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I have no serious doubt that this theory (what I call "commonsense belief/desire psychology") is pretty close to being true. My reason for believing this . . . is that commonsense belief/desire psychology explains vastly more of the facts about behaviour than any of the alternative theories available. It could hardly fail to do so: there are no alternative theories available. (Fodor 1983, p. x)