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CONSCIOUS offers the clearest, most convincing explanation I have seen consciousness. If you've ever wondered how you have the ability to wonder, some fascinating ideas await you on these pages. ADAM GRANT, AUTHOR OF ORIGINALS AND GIVE AND TAKE AI's pursuit of artificial minds has turned the mystery of consciousness into a philosophy with a term. In this gem of the book, Annaka Harris tackles consciousness disputes with clear rigor and clarity, in a style that is accessible and fascinating but never dumbed down. Max Tegmark, author of Life 3.0: Being a Man in the Age of Artificial Intelligence Wild Ideas is on the table, you'll walk away with an understanding of the fundamental conflicts and high stakes that come with any attempt to understand how consciousness really works. SEAN CARROLL, author of the book BIG PICTURE There is a deep intellectual adventure waiting for the reader of this exquisite book. Rebecca Goldstein, author of Plato's Googleplex I've read many, many great books about consciousness in my life as a neuroscientist. CONSCIOUS tops them all, hands down. It deals with unresolved issues and dizzying concepts with courtesy and clarity that leaves the reader deeply satisfied. Marco Iacoboni, neuroscientist and author of Mirror People User's Guide to Scientific Thinking on Consciousness-Delivery assumption is a terrific take on how we think about our mind, our self, and this very moment. Danielle Goleman, author of Emotional Intelligence Harris holds the mirror to herself and the reflection she casts is wonderfully unfamiliar. In a notable prose that is intertwined with science and philosophy, Harris turns his joyful curiosity into the nature of awareness. Each sentence of this book works on the next, deepening the reader into the study of consciousness. While most books that contemplate the mysteries of the universe make them feel small in comparison, CONSCIOUS gives the reader an undeniable sense of presence. NATHALIA HOLT, AUTHOR OF RISE OF THE ROCKET GIRLS Annaka Harris has a rare gift of breathing miraculously in a familiar. At CONSCIOUS, its goal is us. It offers every reader the invigorating pleasure of becoming a mystery, clearly explains the experiments that will fuel her sentence, and convincingly argues that one of the greatest mysteries of science can sit in your chair. Donald Hoffman, author of Visual Intelligence and The Case Against Reality Is one of those books that fundamentally changes the way you think about reality. Consciousness is one of the most difficult concepts for people to wrap their heads around, but Annaka Harris masterfully explained - she started by breaking my existing beliefs about the nature of consciousness, and then she rebuilt them into more subtle, more complete, and more mind-blowing about what's really going on behind my eyes. Tim Urban, author of the blog Wait But Why Fascinating book, which literally illuminates the enduring mystery of consciousness. Harris makes the journey straight, clear, interesting, and above all accessible, even for someone like me who has never before got my head around this complex topic. GAVIN DE BECKER, AUTHOR OF THE GIFT OF FEAR A surprisingly focused, concise and provocative overview of the mind problem. Written with great clarity, Harris gives readers unfamiliar with the debate the opportunity to see the fault lines that define contemporary debates about the nature of consciousness. Adam Frank, astrophysicist and author of On the Time and Light of The Stars, A delightful introduction to the fundamental mystery with which science struggles with antiquity. Christoph Koch, neuroscientist and author of Finding Consciousness, Annaka Harris expertly and eloquently explores one of the deepest questions the human mind has ever faced: itself. Dean Buonomano, neuroscientist and author of Your Brain, is a time machine called CONSCIOUS is a beautiful, clear and thoughtful study of the intransigent theme of consciousness. Iain McGilchrist, author of Master and His Emissary Load Over Amazon Barnes and Noble IndieBound HarperCollins Annaka HarrisBornAnnaka Gorton 12OccupationAuthorNous WorkConserve: A Brief Guide to the Fundamental Mystery mindSpouse (s)Sam Harris (m. 2004)Children2 Anna Harris is an American author. Her work touches on neuroscience, meditation, philosophy of mind and consciousness. She is the author of the new York Times conscious: A Brief Guide to the Fundamental Mystery of Reason (2019) and the children's book I Wonder (2013). Harris' career co-founded the nonprofit science and education group Project Reason in 2007. She was the editor of a long-form essay in 2011 and the book The Lies by her husband Sam Harris. She is the author of the 2013 children's book I Surprise, which tells the story of the uncertainty and nature of reality. Most recently, she is the author of the 2019 New York Times bestseller Consciousness: A Brief Guide to the Fundamental Mystery of Reason. The key subjects of Consciousness are free will, panpsychism and the severe problem of consciousness. Harris' personal life has been married to neuroscientist, philosopher and author Sam Harris since 2004. They have two daughters. References to Form SB-2: Deja Foods Inc. Securities and Exchange Commission, April 12, 2005, page 22. Received on April 5, 2020. Lewis I. Rice (July-August 2005). 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Harris 2014a For Annaka, Emma, and purple s/n mistake: no purpose: CITEREFHarris2014a (help) - Harris, Sam (July 4, 2011). Drugs and the meaning of life. Sam Harris. External links to Annaka Harris's official website on Twitter are extracted say argument is a sign. It begins with an honest account of the mystery of consciousness and how there is still no adequate or complete scientific explanation of how the subjective experience of the material world can arise from the material world. Subjective experience to see red, for example, is very different from scientific accounts of light wavelengths or electrochemical activity in the brain. It is then stated that there is no direct external evidence with the argument sign. It begins with an honest account of the mystery of consciousness and how there is still no adequate or complete scientific explanation of how the subjective experience of the material world can arise from the material world. Subjective experience to see red, for example, is very different from scientific accounts of light wavelengths or electrochemical activity in the brain. It is then indicated that there is no direct external evidence of consciousness, and that only one's own consciousness can be known with any degree of certainty. The problem of philosophical zombies, however improbable, is nevertheless unnerving, as there is no way to definitively prove that consciousness is the driving force behind the behavior of others. Thus, consciousness is one of the deepest mysteries in the universe. Then, inevitably and out of nowhere, the assertion is made - after reviewing several mandatory neuroscience case studies displaying neural activity to behavior that free will and choice is an illusion, not noticing that free will, being inextricably attached to consciousness, must remain a mystery as long as consciousness remains a mystery. Scientists have not solved the problem of consciousness, not philosophers, and no one else. And that means the problem of free will have been finally resolved either, despite the assurances of the author and other tough determinants. In Conscious, it's not long before the discussion takes a turn for the worse. After categorically declaring free will an illusion, Annaka Harris writes: Many people, however, object ethically against the assertion that conscious will is an illusion, holding that people should be held accountable for their choices and behaviors. But people can (and should) be held accountable for their actions for a variety of reasons; these two beliefs do not necessarily contradict each other. We can still recognize the difference between deliberate, clear actions and the kind that are caused by mental illness or other mental/brain disorders...the difference between intentional brain behavior and behaviors that are caused by brain damage or other external forces ("against your will") is valid and necessary, especially when structuring the laws of society and the criminal justice system. These arguments drive me crazy. Notice the verbs of action that I've highlighted in bold. Recognizing the difference and structure of society is both an action and a choice that contradicts the assertion that we all do not have free will. If the perpetrators of the crime could not do otherwise, then the judges of this crime could not do otherwise, and therefore the structure of society could not be different, and quickly the whole conversation is absurd. Harris wants to say that all matter, including mind and consciousness, adheres to the physical laws of cause and effect, and therefore everything is determined in advance, because nothing can interfere or avoid predetermined physical laws. But if this is the case, then consciousness cannot serve any purpose. The determinant argues that mind and consciousness arise from brain activity, but that the brain, at the most fundamental level, is simply the arrangement of atoms, and atoms must obey the laws of physics and chemistry, blind and non-influenced by things like emotion or awareness. The state of the universe at any particular time is the result of prior causal forces, and therefore this particular state could not have been otherwise. Since the brain, consisting of atoms, and consciousness that arise from it, are also part of the universe, any particular conscious state could also not be otherwise. Any thoughts, emotions or actions you take at the moment could not have been otherwise, so free will is an illusion. But if this is true, then consciousness loses its evolutionary justification. The purpose of conscious awareness, evolutionarily speaking, is to process information in order to choose between alternatives. If choice is an illusion, and the universe can only be one way based on preceding a chain of causal events, the consciousness now has no function. If now it comes down to the decision to either believe in free agency or to deny the underlying rationale behind the whole evolutionary theory, I think I will stick to free will. The error is clear: Harris states that there is no explanation for how consciousness or subjective experience arises from matter, but insists that consciousness should be subject to the same causal dynamics as matter. This assumption is without support, scientific or otherwise. Ignorance of the characteristics of consciousness cannot be used as an excuse for the idea that consciousness must fully conform to known physical laws. There's just no reason for me to accept these assumptions, and as long as consciousness remains a mystery, and every waking moment of my experience tells me that I have some level of choice, it's more reasonable for me to assume that I actually have some degree of choice, especially since I can't convince myself otherwise. Harris then proceeds to discuss panpsychism, or the belief that consciousness in some ways permeates all matter. Harris explains that panpsychism is actually based on science and rationality, but then writes, In fact, if the panpsychism version is correct, we will still have it and behave as it already is. Well, if that's the case, then panpsychism is not falsified, and therefore not scientific. We have a name for non-falsified claims that can never be verified: they are called pseudoscientific. And so Harris simultaneously tells us that it is a misconception to believe that we may have free will, but it is reasonable to assume that a thermostat or electron may have consciousness. Harris is also unable to adequately address the nuances of philosophical debate, including the various positions of determinism, compatibility and metaphysical libertarianism, preferring instead to review several case studies in neuroscience and promote the idea of rigid determinism and the benefits of meditation. Fascinating intellectual history or philosophical analysis turned out to be a superficial story about a dubious point of view. And how can you write a book about consciousness and leave Daniel Dennett? It is either a sign of ignorance or a fear to include an alternative point of view. Where I agree with Harris when she writes, at the end of the book, from our current perspective, it seems unlikely that we will ever come to a true understanding of consciousness. I agree, and that is why we should not make categorical statements about free will, which is a component of consciousness. There are still too many unknowns about the universe and mind, including the mysteries of the quantum world and the presence of dark matter and energy, not to mention the fact that we only have sensory to an infinitesims of a small sliver of reality. The determinant draws its conclusions provided that we have all the relevant information we need, but I think that is wrong. My suspicion is that we are missing something, some natural explanation, but an undiscovered one that will provide some degree of free will. I don't know that, of course, but my ignorance is on par with everyone else. And I wouldn't write a book about it. ---A so check out my review, in my opinion, much above the book I'm Not Brain: Philosophy of mind for twenty-first century philosopher Marcus Gabriel. ... More... 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