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The aim of this paper is to show how and why the method of radical interpretation, proposed by Donald Davidson, can solve the problems that are formulated in a variety of skeptical scenarios. In particular, the method of radical interpretation deprives Cartesian skeptical scenario (both in its traditional and recent versions) all its force and even the status of philosophical problem. Appealing to the difference between intended and unintended lies one can see how the global skeptical scenario gets solved in both cases. The paper also formulates an argument in favor of expanded version of naturalized epistemology that was offered by W. V. O. Quine – first of all, due to the introduction of social factors. In particular, there are always at least two necessary limitations imposed by the communication on our hypothesis about the knowledge and delusion. In addition, the article explains the need for a moderate externalism (both perceptual and social) to the variants of Descartes and Hume’s skeptical scenario.

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