

Re: Religion center in the brain

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Glen M. Sizemore wrote:

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In article <4llpltF2eggvU1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,
Joachim Pimiskern <JoachimPimiskern@xxxxxxx> wrote:

A newer article cast doubt on the discovery:
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/5296728.stm?lsf>

Oh dear, just because more than one spot lights up there isn't
a "centre"?! Can someone name =any= brain function or
activity
that is localized to a single spot? To my mind, it doesn't
make
sense to talk about centres for this or that function until we
at least define what we mean by "centre" in this context.

You're right. All this talk about centers is a bunch of horsecrap. It
fits
in nicely with animism, though, and mainstream psychology, and the fields
it
has corrupted, is just a "modern" form of animism.

You're seeing the crap before the horse. Modern neurology got its start
from the apparent connections between specific brain injuries and
associated behavioural changes. Some were borne out, others were not.
So it goes, and now we sharpen the focus.

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But in the final analysis, correlations between brain loci and observed deficits etc. don't explain how neurophysiology mediates behavioral function. But it seems that it does to a number of people. Neuroimaging has, for many, become a sort of endpoint. I suggest that this is because their conceptualization is now, and has always been, a thinly-disguised animism. They already talk as if indwelling entities – call them homunculi – see copies of the world, make decisions on that basis, and pull the levers that make behavior occur. And now they think they know where the little men are hiding in the brain.

Your Daddy,

Glen

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Joe Legris