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Propositions of the thesis

**Believing is Seeing:
Cognitive-behavioral Consequences of Belief and recollection**

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1. The consequences of memories are determined by their nature. (This thesis, Chapters 2 and 3)
2. Memories can guide problem solving, but only when one firmly believes in them. (This thesis, Chapter 4)
3. Belief, and not recollection, about past food experiences impacts current food preferences. (This thesis, Chapter 6)
4. The major difference between rats and people is that rats learn from experience. (Burrhus F. Skinner)
5. As humans, we share and adapt our beliefs about our past experiences, which makes our memory system flexible and adaptive. (This thesis)
6. Believing an event is as powerful as remembering an event in terms of shaping people's behavior. (This thesis)
7. The limits of my language are the limits of my mind. (Ludwig Wittgenstein)
8. 信则有，不信则无。
If you believe it, it will work; if you don't believe it, it never works. (Chinese proverb)
9. The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways. The point, however, is to *change* it. (Karl Marx)