

Why ESP is Consciousness' only Hope

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Abstract:

In 1996 at the second Tucson consciousness Conference, Susan Blackmore maintained that psi tells us nothing about consciousness. I will argue that this claim is mistaken, and make a case for psi -- especially the form of ESP (or "anomalous cognition") -- as the last real defense available for resisting attempts to define all human mentality (including consciousness) as being strictly physical.



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