

Re: Religion center in the brain

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In <4506f7b5\$0\$14688\$ed362ca5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Glen M. Sizemore gmsizemore2@xxxxxxxx said:

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: > : > : [...]
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: > : > : The process of visual perception occurs entirely in the brain. I
: > : > : have no idea what term you would prefer science to use to label
: > : > : this neurological process, and it doesn't matter. One can say
: > : > : (or hypothesize or infer) that an organism has perceived a
: > : > : visual stimulus because its behavior correlates temporally with
: > : > : the presentation of the stimulus. Or one can actually read the
: > : > : published research and understand that visual perception is a
: > : > : functional process that occurs entirely within the brain of a
: > : > : living organism. The organism perceives a visual stimulus, and
: > : > : the process of perceiving the visual stimulus has occurred
: > : > : entirely in the brain.
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: > : > : GS: No, perception is an activity of an animal and it occurs in the
: > : > : world.
: > : > : The behavior that we call perception is mediated by physiology as is
: > : > : shooting pool, having sex, informing people that they don't know
: > : > : what
: > : > : they're
: > : > : talking about, saying "who's your daddy," etc.
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: > : > : The "center" of your "perception in the world" seems to be

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:> :> located in your genitalia.
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:> :> And the physiological process of visual perception occurs in
:> :> "the world".
:> :>
:> :> Fascinating stuff.
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:> :> I was pretty sure that you wouldn't have anything substantive to say,
:> :> and it
:> :> appears as though I was correct.
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:> :> Substance begets substance, "Daddy".
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:> :> Sadly, that doesn't seem to be the case. Darwinian evolution begat the
:> :> modern creationist movement, and behaviorism, in the same sense, begat
:> :> cognitive "science" and cognitive neuro"science."

Christianity dominated Western thought for thousands of years before Darwin traveled the Galapagos Islands and published his systematic observations. Will you say that Christianity begat Darwinism?

On historical pendulums, Wundt investigated covert psychological activity and psychophysics before radical behaviorism insouciantly ignored all cognition as irrelevant to behavior. The humanists then came along to point out that human beings have goals that pigeons and rats do not have, and Wertheimer, after having discovered the magic trick to a stereoscope declared that Tischener's atomism was "sterile and beside the point". Chomsky told Skinner that his precis on language development was woefully inadequate, and why; Chomsky's theory was later supported by the discovery of Broca's and Wernicke's areas in the brain. Now in 2006 on Usenet a handful of behaviorists troll sci.cognitive and object to the neuroscientific approach to the study of human behavior. Such is the history of scientific progress.

Neuroscientific investigation has supported several inference based theories – Ewald's opponent process theory of color vision, for example – and is developing an explanation of what happens in the brain when learning occurs, which includes "memory encoding/levels of processing" theories from cognitive psychology as well as classical and operant conditioning theories from behaviorist psychology, which are actually complimentary theories. All this, despite the naysaying of the choleric Usenet few... some of whom have apparently been reduced to dishonestly misquoting others or taking their statements out of context in an apparent attempt to win a tangential argument. Instead of seeking common ground you and Wolf argue semantics. And of course if all else fails, Al Bundyism would dictate that one metaphorically whip out his manhood and wave it around,

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Daddio.

Kali

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There are in fact two things, science and opinion; the former begets knowledge, the latter ignorance.

Hippocrates (c460–c.377 BCE) Greek physician. Law

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