

from IONS CD interview with Willis Harmon, recorded in 1988

Roger Sperry, Cal Tech, Nobel Laureate for work relating to the difference in function between the left and right brain, put his thoughts into a lead article for 1981 annual review of neuroscience "Changing Priorities".

who in essence said Science has a blind spot, a neglected area of human subjective experience. He felt this area, consciousness, needed to be explored.

We are leaving behind determinism, behaviorism and the materialism of the science of the past.

" Instead of renouncing or ignoring consciousness, the new interpretation gives full recognition to the primacy of human consciousness as a causal reality"

According to Harmon, it means our minds affect our reality. put more strongly, it is said we create our own reality, and Harmon compares it to the Copernican revolution.

assumptions of age of science

according to Harmon, in the early years of science there was a tacit agreement with the church that science would not stray too far into the territory of soul and spirit. Science was based on three assumptions: objectivist, positivistic and reductionistic assumptions. once these assumptions caught on, they ceased to be seen as assumptions. They became basic to western thinking, which has excelled in technologies of control.