

Our Artificial Reality Created by Theory

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Abstract

Theory is a template, a schematic of what we think reality is. We see reality according to the template. What does not conform to the template is excised. For that reason, much that occurs in the world is not seen. That is how we miss the great discoveries going on right under our noses.

By looking out into the world and seeing reality as it should be, we miss seeing it as it is.

Theory is an artificial construct of the world. We construct theory by stepping outside of reality and looking at it as a detached observer. We therefore reduce reality to an abstraction, a theory. Substitution of the word template, or schematic, for theory changes nothing. By seeing the world according to our theoretical constructs, our eyes are useless because we do not see the world as it is. We do not see reality as it is occurring. We see only on the basis of our thought of the world. Much of reality is missed because of the way we see. Our reality consists of quantum packets, neat little boxes where all inside them is at peace, undisturbed. We do not permit our boxes to become disturbed, which is why we reject all that do not fit in them. Like Procrustes' bed, our concept of reality must conform to the boxes in our head. We may call them our Procrustean boxes.

Historians write tomes upon tomes wondering why works of genius were not recognized by their contemporaries. Such books are written now, were written in the past, and will forever be written in the future because it will never change.

Not long ago I presented to the world the interesting new superconductor made by Sabiha Al-Jabbar, a single mother of four in Baghdad. Hers works at room temperature. It does not behave exactly like a classic superconductor, so who will pay attention to it? Because it does not fit in one of our little boxes, it is not perceived as a superconductor. Twenty-five years from now, Sabiha's work may be hailed as the work of genius, but today it is ignored. *Plus ça change, plus c'est la meme chose*. A generation from now, historians will wonder how this could have happened right under our noses and we missed it. It's because this is how physics is done.

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