As The World Turns: The Value of Knowledge and Justification

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I argue that one way the tracking view of knowledge is superior to its rivals is that it provides an explanation of the evolutionary value of knowledge: if knowledge requires tracking, then knowledge is an Evolutionarily Stable Strategy (a strategy that cannot be driven out by a mutant). Second, I define a kind of re-calibration and explain why this rule is the rational way to respond to information about your own fallibility. I describe why being a recalibrator in this sense has advantages even beyond that of knowledge. In the case of both knowledge and being a re-calibrator, the advantages lie in how the subject is able to respond to the world over time and changing circumstances.