

How do we get objective knowledge?

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Each of us wants to obtain objective knowledge of our physical universe and, more generally, objective knowledge of all of reality. But how can we get objective knowledge?

The problem is that the only raw material that we have to work with in creating knowledge is subjective experiences since all of our experiences are created by our mind and, hence, are subjective.

We have sensory experiences of sight, hearing, smell, touch, and taste, and all such experiences are subjective. My experiences are my own and no one else's. Your experiences are your own and no one else's.

We also have experiences of thoughts, imagination, emotion, and will, and all of these experiences are personal, subjective experiences.

What does our mind do with its subjective experiences to create knowledge that is nominally about objective reality?

It sounds as if this is the proverbial problem of pulling yourself up by your boot straps — it sounds impossible. But our mind does it. At least, our mind thinks that it does it!

What does our mind do to achieve this seemingly impossible feat?

I invite the reader to try to solve this problem.

Meeting format

At the meeting, we'll consider what everyone has to say about solving the problem. Then I'll present the solution as expressed in my theory of knowledge, and we'll discuss the ramifications of what the mind does to create objective knowledge.