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Subject: Re: Interesting quote

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I agree. It's like the old story about five guys describing an elephant to a blind man. Each guy describes one parameter and at the end it looks like a giant guppy. That's the thing that seems so obvious to me ; that no device can tell what something really is by describing its statistics. The fact that people cannot trust their senses if a machine tells them something different is odd to me. I mean if you want the molecular weight of a substance you use a scale; but that scale can't tell you if that substance smells good or bad. Yet guys will defy their own perception if a device disputes that sense. Science marches on and changes but people always believe that their era holds the truth. Yet there have always been music critics who can tell exactly what sounds correct and what doesn't. So which do you trust? Hold on; I have to go get my skull measured for my phrenology report.

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