

Random journeys through Science

Blog related to the forthcoming "In the Country of the Blindfolded" book, which is a rather large report on personal view on the more curious and funny aspects of science. Unfortunately, quite often, it is funny and deeply disquieting at the same time.

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About Me

WANDERER IN THE COUNTRY OF BLINDFOLDED

I am an ex-physicist, who, while wandering through corporate high-tech jobs does not want to lose contact with science. On the contrary, since I have left my own discipline, I managed to learn more than ever. All my aim here is to encourage you to do the same.

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Why Country of Blindfolded?

Despite the fact that we live in a world so much depending on technology, our global ability to understand the science behind the machinery that surrounds us is horribly low. The state of scientific illiteracy is not only accepted: many of my well educated friends are **proud** that they do not understand physics or biology. If intellectual elite is blindfolding itself, what can be said about humanity as the whole? We are taking decisions that will crucially influence the future of our existence without proper understanding, nay, we take pains to delude ourselves. This is why uncovering even one eye may prove important...

The draft of my book "In the Country of the Blindfolded"

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Science of magic

... or to be more exact, of conjuring. Very interesting window on the capabilities and mis-capabilities of human brain.

Two recent articles:

Macknik, S.; Randi, J.; Robbins, A.; Thompson, J. & Martinez-Conde, S. [Attention and awareness in stage magic: turning tricks into research](#) Nature Reviews Neuroscience, 2008, 9, 871,

Kuhn, G.; Amlani, A. A. & Rensink, R. A. [Towards a science of magic](#) Trends in Cognitive Sciences, Elsevier, 2008, 12, 349

There are also reviews in december issues of NewScientist and Scientific American, but the access to these is restricted.

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