

Is reality real? (from Big Think)

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I guess my question is this...by what standard is someone saying that there are imperceptible things? If they themselves have not in some way perceived them through scientific instrumentation etc. and then finally through their own senses? It's like an infinite regression, everything must be perceived by us for it to be known.

So seeing the aggregated beam of light, though I don't see every individual photon, I still see all the photons in the aggregate beam. Because I don't see all the individual photons it's somehow mysteriously inaccessible because my senses don't see all the individual parts? Yet I do see them! And the light is objectively real. I think this is a weird skewed way of perceiving reality....we are a part of it.

Our perception is real, though it may not be always consistent. A coat rack in a dark room may appear to be a man, it may cause us a disturbance. We may perceive it as a man...but when the light is turned on the coat rack is revealed to be just an object. Our perception is real because regardless of what it "actually" is our reaction via our perception is real.

Our perception may be different or maybe our identification of something might be mistaken, but our perception of it is "real"...I guess but what other standard would someone judge? There are no other arbiters of what is real other than what conscious humans perceive.