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How to Build a Knowledge Ascription

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ABSTRACT

Knowledge ascriptions have traditionally been taken to look as in (1) or, maybe, (2). I will argue that we might be well-advised to look at knowledge ascriptions like those in (3), which are traditionally referred to as 'concealed questions'.

- 1. They know that Wim Wenders directed 'Wings of Desire'.
- 2. They know who directed 'Wings of Desire'.
- 3. They know the director of 'Wings of Desire'.

I will argue that (3), rather than (1) or (2), points to a general recipe for how to build knowledge ascriptions of all types, suggesting that (3), rather than (1) or (2), holds the key to the nature of knowledge ascriptions.

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