

NOTES (4 OCT 24)

1

The “forum” is the “scientific horizon.” We share the world through language. This forum is tacitly presupposed.¹

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The word “true” is used to endorse a belief. It is not a mysterious property of statements.² We seek warranted *beliefs* not truth.

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We are linked by language, but we have individual “phenomenal fields” or “subjective experience.” Some call this phenomenal field “consciousness,” but this terminology encourages the anti-empirical postulation of a “true reality stuff” “outside of” such “consciousness.”

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Perspectivism avoids this anti-empirical confusion. “My” phenomenal field is Our-world-from-my-perspective.

The forum as world-shared-through-language is tacitly presupposed as scientific horizon, so we can safely

¹I follow Sellars and especially Brandom on this issue.

²Deflationary theory of truth.

bake this “in-the-same-world-ness” into our terminology.

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For perspectivism, the world is the system of all “phenomenal streams.” My empirical-linguistic ego, like every other entity, has its being only in this plurality of streams.

The empirical-linguistic ego is not its associated “streaming” of The-world-from-its-perspective. This “streaming” is instead the being or presence of entities and not itself an entity.

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My phenomenal field — the world from my perspective — is organized or “articulated” by my beliefs. This ego is always at the “mobile center” of its associated streaming of the world. The location of my sense organs is functionally related to whether and how entities are perceptually present in “my” stream.

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The same entity can be perceptually present in many streams. This presence is “perspectival” but not representational. I may perceive a different “aspect” of that entity than you do, but we both perceive and intend the actual entity. The “entity in itself” is not hidden away in a “true” “aperspectival” “reality.”

Instead the “substance” of the entity is logical. The “aspects” of the entity, scattered throughout many streams, are synthesized logically in our categorizing them “as” the varying presence of the entity.

That we *are* intending the same entity is a matter of belief. Either of us might decide that we aren’t talking about the same thing.

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To argue that communication is impossible rather than subject to occasional frustration, however, is a performative contradiction. This does not rule out solipsism as an irrational belief.

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QBism is an expression of perspectivism in the context of quantum physics. Its insistence on empiricism is misunderstood by many as irresponsible solipsism — a situated that can be cured by the study of various philosophers who came after Descartes.