

# Is There A Relationship Between "Anticipations" and "Instinct"?

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## [Quote from Don](#)

When I say Anticipations are similar to "mental concepts" in modern neuroscience, I'm not talking about rational reasoning

[Don](#) I was going to make exactly that point. "Pre-rational concepts" are what I would consider to be the faculty as well as the "etchings."

I'm curious as to whether there is any functional equivalence between "pre-rational concepts" and "rational concepts" or if it's just confusing terminology. It seems as if they may be different levels of usage of the faculty, but I don't know if that's neurologically correct.

An illustration that comes to mind is of breathing: we breathe subconsciously to stay alive, but we can also consciously control our breathing.