

# Re: Religion center in the brain

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Kali wrote:

In <4502c56b\$0\$24175\$9a6e19ea@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Wolf K  
El\_Lobo\_Viejo@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx said: : Kali wrote:  
: > In <45022058\$0\$29445\$9a6e19ea@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Wolf K : >  
El\_Lobo\_Viejo@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx said: : > : Kali wrote:  
: > : > In <1157752504.963352.179650@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Matt : > : >  
Menge mspmenge@xxxxxxxxxxxx said: : > : > : : [I think I've ascribed the quotes correctly  
below.]  
: : [...]  
: : [Sizemore:]  
: > : > : > 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.  
: > : > : : [Kali:]  
: > : > This strikes me as woefully out of touch. : : [Menge:]  
: > : > : Haven't we analyzed the process of visual perception to the point where  
: > : > : even different aspects of it have been localized to certain regions of  
: > : > : the brain, kind of run in a parallel processing fashion?  
: > : > : > : : Best Regards,  
: > : > : > : : Matt  
: : [Kali:]  
: > : > Yes, although the system is less parallel than dynamic. I wonder : > :