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However, in some cases, excitement is not guaranteed when a fresh idea is presented. Instead, the fresh ideas are brushed off and forgotten about. My experience with holding chopsticks demonstrates this. I learned to hold chopsticks at the age of four, and I didn’t change my holding habits for many years. One day, my parents told me that I was holding them the wrong way and showed me the proper way. I didn’t feel excited about this fresh idea, and I brushed it off. Even when my parents demonstrated the benefits of holding them the proper way (the chopsticks were more precise and easier to move), I disregarded these benefits and viewed them as minimal and unnecessary. It took years of constant reminders from my parents for me to shift to holding chopsticks the correct way. Looking back, my lack of excitement was because I had built a habit for years and because I felt my method of holding chopsticks was good enough. The experience indicates slow adoption of fresh ideas could be due to familiarity with old ones. Areas of knowledge feel more comfortable with old ideas than fresh ones, leading them to slowly adopt the fresh idea.

New

An important consideration when responding to the PT is the possibility that there is no excitement when a fresh idea arises, contradicting the PT’s assumption that “nothing is more exciting than fresh ideas”. My experience with holding chopsticks demonstrates this. I learned to hold chopsticks when I was four, and I didn’t change my holding habits for many years. One day, my parents told me that I was holding them the wrong way and showed me the proper way. There was no dramatic reaction that would constitute excitement on my part. I only felt that I didn’t want to follow the fresh idea and I didn’t offer debate or argument. Even when my parents demonstrated the benefits of holding them the proper way, I disregarded these benefits and viewed them as minimal and unnecessary. It took years of constant reminders from my parents for me to shift to holding chopsticks the correct way. Upon reflection, the lack of excitement could have been because I had built a habit for years and because I felt my method of holding chopsticks was good enough. The experience indicates slow adoption of fresh ideas can occur even without excitement, and excitement can be hindered because of extensive familiarity with old ideas.