

CIENCIA, RELIGIÓN, DESARROLLO

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"El Departamento de Fisiología: celebraciones, agradecimientos, alabanzas, papelones y consejos"

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26 octubre 2011, 11:30 am

“Dios y la ciencia . . . Un encuentro inevitable”

Dr. Sergio H. Díaz M.
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Óptica y Electrónica

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Fallas de
origen

Gravedad
terrestre



Alternativas

“El tercer mundo no sólo carece de ciencia, tampoco tiene una cultura compatible con la ciencia. . . . ¿Por qué estoy diciendo que México no tiene una cultura compatible con la ciencia? Porque [luego del éxito en el tratamiento médico practicado a Salvador Cabañas] se jugaron partidos, se hicieron misas, y no sé qué, para agradecerle a la Virgen. . . . Entonces yo digo que esto lo tomo como que México no sólo no tiene ciencia, porque no . . . desarrolló estos aparatos ni estos conocimientos, sino además se lo atribuye al poder de una Virgen.”

Dr. Marcelino Cereijido

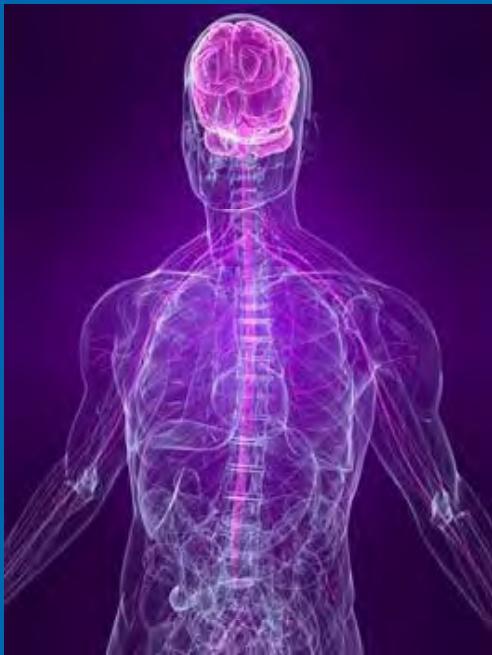
“. . . Newton, lo que encontraba en la Biblia lo ponía como hipótesis de investigación y luego iba a la ciencia, sufría el fuego de la experimentación, y llegaba a grandes descubrimientos. Así que, si quieres ser un gran científico, lee tu Biblia.”

Dr. Sergio H. Díaz

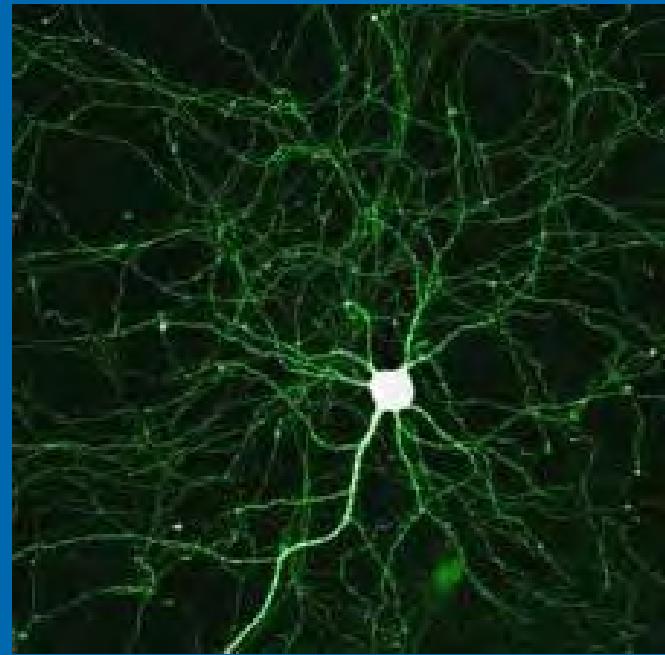
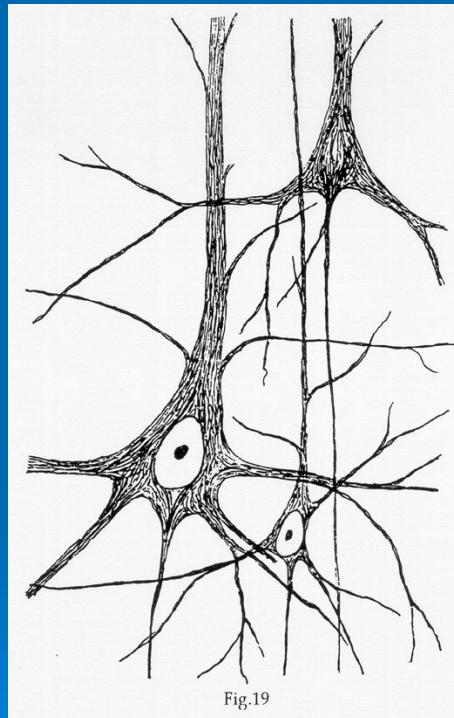
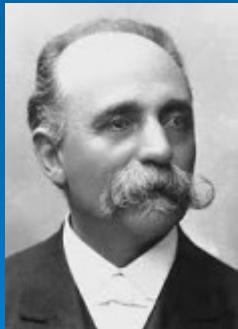
CIENCIA, RELIGIÓN, DESARROLLO

- I. Ciencia y religión (neurociencias)
- II. Religión y desarrollo científico
(historia de la ciencia)

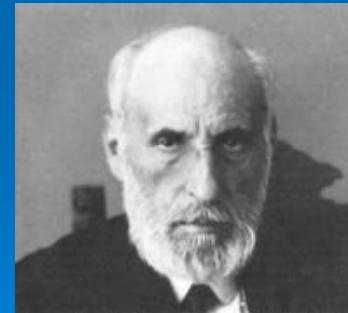
Sistema nervioso y neuronas



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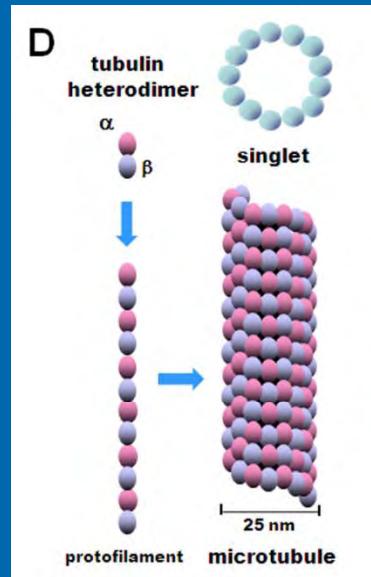
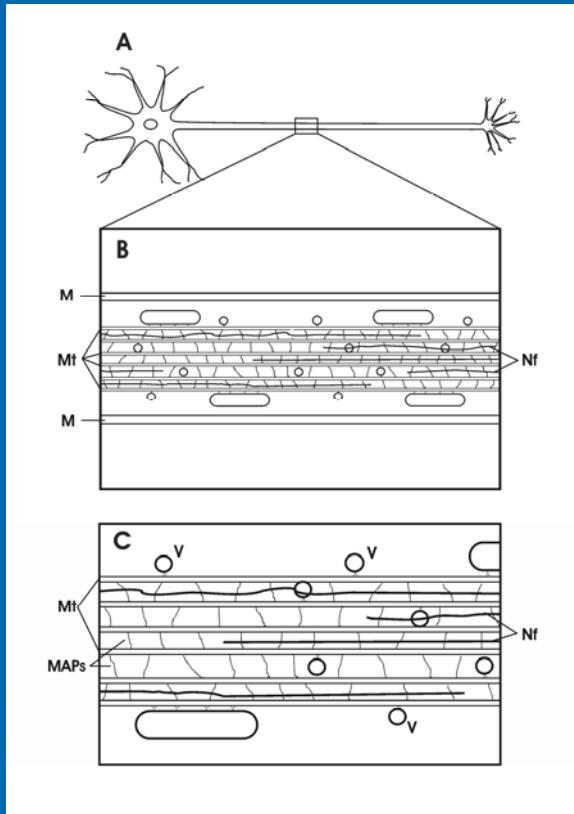


Cajal

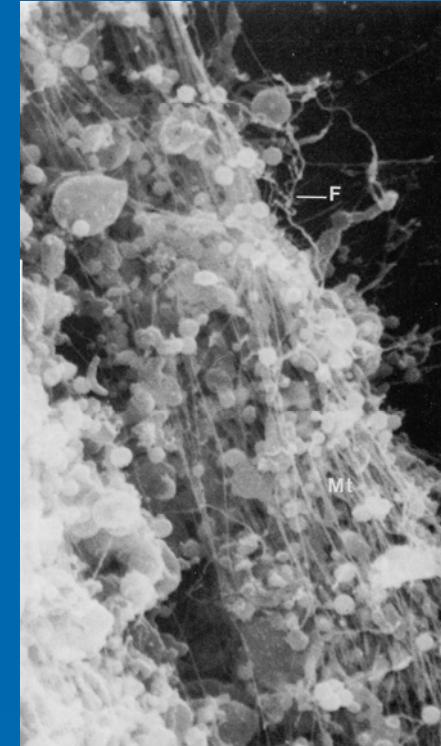
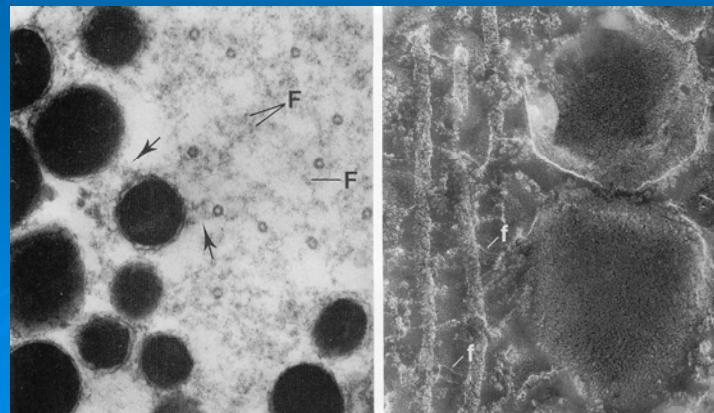


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El citoesqueleto neuronal



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El citoesqueleto neuronal – novedad de fin de siglo



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University of Oxford



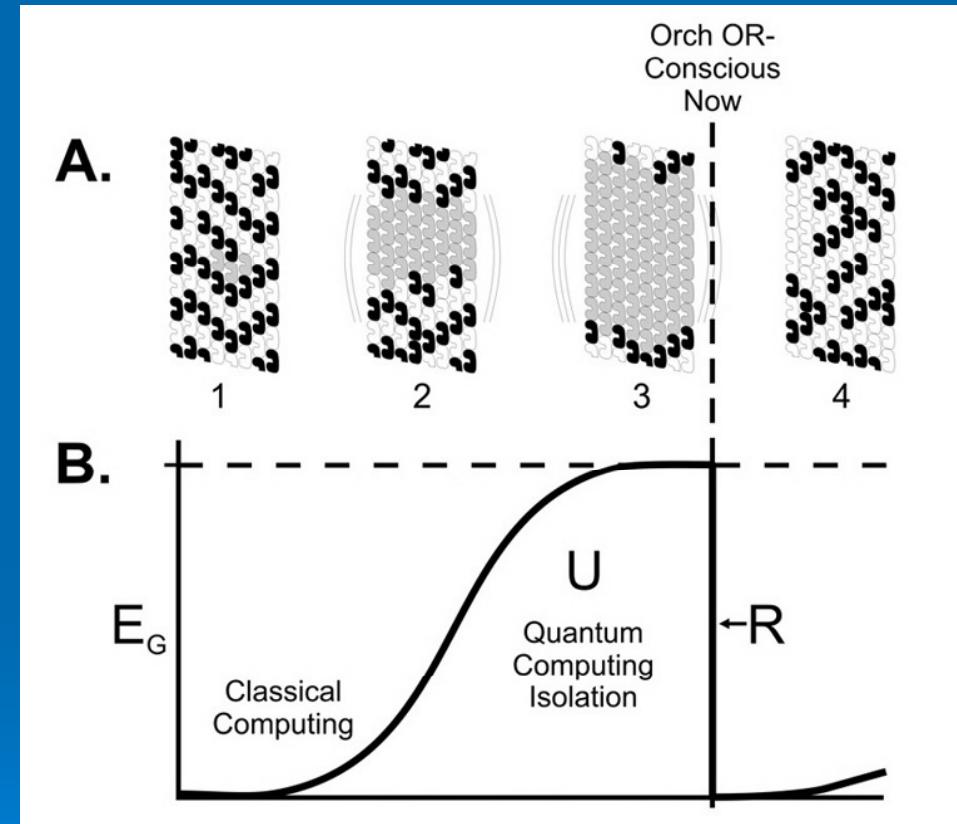
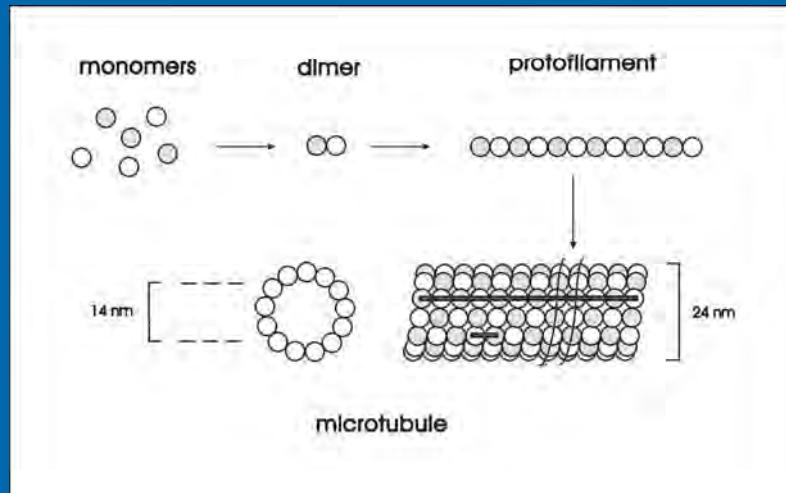
Dr. Stuart Hameroff
Center for Consciousness Studies
University of Arizona

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Penrose-Hameroff “Orch OR” model of consciousness



Penrose and Hameroff, 2011

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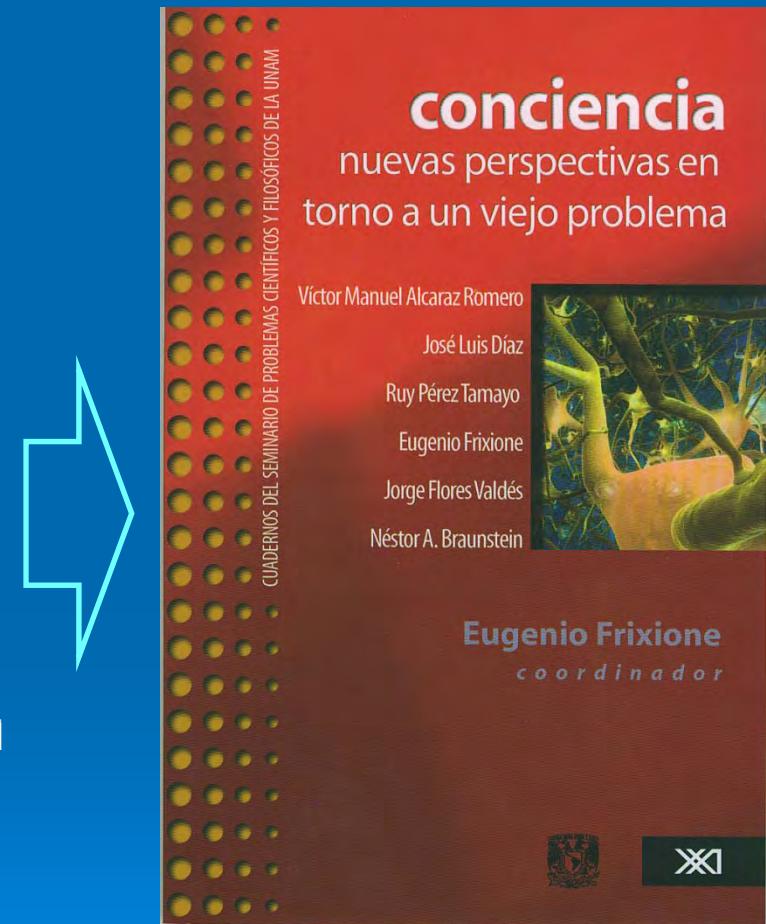
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“Some Buddhist writings quantify the frequency of conscious moments. [. . .] on this view, gamma synchrony [40 Hz], Buddhist 'moments of experience', [Alfred North] Whitehead 'occasions of experience', and our proposed Orch OR events might be viewed as corresponding tolerably well with one another.”

“All the Buddha's [sic] and all sentient beings are nothing but One Mind, beside which nothing exists. This Mind, which is without beginning . . . is neither long nor short, big nor small, for it transcends all limits, measures, names, traces, and comparisons.”

Huang Po, Zen Master

Inaugural Speaker

The Neuroscience of Meditation

Dalai Lama, Mind and Life Institute, Louisville, CO

Society for Neuroscience, 2005 Annual Meeting

Washington, D.C., Saturday, November 12, 4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

The Dalai Lama has long been interested in science and has maintained an ongoing dialogue with leading neuroscientists for more than fifteen years. His talk is expected to bridge the cultural gap between neuroscientists and Buddhist practitioners by pointing to the methods of observation and verification that lie at the heart of both science and Buddhism.

He is expected to discuss the study of meditation, a practice of mental discipline that Western neuroscience has shown to change neural states in circuits that may be important for compassionate behavior and attentional and emotional regulation. The Dalai Lama will also discuss the importance of this neuroscience research in promoting brain health and mental well-being and its implications for fostering compassionate behavior in all human beings.

-Petición de cancelación de conferencia firmada por más de 1,000 miembros

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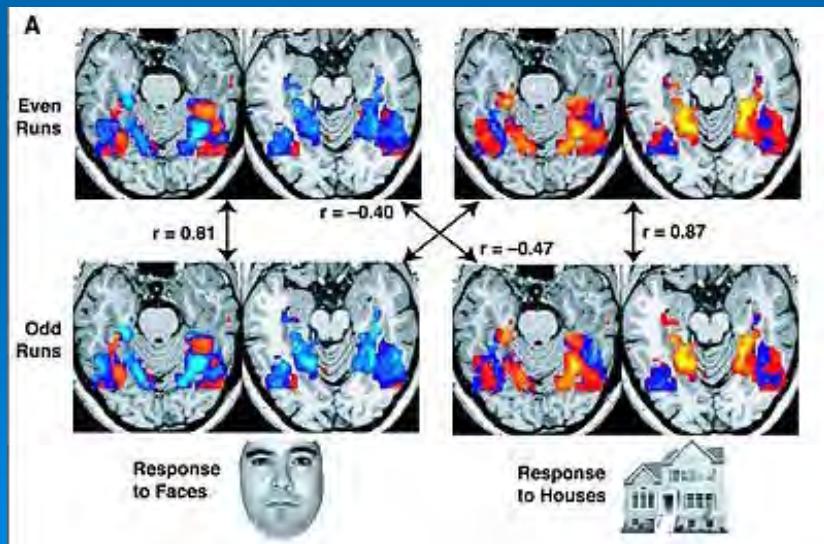
“God helmet”
M. Persinger



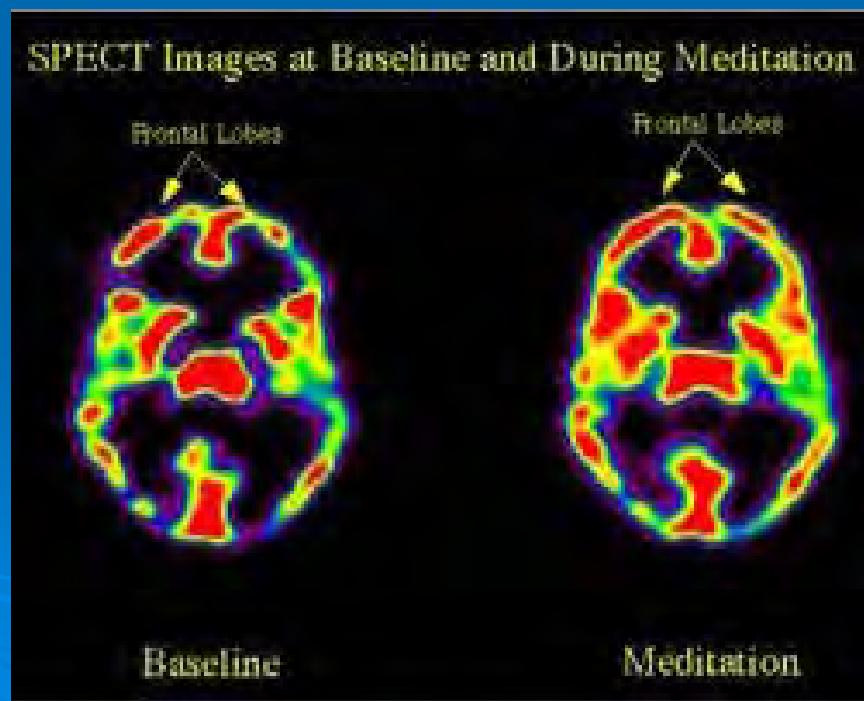
Datos de tomografía computarizada

SPECT, PET, fMRI

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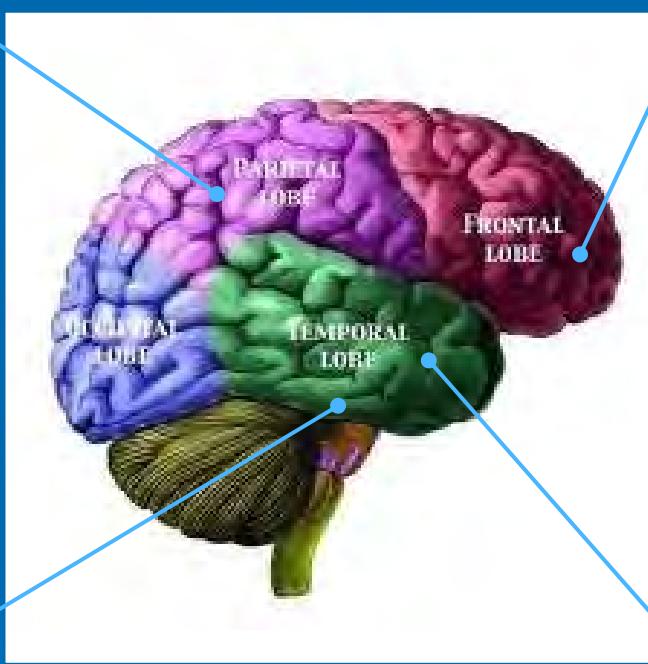
fMRI



Regiones del cerebro asociadas con experiencias místicas y religiosas

unión cósmica

concentración profunda



imágenes “sagradas”

recuerdos, emociones, alucinaciones,
estados alterados de conciencia
(sistema límbico, hipocampo, amígdala)

Neurofisiología cuántica y religión en el contexto cristiano

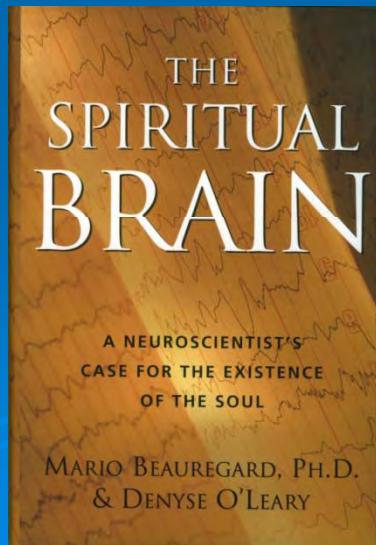
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"brain behavior that appears to be caused by mental effort is actually caused by mental effort; the causal efficacy of mental effort is no illusion."

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Ejemplos de estudios sobre evolución biológico-cultural de la religión

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Neuroteología

Andrew B. Newberg

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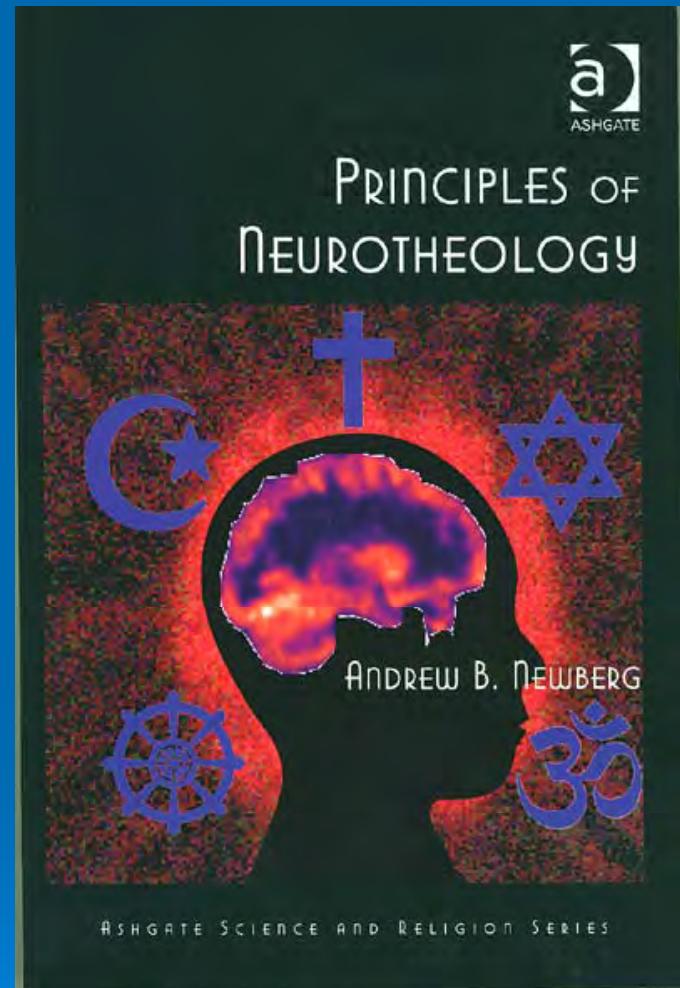
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Ciencia – Religión: triple debate

Consciencia: clásica vs. cuántica

- Religión (*religare*) implica consciencia de realidad trascendental
- A: propiedad emergente de la complejidad del SNC (automatismo determinista)
- B: procesos cuánticos independientes (sujetos a intencionalidad)
- ¿Consciencia trascendental basada en física fundamental?

Experiencias místicas: endógenas vs. exógenas

- Espontáneas: epilepsia temporo-límbica (“personalidad de lóbulo temporal”)
- Inducibles: factores químicos (drogas), físicos (luminosos y sonoros; ¿magnéticos?), “mentales” (meditación, oración)
- Activación de diversas regiones cerebrales (no un “módulo divino”)
- Sin evidencia de influencias ajenas a propiedades del propio SNC

Teísmo vs. ateísmo

- Sin fundamento en las neurociencias
- Interminable batalla de “expertos”
- Fuente de prosperidad permanente en mercado editorial

Conclusiones

- Conducta religiosa tiene correlatos anatómico-funcionales en SNC
- Carácter intrínseco con obvias ventajas adaptativas
- Improbable que desaparezca
- Co-dependiente de contexto cultural

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Alma y espíritu

- Relaciones entre alma y espíritus
- Relaciones con el cuerpo físico
- Nervios como vías de comunicación
- Vehículo de la información
- Historia científica de >2,500 años



Vehículo de la información nerviosa

pneuma psychikon s. III a.C. — IV

spiritus animalis s. V — XVI

**esprits animaux
animal spirits** s. XVII — XVIII

**Nervenströme,
Actionsströme** s. XIX — XX

action potential s. XX — XXI

