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- *From:* Entertained by my own EIMC <entertained@xxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Mon, 14 Apr 2008 13:17:31 -0400 (EDT)
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Perplexed in Peoria wrote:

"r norman" <r_s_norman@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
[news:ftqu60\\$K79\\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:ftqu60$K79$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

On Fri, 11 Apr 2008 13:28:14 -0400 (EDT), verulam
<johnhewitt22@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Apr 10, 5:27 pm, d...[@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
(DK) wrote:

In article
<[ftivvh\\$2mh...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:ftivvh$2mh...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>,
dkomo <dkomo...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

These authors say nay:
Is the Brain a Quantum
Computer?
"We argue that computation
via quantum mechanical
processes is
irrelevant to explaining how
brains produce thought,
contrary to the
ongoing speculations of
many theorists."
<http://tinyurl.com/2e7pxq>
<http://watarts.uwaterloo.ca/~celiasmi/Papers/litt%20et%20al.2006.quant...n.cogsci.pdf>

Duh!

DK wrote "duh!"

I can only reply that the meaning or substance of the term
"duh!"
escapes me. Some elaboration of this term and the message
you wish to

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convey might be useful.
For my part, I agree with the authors of the cited paper.
Despite the
current fashion for books entitled "Quantum Psychology" or
such like,
I can see no compelling reason to invoke quantum level
effects to
understand brain function.

You just wrote "Duh!" but used a lot more words.

Well, duh!

I'll make this the following comment even though all these duhs would
have detonated debunkingly more aptly in bionet.neuroscience:

If I decided to declare that the evolution and existence of our
diversely manifest psychologies (including ditto for "consciousness") is
inseparable from and most fundamentally dependent on the existence of
the dynamics of spacetime (which is, demonstrably, deep down "quantum in
character"), that would deserve a duh, too.

However, at least it would be an EPT (i.e. effectively philosophy
terminating) declaration not just on its own but especially so IF
accEPTed and "taken in" in context of (or as a part of) a disillusion
promoting enlightenment promoting type of explanatory platform
terminology. % }