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is that the world we perceive around us is not as it appears.

Rather, neuroscience, evolutionary biology and quantum

physics have demonstrated that our day-to-day reality is a

relative construct, built upon a scaffolding of information bits

that betray their real origin and causation. For instance, the

other day, I remarked to my oldest son, Shaun, that the ocean

water around Catalina Island looked exceptionally blue. But,

given his deep knowledge of science, my son responded that

such blueness was actually not in the water at all, but how

different light waves get absorbed and refracted. The colors we

see are due to the spectral properties of light. The longer

wavelengths of light (such as red, orange, and yellow) are

more readily captured by H₂O whereas the shorter wavelength

of light (such as blue) gets refracted and thus we see the color

blue, particularly if the water is clear. But the scientific

explanation for why an ocean is blue or a sunset is red is...



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