

Can the senses be wrong?

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Quote

Our intellect provides us with a response to what we sense in the natural world, which is pleasure, pain, or indifference.

Cassius, thanks for reminding me. I noticed that statement too, and forgot to mention it.

What caught my attention is the use of "intellect". I'm unsure precisely what GD means by that, but when I hear "intellect", I tend to mentally translate as "reason". If that is the intended meaning, I would strongly disagree. In any case, I'm suspicious of having anything intermediary "providing" the pleasure or pain response.

I think of the feelings (pleasure or pain) as direct responses to sensory data. Of course, there must be a physical mechanism involved. In biological terms, it's probably something related to dopamine - but I don't think anyone would equate dopamine production (or whatever) with the intellect.