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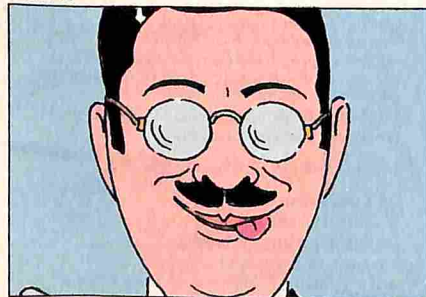
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The same things taste different to different people. For instance, there are those who find that brushing the teeth before breakfast spoils the orange juice and that eating a certain West African "miracle fruit" takes away the sourness of lemons. Laboratory researchers look to chemistry and the genes for an explanation of these and other flavorful mysteries.

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Is there a real world out there that can be explained by some single set of principles? Physicists and philosophers are beginning to think not. Instead, we are offered competing versions of the world, a multiplicity of scientific or artistic visions that may be equally right or true because they capture aspects of a complex, multifaceted reality.

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