

On Being Wrong



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Fallible

Infallible

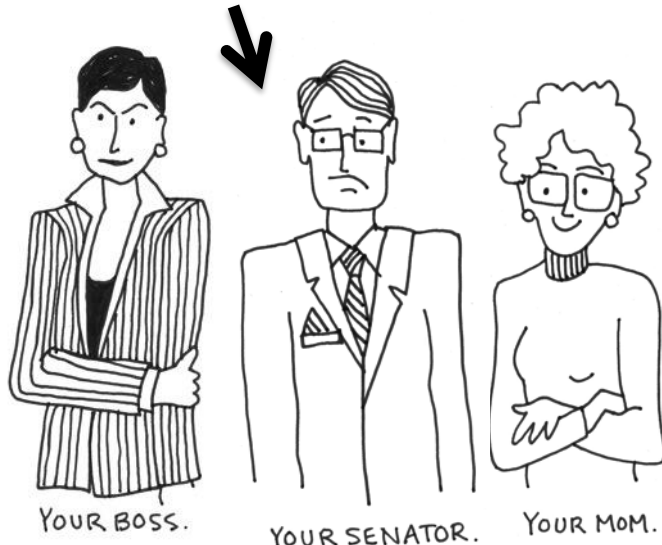
The human species



Me, circa 1990



Other people
(especially if they disagree with us)



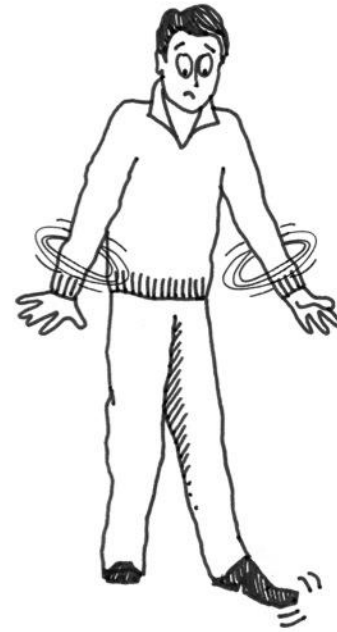
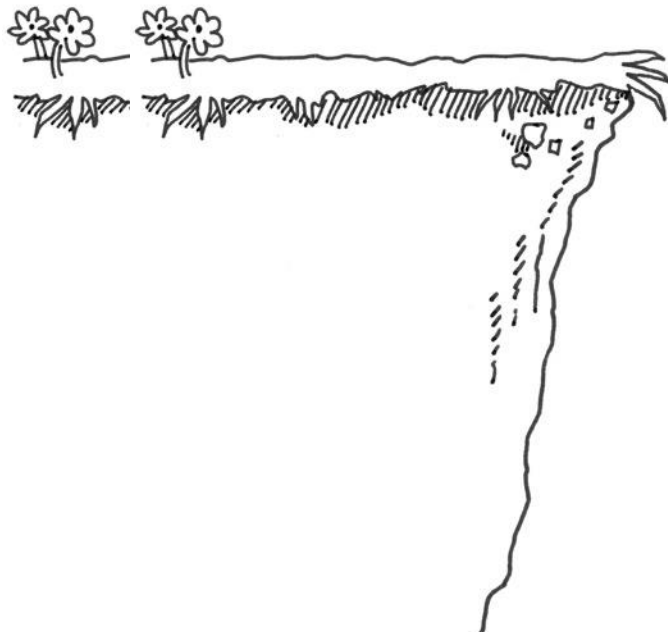
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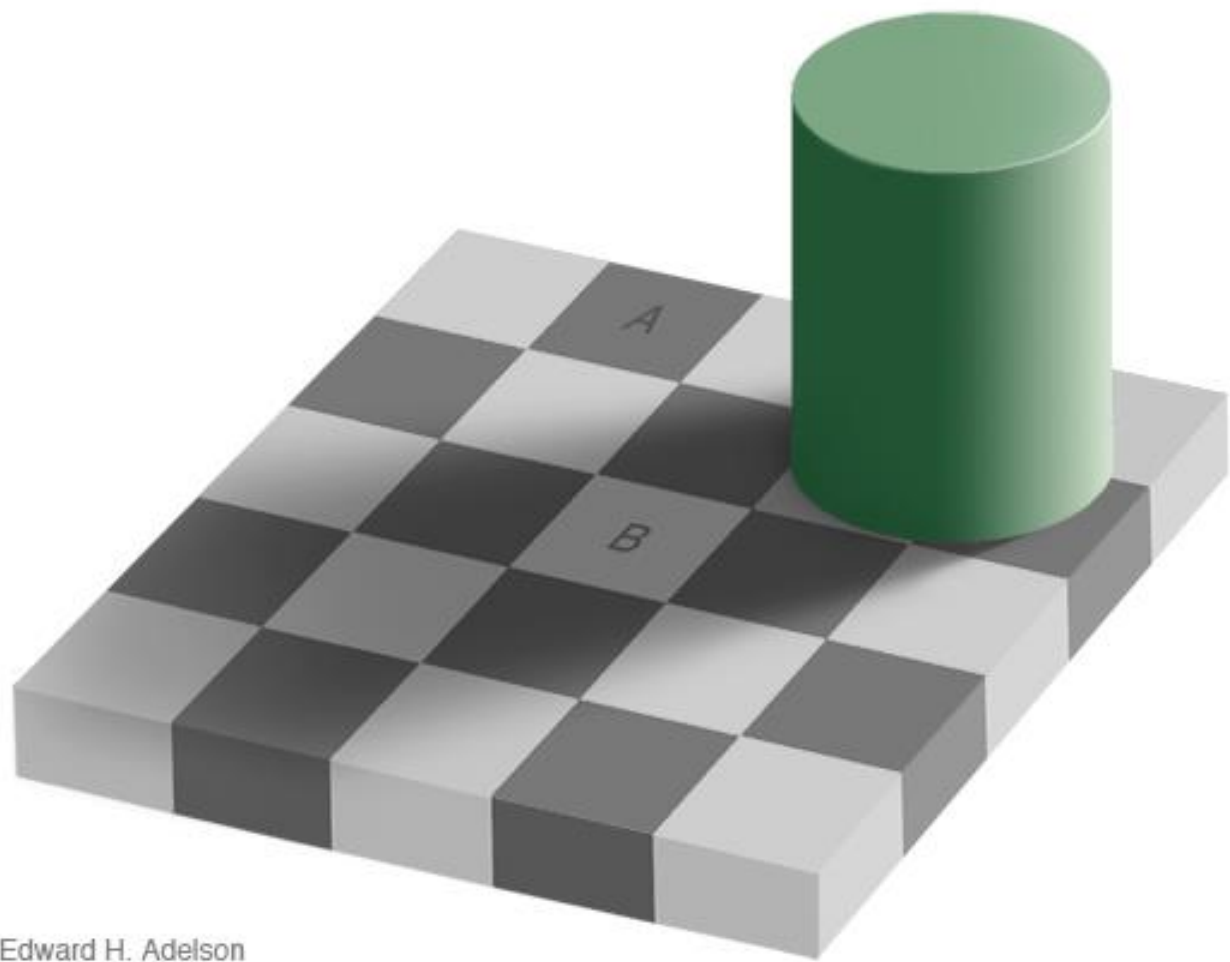


Me, today

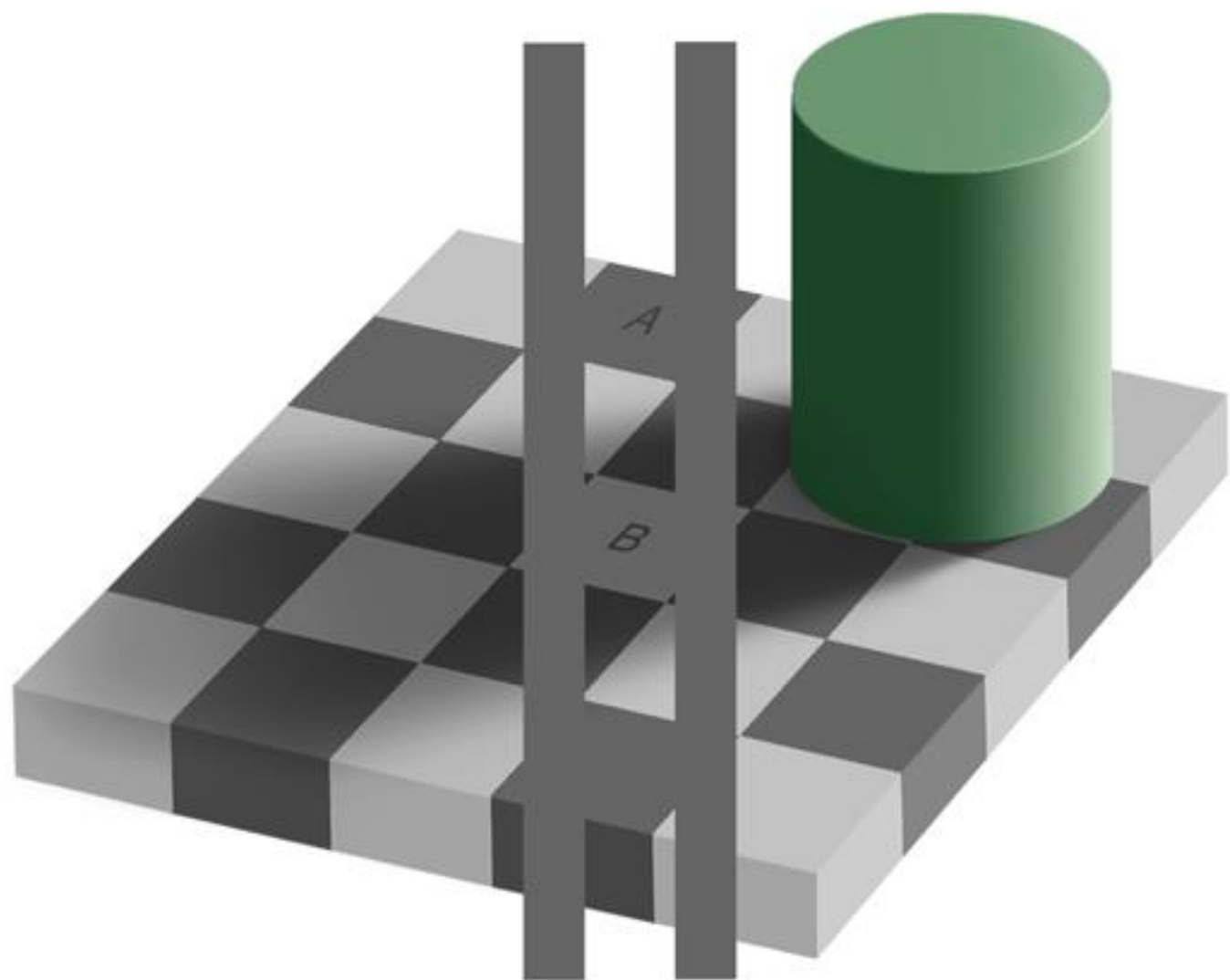


Error Blindness



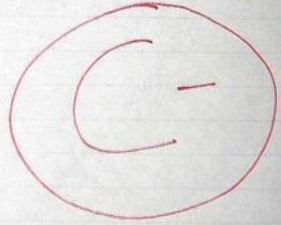


Edward H. Adelson



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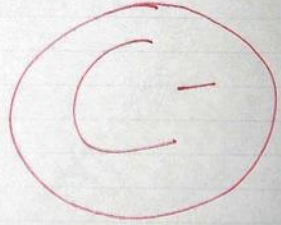


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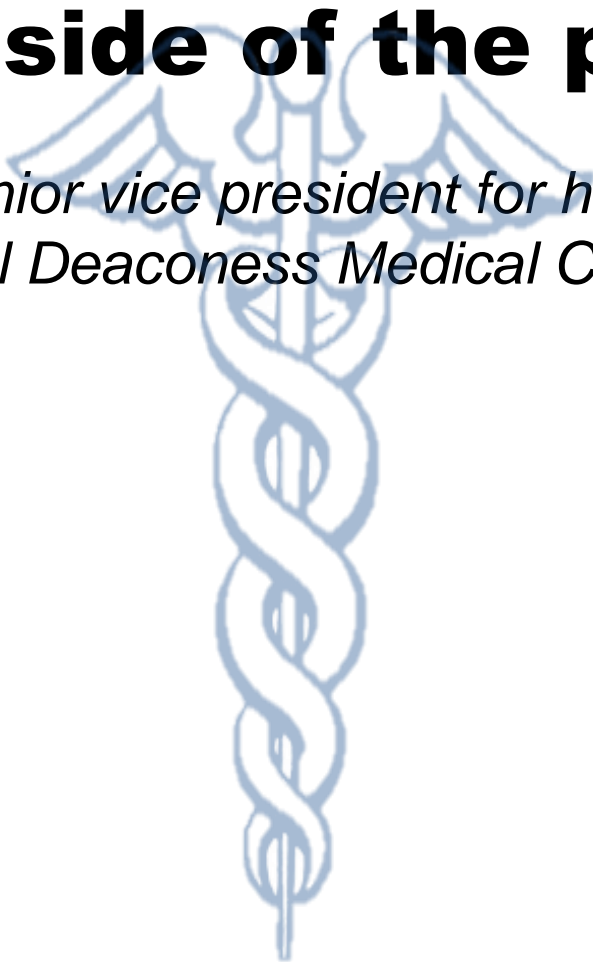


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“For whatever reason, [the surgeon] simply felt that he was on the correct side of the patient.”

—Kenneth Sands, senior vice president for healthcare quality, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center



A series of unfortunate assumptions

1. The Ignorance Assumption

2. The Idiocy Assumption

3. The Evil Assumption

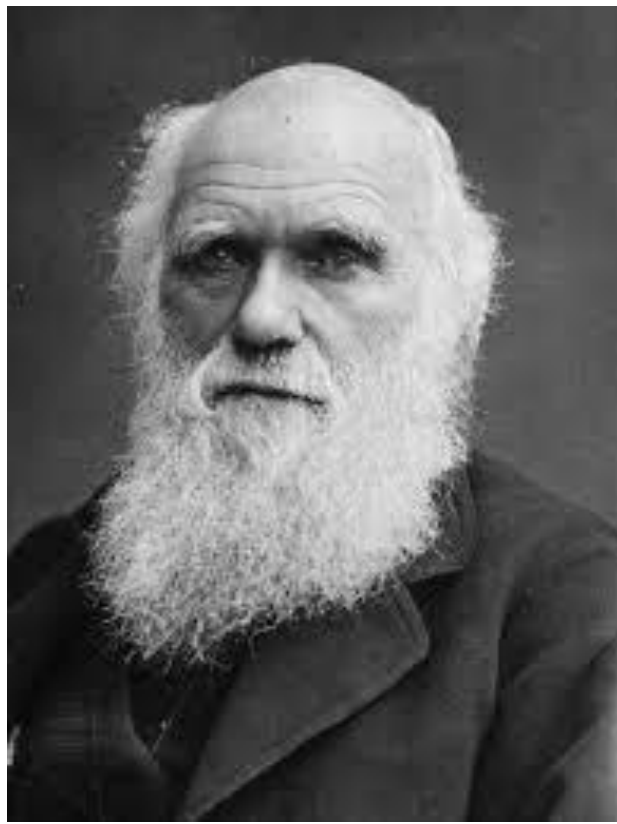




A blameworthy act:

- 1. involved assault, rape, or larceny; or**
- 2. was committed while drunk or under the influence of illicit drugs; or**
- 3. was committed in a purposefully unsafe manner**





“I had, during many years, followed a golden rule, namely, that whenever a published fact, a new observation or thought came across me, which was opposed to my general results, to make a memorandum of it without fail and at once; for I had found by experience that such facts and thoughts were far more apt to escape from the memory than favorable ones.”

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