism. But this paper argues that platonism and strong humanism are compatible. In fact, it argues that the best versions of platonism involve a commitment to strong humanism. (Received May 18, 2015)