



The Brain

Our brain is the computer that connects our consciousness to our body and, by extension, to the physical world. Since our consciousness communicates through emotions, it thus uses our brain as a translating device to express itself, throughout our whole body, with thoughts, gestures and speech.

Like a computer with an Operating System, our brain is the learning center of our consciousness in the physical world we inhabit. During our childhood, it stores knowledge and memories that will allow us to survive and help us to experience our inner self in all situations of our lives. However, even if this computer is self-sufficient during our childhood, it needs new data to function properly afterwards: our adult experiences must be used to give it new lines of code in phase with our world understanding to allow it to evolve and be a better instrument of communication between our consciousness, whose agenda is to have as many exhilarating experiences as possible, preferably positive ones, and our body, in a word, to be the perfect tool for our happiness.

However, quite often we are unaware of the fact that we can change our way of thinking, that is to say rewrite our lines of code ad infinitum to create updates for our brain, and remain more or less satisfied with the basic software implanted at our birth. This software is a survival one with learning modules that do not evolve. Once a learning is anchored, it lasts all our life if we do not modify it. It induces reflex emotions related to our early life experiences which, while relevant when we were one year old, are much less so when we are 40, and "beliefs/truths" taught to us by our referent adults without us having the tools to validate or invalidate them.

As my life progressed and with each encounter that changed my vision of the world, I've modified my lines of code. The day when, after several months of therapy and reading "Transform your life"

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by Louise L. Hay, I stopped living with a permanent fear screwed to my body because I had finally understood that the universe's main goal wasn't to harm me and that no real danger awaited me around every corner, I've changed an essential line of code in my brain, involving subsequently the almost automatic change of many other less important lines of code.

However, this change did not happen overnight. Indeed, automatisms are tenacious because they are physically anchored in our neural connections and new connections must be physically created by our body in our brain to define other new paths. Nevertheless, the neural connections that we no longer use do not disappear from our brains. So, it is not because you change a line of code that your brain will transform it into a new reflex the next day. Additionally to that, our brain has encoded reflex emotions/behaviours for nearly every moment of our lives and programmed them into our survival module to automatically surface for every similar situation.

Therefore, the new lines of code take time before being able to emerge first and becoming reflexes. It is then up to us to bring them back to consciousness whenever we need them. It thus requires mental gymnastics and sustained attention in our daily lives for several weeks or months to imprint them as reflexes, but it always pays off. As in every sport, the process is particularly tiring, the creation of new neural systems requiring a lot of energy from our body. Why do you think babies sleep so much?

Changing our perspective about the world and our behaviors accordingly to be aligned with our inner self is essential for us if we want to be able to encounter real happiness someday. But you must be patient and indulgent with yourself if this process takes several months or even years – because sometimes we relapse without even realizing it! – to get there: this amount of time is normal and necessary as for any other learnings in life.