

How Emotions Are Made: The Secret Life of the Brain by Lisa Feldman Barrett

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LFB is closer to Elayne's term "pattern recognition" as the only thing innate; she calls it "statistical learning."

Also:

I think "pattern recognition" is a very useful term. I would also think "pattern detector" would be good.

Continuing to think again about the words, in "canon of truth" I think we are referring to "canon" in the sense of "measuring device" or "ruler" or "yardstick." The measuring device does nothing but measure, it contains no data about the thing being measured.

We also need to examine "truth" but for now maybe what we're talking about is a conclusion which allows us to make accurate predictions about future repeatable observations (or something like that). We need to rule out "truth" in a divine or universally absolute perspective sense, since our physics would tell us that no god or intelligent being exists which could form such a perspective to which we could compare our own.

In addition to "pattern" I would think we are also talking about "relationships" or "connections."

Using these words, if they prove to be accurate after we examine the texts and what we really think is going on, the faculty of anticipations might be describable variously as:

"pattern detector"

"pattern measuring device"

"connection detector"

"connection measuring device"

"relationship detector"

"relationship measuring device"

I think all these terms would probably be useful in varying degrees to indicate an innate faculty which we have at birth, prior to any experience in the real world, which provides a tool (measuring device) in the field of patterns/connections/relationships just like the eyes provide a

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measuring tool for light, and the ears for sound, etc.