Relational Attitudes & Mindreading

Davidson: " stuck with out two main ways"

Many researchers appear to go along with this, not just as a statement on adult human's cognition, but also as a statement on what is theoretically possible (scrub—jays)

Aim is to show that it is possible to "bridge the gap", to construct a middle way.

1. Davidson's posn seems wrong
   └ excited by clapping sms
   └ relational seeing

2. But holism may rescue his view
   └ to be excited ⇒ to see ⇒ to be in
      a position to know

   Reasonable to spse that representing excitement involves being able to represent knowledge; at least we don't have a way to model this oth than by appeal to a commonsense notion of excitement.

3. And in any case, relational attitudes don't seem rich enough to explain fb; maybe not even 'ignorance'.

4. But it is pble to construct relational attitudes, and doing so can solve both problems, (2) & (3).

5. Application: understanding OM abilities. Since representing p.a. as such may be cog & concept demanding (arbitrarily restable contents, ...), it _may_ be advantageous to rely on a hyp about relational attitudes

6. Application : interpretation may also be modelled as a multi-step process whereby ascription of relational attitudes provides constraints on ascriptions of prop attitudes (as well as ◇ constraints in the othe direction).

also discuss _desire_ here