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BUT - PERHAPS THERE ARE SOME OBJECTIVE TRUTHS THAT ARE NOT MERE "SOCIAL CONSTRUCTS"

... BUT IT'S ALWAYS BEEN AROUND SINCE THE GREEKS