

Philosophical musings about PCT

Unedited posts from archives of CSG-L (see INTROCSG.NET):

[From Dag Forssell (950425 0830)]

Musings on obviousness.

PCT is obvious in the same way it is obvious that the Earth spins on its axis and rotates around the Sun: Not at all!

It took genius to suggest the mechanism of a Sun-centered solar system to explain the phenomena we see in the heavens. Once you have had it explained to you, you can see much evidence for it. The old explanations (of planets and the Sun circling the Earth) become obsolete.

It has also taken genius to suggest the mechanism of perceptual control to explain the phenomena we observe in the behavior of ourselves and others. Once you have had it explained to you, you can see much evidence for it. The old explanations (of stimulus, response, conditioning etc.) become obsolete.

Was it obvious to an observer in the 1500's that the Earth spins on its axis and revolves around the Sun?

Is it obvious to an observer in the 1990's that every single organism in the world controls its perceptions and that this explains all behavior?

Best, Dag

Subject: Magic
[From Dag Forssell (96061200)]

This morning I spent some time putting together recent threads on DEFINE.TRM and DEFINE.CTL for the PCT texts disk. As I searched the files, I stumbled on the following buried deep within a long technical post by Hans. I think the quote deserves to be noted by those of us who have not been reading every detail of recent exchanges between Bill P. and Hans.

I will frame it and put it on my wall.

[Hans Blom, 950530]:

An "unforeseen" connection? Magic? That reminds me of a saying:

Science is magic to those who do not know its rules.
Magic becomes science for those who learn its rules.

In my mind, I substituted the word Behavior:

Behavior is magic to those who do not know its rules.

Behavior becomes science for those who learn its rules.

or

This magic becomes science for those who learn its rules.

The first line represents contemporary life science and religion.
The second line represents a world enlightened by PCT and HPCT.

Best, Dag