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”Quick switching thought experiment”



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Suppose that since his birth, Little Prince has been envatted by an evil scientist. He is a capable, conscientious, and highly responsible cognizer, and he is excellent at what we would call ‘recognizing roses from other flowers’. Suppose he forms a belief R: ‘This is a rose’. The belief is false in the evil scientist’s world and he does not have knowledge. Imagine that one day Little Prince is freed from the scientist’s influence for a very brief period of time, moved in an unconscious state into the actual world, where he wakes up in a situation subjectively indistinguishable from the initial bad situation. He awakens, sees a rose among other flowers, recognizes it and forms a token belief ‘This is a rose’, call it R*. Is his new belief knowledge?

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