

On fake realities

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Once I had a meeting with a colleague at work. The meeting time was decided to be 3pm and I was right there at his office desk at appointed time. However he totally seemed unprepared and was surprised to see me there! Hey you are here, it's still one hour in our meeting. For a moment I was confused and immediately I looked at my wrist watch which was still showing almost 3PM. I insisted that it's 3'o clock and it came out that the big wall clock in his work space was stuck at 2. I am sure most of us have experienced similar situations several times in life when we suddenly realize that the particular lens through which we are measuring or observing our surroundings is not synchronized with the similar lenses people around us have.

Sky is blue for almost all human beings, and different colored to some animals and certainly something totally different to a few eyeless animals like a certain types of moles and fish. For us, human beings, it is blue because our particular lens (human eye) filters out something that is between us and the stars in a way that it looks like blue. For animals sky is differently colored and for other living things it is certainly something that is difficult to perceive. So the question is,

Q: *What is "reality"?*

Reality is unknown, it doesn't have a color, smell, taste or feel. All these attributes are consequences of the lens of observer. All these lenses have limitations and are observer specific. True reality can never be grasped. The reality in practice is just the harmony that we have with our surroundings. It is always 2pm as long as everyone around us believes the same. For us sky is always blue as long as everyone, who we interact with, in our neighborhood is a human being with a normal human eye.

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