

Peter L. Berger [om konstruksjonisme]

To the extent that this term refers to a new appreciation of culture in the development of social institutions, (...) neither he [Luckmann] nor I have any objections. But when the term is used by a good number of so-called 'postmodernist' theorists something quite different is implied. The difference between these theorists and what we tried to do is glaring: we proposed (correctly, I continue to think) that all human reality is socially produced and interpreted. They propose that all interpretations are equally valid, and some of them propose that there is no reality at all outside the interpretations. Their former proposition is an invitation to solipsism, with coteries of interpreters imprisoned in quasi-Leibnizian monads between which communication is impossible – a recipe for the self-liquidation of science and, beyond that and far more dangerously, for a politics of fanaticism. The latter proposition fits the clinical description of schizophrenia, whereby the individual is incapable of distinguishing between the real world and his own fantasies..."

Woodhead & al., *Peter Berger and the Study of Religion*, London: Routledge, 2001:191