

Episode Fifty-Five - Reason Is Dependent On The Senses (Part 2)

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I'm not sure I'm onboard with the idea of the pleasurable "feeling when you 'know' something" paradigm y'all have been discussing. Are you saying that's a criteria of what's real or true? That seems to be cutting out 2/3 of the Canon. Or are you saying that that pleasurable reaction is just part of confirmation of being true. This all seems to go back to my "facts don't care about feelings" thread.

I may be misunderstanding the episode, so here's my take on what I've heard. Please correct me if I misunderstood.

When a Flat-earther says, "I 'know' the Earth is flat" they no doubt feel pleasure at "knowing" they're "right" because their belief is echoed by their friends, it's "corroborated" by all the "sources" shared within that community, it makes them feel like they're in on a big truth that other people don't realize, etc.

But they're not truly applying observation through the senses, and so are missing that component of the Canon.

So, their feeling of "pleasure at knowing" is not the same as - or of the same use in the Canon - as someone who knows something that actually aligns with reality?

This specific Flat-earther knowledge pleasure may be one that shouldn't be chosen until it is weighed against the sensations. Maybe? The pleasure of "knowing the Earth is flat" can lead to pain if there is derision from outside the group -- although that could also be a pleasure in "knowing" you're in the In group and know the "truth" about the Earth. It could also lead to pain if you finally accept the Earth is not flat and feel you've been duped.

I'm just having a hard time understanding the importance of "that pleasure of knowing" being canonical. Or wasn't it meant to be?