On the Neurobiology of Truth

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Outline

1. Introduction

- (a) Abstract
- (b) Elevator Words
- (c) Two Flavors of Truth
- (d) Family Resemblances

2. Theories of Truth

- (a) The Correspondence Theory
- (b) The Coherence Theory
- (c) The Pragmatist Theory

3. An Immodest Proposal

- (a) The Tradition & Its Discontents
- (b) Postmodernism
- (c) Unification from Neuroscience

4. Before Truth

- (a) Long, Long Ago
- (b) Evolutionary Feedback
- (c) The Invention of Imagination

5. A Recipe for Rationality

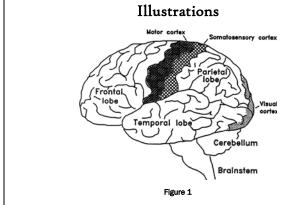
- (a) Four Fs
- (b) Cartoon of the Elements
- (c) What the Cartoon Tells Us

6. The Neurobiology of Truth

- (a) The Argument
- (b) Two Keys
- (c) Representations
- (d) Desire Drives Reason
- (e) What Symbols Do

7. Philosophical Implications

- (a) A Unified Theory of Truth
- (b) Reasoning
- (c) Metaphysics
- (d) Historical Note



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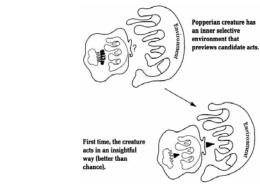


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