

White light contains within its totality all the colors of the spectrum. When white light enters a prism, the prism breaks out, or diffracts white light into the range of colors. This is my choice as an allegory of the way each of us “see” a situation or pieces of data. In essence we are born into an environment of a particular “color” as it were. We reason, act and react in harmony with that “color.” If we were born into and trained by “red,” then we tend to see everything with “red” tones.

As an example, my 99 year old mother has befriended a black English shepherd. The dog evidently was mistreated by his former master or mistress, for he would stay among the shadows and trees until she passed by and left a pan of food for him. As time progressed, he eventually followed her home, some 1-2 miles down the road. He now has been here over two years. Although I have never mistreated him in any way and have fed him bones, etc., he still runs for a hiding place each time I walk to the house where my mother lives. Occasionally he will stay where he is if I come from a certain direction; odd. This dog is playing an old tape formed in the days of his youth. It plays every time I walk by, though there is no malice towards him.

A second example from my vocation arises from a situation in which I showed a 70-year old petroleum engineer five producing fields along a trend that ended in his recent discovery. Although all the five were mirror images of his discovery in multiple facets, and had overwhelming corroboration, his comment was, “Well, those fields are not mine.” In other words, he could not accept any explanation other than that which was exact and peculiar to his property. Look-alikes, no matter how similar and supportive, did not suffice him a proof. The definition of ‘proof,’ is evidence beyond a *reasonable* doubt. *Reasonable* is not very prevalent. Put another way, common sense is not all that common.

A third example is from the religious world. Around 1500, the standard mantra regarding the solar system known in that era was that the system was terra-centric, or that the earth was the central point around which all the other planets revolved. When Copernicus postulated that the solar system was solar-centric, the Roman Catholic Church went ballistic. “Blasphemy,” they cried, and persecuted Copernicus accordingly. Luther was not treated any differently. Nor do Protestants accept those mavericks who challenge traditional thought and denominational practices in light of the Word.

What is it about ‘new’ truth that causes certain types of people to go ballistic?

With no intention to be judgmental, by observation these ‘types’ appear consistently. Power freaks (the entire spectrum), politicians, many academicians, religious heads, those who are insecure in themselves, and those with agendas, organizations, or images to preserve are the ones I have witnessed. Even though it can be proven 90% of conventional knowledge is continually wrong, these types cannot or will not accept proof. (See the second example above) The half-life of knowledge matters not to the closed mind.