

Cognitive Dissonant Oxymoron: "Dictatorship of Relativism"

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"Ether St. Vying"

wrote in message

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> Tom wrote:

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>> They

>> describe and denote things and they do it with only partial success.

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> The problem is not in the words themselves, which have certain learned

> connotations in any given culture. Just as in 'beauty is in the eye of the

> beholder', interpretation of the raw data is in the mind of the perceptor.

We

> can all see/hear/read the same thing and come away with completely
different

> impressions. Everything we perceive is coloured by our personality,
cultural

> upbringing, beliefs, education etc.

"Anything described can be described some more." It doesn't matter how many
or what kind of words you use to describe reality, they won't ever be enough
to describe it completely from any possible points of view.

>> Sometimes people

>> string together words in order to deliberately misrepresent a situation
or

>> condition. That would be a lie, but it's not that the words are lies,
it's

>> that the person stringing them together is a liar.

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> This is evident to, at least, some of us. But some people don't seem to be

> able to cut to the heart of that simple concept. It's like blaming science
for

> the world's ills instead of blaming the people using it badly.

Such folks are lost in conceptual absolutes, forgetting the real, even as
they proclaim the real and decry the conceptual.

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> > <http://chem.tufts.edu/AnswersInScience/RelativityofWrong.htm>

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> Good ol' Asimov, both a scientist and an artist.

Not much of a fiction writer, but one hell of an essayist.

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