



Inner Presence: Consciousness as a Biological Phenomenon (Paperback)

By Antti Revonsuo

MIT Press Ltd, United States, 2009. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. An overview and critical analysis of the study of consciousness, integrating findings from philosophy, psychology, and cognitive neuroscience into a unified theoretical framework. The question of consciousness is perhaps the most significant problem still unsolved by science. In Inner Presence, Antti Revonsuo proposes a novel approach to the study of consciousness that integrates findings from philosophy, psychology, and cognitive neuroscience into a coherent theoretical framework. Arguing that any fruitful scientific approach to the problem must consider both the subjective psychological reality of consciousness and the objective neurobiological reality, Revonsuo proposes that the best strategy for discovering the connection between these two realities is one of biological realism, using tools of the empirical biological sciences. This approach, which he calls the biological research program, provides a theoretical and philosophical foundation that contemporary study of consciousness lacks. Revonsuo coins the term world simulation metaphor and uses this metaphor to develop a powerful way of thinking about consciousness as a biological system in the brain. This leads him to propose that the dreaming brain and visual consciousness are ideal model systems for empirical consciousness research. He offers a...



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