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Scott Douglas Jacobsen: Also, from the interpretation—from my perspective—on the statements there, the neuron-to-neuron, not necessarily dysfunctional firing but, dysfunctional wiring can be sussed out in functionality for the person-as-a-whole, for the organism-as-a-whole. However, if you take expert subsystems—and please correct me if I am wrong and if I misheard you—expert subsystem-to-expert subsystem has dysfunctional wiring, so the functionality of that community that is then played out in thought and behavior for that organism in its relevant environment, then it becomes a major issue.

Someone might hear voices or have visual hallucinations, which, in some extreme cases, can be cripplingly dysfunctional for them.

Rick Rosner: Yea.

SDJ: Others can be fine.

RR: Yea. I mean, like, who was it? One of the Russian authors used to have migraines and used to love it when they kicked in—no, they had epilepsy, and he looked forward to the fits because before the fits kicked in reality took on this aura of holiness. That he found extremely satisfying. He knew it was connected to the epilepsy. It might have been Tolstoy or Chekhov. For him, I think, the feeling of being exalted was worth the seizure he was about to have, and he was highly functional.

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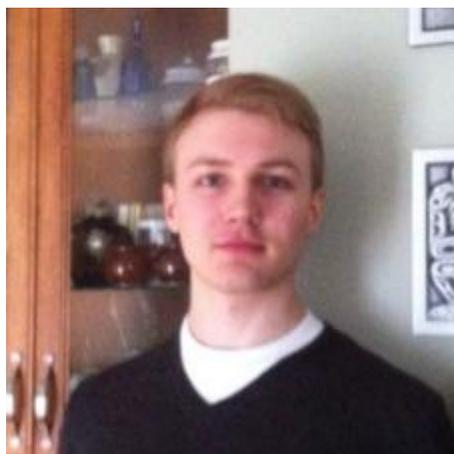
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