

EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY
Topic: Second Life Recapitulates Neuroanatomy
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INTRODUCTION: Evolutionary Psychology: SL Recapitulates Neuroanatomy

Our topic this evening is how SL recapitulates the evolution of the human brain: The development of the mature lands.

Evolutionary Psychology examines the impact of the evolved nature of the human brain in making more understandable many of the processes of individual and collective life which are otherwise difficult to comprehend. So most of us are intrigued/chagrined by our own and other peoples' emotionality, lack of logical and rational responses to circumstances, as well as by our own inability to alter aspects of our life which even we can see as not optimal.

With the advent of basic neuroanatomical and comparative anatomical understanding of the human brain in the 20th century, many things previously mysterious have begun to make fairly obvious sense. So in realizing that the brain has different major parts, and that these relate to very different stages of development of our species, we begin to understand better the essentially primal actions of the midbrain, for example, which is designed to be the mother board or primary processor of the brain and which controls major survival functions such as fight/flight, sexual and mating, as well as social bonding functions.

Attached to this is a very large, but secondary processor, like a math coprocessor in a computer or daughter-board, which is the Neocortex and which does all sorts of fancy and exotic calculations and functions.

Some of these functions have to do with such things as language, logic, rationality, and their offspring, civilization and now science. However, in being a secondary processor these faculties tend to take second place to more primal responses.

Civilization, however, is a product of the secondary processor, the Neocortex, and so ever longer periods of education are required to submit primary emotional inclinations of children and adolescents to the dominance of Neocortical control.

Interestingly, SL can be seen as a rebirth of civilization in a simulated form. Unlike a cyber "game" which has a set structure, SL is a freely evolving simulation of civilization. So Civilization creates mechanisms by which the primal imperatives of the midbrain can be compartmentalized. So laws, police, courts and prisons, wall off the elements of humanity which cannot conform to civilized protocols.

In only a few years of freely evolving existence, SL is now moving to compartmentalize its powerful manifestations of midbrain functioning, which is sexual exploration and involvement.

In SL, because this is a virtual reality we don't have the ability to really assault each other physically, or steal each other's things, and so have not needed police and incarceration. We do have all manner of sexual acting out in otherwise "civilized venues" and which are disruptive to these often.

So now, just as phylogeny was said to recapitulate ontogeny, SL is recapitulating FL compartmentalization of midbrain functions, so as to allow more Neocortical processes to proceed uncompromised by these primal interferences. Indeed, many institutions have been slow to take advantage of SL as an educational venue.

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This is like to be because of the problems of taking responsibility for exposing undergraduates to an environment which does not conform to the community values of their homes and FL circumstances.

Likewise, the utility of this environment for a wide variety of other innovations, such as psychotherapeutic and counseling interventions has been likewise limited both formally and informally. It is highly questionable to expose emotionally vulnerable people to the primal emotional predations which occur here.

So what do you think? Should there be compartmentalization of primal sexuality in SL, or does this impede the natural and most fecund evolution of our cyber existence?

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DISCUSSION:

[18:10] Starling Ansar: there are police in SL, and vigilantes

[18:10] Tredi Felisimo: processing.... compartmentalizing...

[18:10] juliana Rhapsody: I cannot see counseling in anything but a safe environment ..and SL can be anything but

[18:10] juliana Rhapsody: but.. you still cannot discount the advantage of it

[18:10] Starling Ansar: its unethical to counsel here

[18:10] Naija Avro: however, I have seen people do counseling in SL already

[18:10] juliana Rhapsody: not sure how "unethical" it is

[18:10] Reflection Freenote: yes, there are large amounts of emotional assault here for sue, probably more than in FL

[18:10] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: wonders like rl how we can be asked to be held accountable for anyones actions other than our own, we are not our brother's keeper here anymore than we are irl visa vi our sexuality

[18:11] Uns Mistwalker: Starling, using the Emerald viewer, chat can be encrypted.

[18:11] Tredi Felisimo: Do you think the culture will "evolve" to mirror the compartmentalization of FL, Ref?

[18:11] Amandeep Timeless: adult content has frequently been subject to "zoning laws"

[18:11] Marvin Macbain: It's no more or less ethical here than through any other chat and voice based medium, unless I'm missing something.

[18:11] Starling Ansar: s, the issue with counseling ethics goes beyond that, because you cannot tell who is typing, so there's no assurance of privacy at all

[18:11] juliana Rhapsody: SL provides great opportunity for counseling.. and human growth.. that cannot be dismissed

[18:11] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: nods at Marvin

[18:12] Reflection Freenote: well, Tredi, it does seem to be moving that way in a very dramatic form at the moment with the new divide

[18:12] Starling Ansar: when somebody talks into you office you know who you're talking to...typing.. you can't know that

[18:12] juliana Rhapsody: is that a bit like throwing the baby out with the bathwater???

[18:12] Reflection Freenote: yes Amandeep, the same thing has happened in FL for thousands of years

[18:12] Tredi Felisimo: Thinking so too Ref

[18:12] Marvin Macbain: Starling, you don't need to know whom you are talking to in order to counsel ethically, do you?

[18:13] Tredi Felisimo: don't friends counsel one another?

[18:13] juliana Rhapsody: people.. might not wish you to "know" them.. in that sense

[18:13] Tredi Felisimo: not very well, necessarily, but they do

[18:13] juliana Rhapsody: SL provides opportunity for people to completely be themselves

[18:13] Amandeep Timeless: good advice might arrive with anonymity

[18:13] juliana Rhapsody: without fear...from the rl world

[18:14] Amandeep Timeless: so can deceptions

[18:14] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: or completely be "someone else" Juliana

[18:14] Starling Ansar: Marvin yeah its against the law not to...if I was counsling you, and someday youR wife logged in on your account, I would be violating your privacy rights

[18:14] Uns Mistwalker: Does not this construction ref, kind of let Linden off hook for what may well be a strictly business decision and not a kind of evolution at all.

[18:14] juliana Rhapsody: of course.. if that what one wishes

[18:14] Marvin Macbain: Ref, I am not sure how much effect this zoning has. It means that I will not go to any x rated sim until/unless I "validate" my avatar. But if I wanted to , I would.

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[18:14] Reflection Freenote: yes, any medium provides different opportunities and challenges to communication in relationship, and counseling is, just a very formal type of communication. And it is true that there are special concerns in doing it professionally in a virtual medium

[18:14] juliana Rhapsody: nods.. I think we all feel that way Marvin

[18:15] Marvin Macbain: Starling, sure, unless you are using voice.

[18:15] Starling Ansar: nod, that's why I said in text.

[18:16] Reflection Freenote: well, it is a business decision uns, and they are doing it because there is a real potential dysfunction caused by the uncontrolled mixing of primal and more intellectual processes, I think

[18:16] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: whoa that's deep laughs

[18:16] Marvin Macbain: How were they mixing previously, Ref?

[18:16] Tredi Felisimo: I've heard some people complain that they can't escape being hit on... I suggested they stop going to dance clubs and try some other venues

[18:16] Amandeep Timeless: stores, shops and offices

[18:17] Marvin Macbain: Being hit on won't stop with segregated adult sims.

[18:17] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: like RL

[18:17] Tredi Felisimo: Still, Marvin, you can choose to go to a bar or a library in FL too

[18:17] Uns Mistwalker: Yes, Amandeep, have noticed that shops in particular have VERY different (albeit still primal) frame.

[18:17] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: I think everyone takes this place too seriously for gawds sake its SL

[18:17] Amandeep Timeless: I've only been hit on when I've been 'ruthed'

[18:17] Starling Ansar: I guess grieving a business you're in competition with is both primal and intellectual?

[18:17] Uns Mistwalker: sorry, Aman, don't understand 'ruthed' (noob)

[18:18] Reflection Freenote: well, Marvin, I'm aware of lots of concerns by professors, in bringing thier studens into SL, because of lack of assurance that the would not be exposed to sexual material, for example

[18:18] Reflection Freenote: I think there re likely to be many others

[18:18] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: And Ref that is a valid concern

[18:18] Uns Mistwalker: Like they aren't exposed at their colleges or universities?

[18:18] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: true

[18:18] Amandeep Timeless: when the server misloads your avatar to the original avatar "Ruth"

[18:18] Starling Ansar: one of my professors was put on probation for it

[18:18] Starling Ansar: he held classes in his home

[18:19] Marvin Macbain: Ref, I think that's a matter of scandalizing the institution, rather than actually doing any harm to the students.

[18:19] Uns Mistwalker: It is an interesting revival of in loco parentis (or whatever the latin is)

[18:19] Ungo Azambuja: Ruth is quite the babe.

[18:19] Tredi Felisimo: LOL Ungo

[18:19] Starling Ansar: and on one floor he had a painting by a lesbian artist.. and he got a complaint lodged against him for it

[18:19] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: The bottom Line is Linden Labs is a for Profit Business and they arent going to increase their income if they just cater to the cyber sex crowd. thats the bottom line. but they have a hell of a stretch legitimizing this joint. I doubt it can be done folks

[18:19] juliana Rhapsody: amazing the lack of insight some institutions have

[18:19] Tredi Felisimo: there are legal concerns for universities with the harassment issues these days, and concerns about griefers

[18:20] Uns Mistwalker: True, Tredi.

[18:20] Marvin Macbain: I don't see why people don't look at SL the same way they look at the damn web.

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[18:20] Starling Ansar: brb

[18:20] Reflection Freenote: well, un, in your classroom at college, no one is going to start lobbing penises around the room (except maybe at some of the really innovative schools) ;-)

[18:20] Elizabeth Spieler: SL isn't the WEB it's private

[18:20] Tredi Felisimo: that's why the UF Island is private, and the students' class avi's are tied to their RL for grading and control purposes

[18:20] Naija Avro: theres more interaction one on one with SL than the regular web

[18:20] Marvin Macbain: How many universities worry about giving their students web access?

[18:20] Bellaria Bentham: I think that it is more immediate in SL

[18:21] Marvin Macbain: So what if it's private?

[18:21] Ungo Azambuja: "in loco parentis" has made a comeback, and expressions of raw sexuality are pretty much excluded from the classroom where I work. In SL, that's still not so controllable.

[18:21] Arno Arai: What constitutes an emotional attack? Where is the line between that and normal behavior?

[18:21] Marvin Macbain: It's still a place where anyone creates the content.

[18:21] Elizabeth Spieler: Marvin many ramifications in that knowledge

[18:21] Tredi Felisimo: Private keeps control of the class environment

[18:21] Elizabeth Spieler: SL isn't Viral the web is

[18:21] Tredi Felisimo: even though we did have someone drop a garbage truck on us one day

[18:22] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: hahaha

[18:22] Uns Mistwalker: lol

[18:22] Elizabeth Spieler: private keeps IDENTITY private

[18:22] Marvin Macbain: Well, does the fact the web is public prevent a professor from using it to publish his class notes?

[18:22] Marvin Macbain: oh my god, if a kid goes on the WEB he might see PORN. Can't put my notes there!!!

[18:22] Reflection Freenote: sure Marvin about scandalizing the institution, but the ceiling effect on educational innovation iS the same regardless

[18:22] Uns Mistwalker: hmm... feel we're drifting, however interestingly....

[18:22] LOM Runner: Actually it's more accurate to compare SL to social networking

[18:22] Elizabeth Spieler: griefers exist because they can do so privately

[18:22] Uns Mistwalker: wonder if midbrain is only Primal stuff?

[18:23] Naija Avro: I feel we are diftn too

[18:23] Tredi Felisimo: Mine is Uns

[18:23] Uns Mistwalker: Where are mirror neurons located?

[18:23] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: mutters I still think Linden Labs is nuts thinking they will legitimize this place.

[18:23] Uns Mistwalker: Nice to know Tredi

[18:23] LOM Runner: griefers exist on the web. They are called hackers, or script kiddies

[18:23] Tredi Felisimo: hahaha

[18:23] LOM Runner: there are plenty of script kiddies here

[18:23] Ungo Azambuja: laugh if you like, Marvin, but the mom of a middle-schooler said just about that to me a month ago

[18:23] Bellaria Bentham: I vote for voice too

[18:23] Reflection Freenote: I think the difference with the web is that surfing is an individual process. When you bring a class here and they are all exposed to something, there are many witnesses, and the institution can be held responsible for that

[18:23] Elizabeth Spieler: SG lol anyone can make a fictitious email and create an avatar in SL

[18:24] Naija Avro: so what about the compartmentalization part?

[18:24] RileyAnn Bing: everyone knows your IP

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- [18:24] Marvin Macbain: Well Ungo, all I'm saying is that it makes as much sense to say that about SL as about the web.
- [18:24] Elizabeth Spieler: oh an ego
- [18:24] Elizabeth Spieler: laughs
- [18:24] Marvin Macbain: ... or as little sense :)
- [18:24] Elizabeth Spieler: ME ME ME ME
- [18:24] Arno Arai: How exactly do you know something is an emotional assault?
- [18:24] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: Arno because it ticks me off LOL
- [18:24] Lea Bandler: What do you mean by compartmentalization, the sims? PG mature, adult?
- [18:24] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: therefore I am insulted
- [18:24] Uns Mistwalker: You know your experience Arno, that's it.
- [18:25] Arno Arai: It's what?
- [18:25] Uns Mistwalker: Intent is completely different issue.
- [18:25] Lea Bandler: anyone?
- [18:25] Uns Mistwalker: Traumatized folks often feel assaulted when the majority of people would say there is none.
- [18:26] At0m0 Beerbaum: Uns, yeah like certain groups in SL
- [18:26] Ungo Azambuja: right, Marvin--we're discussing something that exceeds the boundaries of reason here. People are scared of the web, even more scared of SL, and we in education pay a price
- [18:26] At0m0 Beerbaum: Furrries, for example
- [18:26] Tredi Felisimo: great point Uns
- [18:26] At0m0 Beerbaum: they feel that everyone is out to persecute them
- [18:26] At0m0 Beerbaum: despite a majority not caring
- [18:26] Lea Bandler: well for one thing, children and teens should not be allowed access (I believe) without parental guidance
- [18:26] Uns Mistwalker: Ref, is amygdala mid-brain?
- [18:26] Lea Bandler: even 18yr old are just huge children
- [18:26] Elizabeth Spieler: the web isn't suffering from fear - that's just a story
- [18:27] At0m0 Beerbaum: they may be traumatized from being bullied, parental abuse, etc
- [18:27] Ashleigh Lemton: It's believe.
- [18:27] Elizabeth Spieler: the web is expanding more and more every day
- [18:27] Arno Arai: You in education pay a price if you haven't educated right - and I think that is what is happening.
- [18:27] RileyAnn Bing: this talk is crowded
- [18:27] Naija Avro: that's true, I read that the mind is not fully developed until age 24 or 25
- [18:27] Lea Bandler: But once they are in college, well that is the time we all explore, experiment and have life experiences that tend to shape our adulthood somewhat
- [18:27] LOM Runner: you can say the same about people who will not post pictures of their kids on the net
- [18:27] Reflection Freenote: yes uns about the amygdala
- [18:27] Ungo Azambuja: lol, Amo--we pay that one every day
- [18:27] Uns Mistwalker: ty
- [18:27] At0m0 Beerbaum: yet I see people in their 50's who still act like children
- [18:27] Elizabeth Spieler: LOM that person thinks they are special
- [18:27] Lea Bandler: me too, Naija
- [18:27] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: ok AGAIN when did we all become responsible in any way for others reactions to what goes on in here? is this some random philosophical convo ? laughs or a codependants anonymous meeting
- [18:27] Marvin Macbain: I am telling my 13 year old to forget about teen SL since there's no one there to talk to who isn't unpleasant.
- [18:27] At0m0 Beerbaum: the mind is constantly developing

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- [18:27] Elizabeth Spieler: 6 billion people on the planet - who is special?
- [18:27] AtOm0 Beerbaum: some people choose not to develop their minds or mature
- [18:27] Marvin Macbain: As far as I'm concerned she can lie about her age and go on regular SL.
- [18:27] Lea Bandler: 13 is much too young to hang out with other teens rl or sl
- [18:28] Lea Bandler: IMHO
- [18:28] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: sure she can Marvin
- [18:28] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: that's why sl is so slippery
- [18:28] Naija Avro: I agree Atomo, there are some who are still developing past age 50
- [18:28] Lea Bandler: As her parent you should know everything she does, Marvin
- [18:28] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: and it will NEVER be legitimized because it is inherently slippery
- [18:28] Alaya Kumaki: Marvin its evident to find out about teen in SL, the behavior is evident
- [18:28] Lea Bandler: she could get lured by a predator on the internet
- [18:29] Naija Avro: so what is the question Reflection proposed again?
- [18:29] AtOm0 Beerbaum: To be honest, there aren't any solid assumptions anyone can make about the mid, people are too random
- [18:29] Reflection Freenote: we all have to become responsibly Sumatra, it is about institutional control, I think
- [18:29] Uns Mistwalker: Thing about legitimization is, nowadays world can just go right by it.
- [18:29] Lea Bandler: yes, let's narrow this down again, we are all over the place
- [18:29] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: Ref that is a lofty notion but impractical
- [18:29] Reflection Freenote: hahahaha, ok Marvin
- [18:30] Arno Arai: What does institutional control mean? More or less?
- [18:30] Lea Bandler: well maybe not but I have noticed that mentors seem to get quicker results and often have direct access to Lindens
- [18:31] Alaya Kumaki: well what does it mean to uses anonymity to make oneself rejected?
- [18:32] Ungo Azambuja: SL: threat or menace?
- [18:32] Alaya Kumaki: and what is the claim for privacy , compare to anonymity
- [18:32] Tricipian Serendipity: personal choice
- [18:32] Reflection Freenote: it is interesting that when we have these discussion about compartmentalizing the midbrain, the midbrain fights back;-))
- [18:32] Tredi Felisimo: Ungo, no more a threat than the Internet
- [18:32] Tredi Felisimo: LOL Ref
- [18:33] Uns Mistwalker: Repression Lives!
- [18:33] Lea Bandler: hmm, yes, Ref
- [18:33] Uns Mistwalker: Stomp on dat Shadow!
- [18:33] Arno Arai: Well, is that compartmentalizing good or bad?
- [18:33] AtOm0 Beerbaum: SL can be seen as a threat to those who cherish personal liberty
- [18:33] Bellaria Bentham: I think that it is the inherent two-way involvement in SL vs internet surfing
- [18:33] Arno Arai: You dam up something - and it breaks through eventually
- [18:33] AtOm0 Beerbaum: as mob rule is the law of the land in the end
- [18:33] Lea Bandler: I am not sure what we mean by compartmentalization in this case
- [18:33] Uns Mistwalker: Yup Arno.
- [18:33] AtOm0 Beerbaum: and where "gods" can abuse their powers to no end
- [18:33] Uns Mistwalker: Lea...moving the adult to a different part of SL
- [18:33] Tricipian Serendipity: net or sl can be as private or public as one wants cant it?
- [18:34] Reflection Freenote: it really is an interesting effect, quite reliable, almost like a collective unconscious process, or synchronicity:))

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- [18:34] Ungo Azambuja: of course I was joking--real question involves the quandary between reasonable compartmentalization and unreasonable restriction, yes?
- [18:34] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: Are we helping Ref write his thesis? (Just asking)
- [18:34] Uns Mistwalker: So fascinating, ref.
- [18:34] Lea Bandler: ah ok, Uns, I thought that might be it
- [18:34] Lea Bandler: I like the idea
- [18:34] LOM Runner: Ref: Nice 100th monkey
- [18:34] Lea Bandler: very much
- [18:34] Reflection Freenote: it seems as though Arno, that to accomplish some things, you have to limit others, as in just having to ban that individual
- [18:34] AtOmO Beerbaum: while some who use their personal liberties to an extreme can be seen as a problem, people who have done much less are wiped off the grid because someone merely doesn't like them.
- [18:35] Bellaria Bentham: I'm interested in the point about SL evolving, like the human brain
- [18:35] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: atOmO that is a huge generalization
- [18:35] Uns Mistwalker: And it is interesting how small a portion of the whole can derail it.
- [18:35] Lea Bandler: me too, Bellaria
- [18:35] Tredi Felisimo: not unlike FL AtOmO
- [18:35] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: "someone can be wiped off the grid" how
- [18:35] Bellaria Bentham: those who have been here a while can see it
- [18:35] LOM Runner: SL evolving or the way we are?
- [18:35] SumatraBouffant Beaumont: ??????????????
- [18:35] Alaya Kumaki: what does have a collective effect reflection?
- [18:35] Uns Mistwalker: Co evolution.
- [18:36] LOM Runner: What will be the end result?
- [18:36] Tredi Felisimo: I like to think SL helps us evolve LOM... in ways that we can't given the restrictions of FL
- [18:36] Alaya Kumaki: the adult and mature compartmentalisation?
- [18:36] Uns Mistwalker: more process LOM
- [18:36] Arno Arai: Do you mean suppressing our impulses is good?
- [18:36] Tredi Felisimo: first life
- [18:36] Lea Bandler: I don't know LOM
- [18:36] Lea Bandler: I know first life
- [18:37] Reflection Freenote: yes, Bellaria, well it is seems as though the anatomical interactions of the human brain, in is various pars are projected" through mass behavior in civilization, and now again in L ast evolves
- [18:37] Tredi Felisimo: First Life = RL
- [18:37] AtOmO Beerbaum: so real life, you have due process, second life
- [18:37] Lea Bandler: LOM?
- [18:37] AtOmO Beerbaum: there is no due process
- [18:37] Hokon Cazalet: sl is privately owned, that's why
- [18:37] Uns Mistwalker: Arabic Mystic: Whoever models the cosmos only models himself.
- [18:37] AtOmO Beerbaum: though RL it varies, SL doesn't
- [18:37] AtOmO Beerbaum: exactly
- [18:37] Lea Bandler: hmm I like that quote, Uns
- [18:37] Tredi Felisimo: but open source Hokon
- [18:38] Naija Avro: that is a good quote
- [18:38] Bellaria Bentham: there IS due process here
- [18:38] LOM Runner: well, net neutrality issues apply in all forms of networking
- [18:38] Naija Avro: simple but accurately done
- [18:38] LOM Runner: lea?
- [18:38] Alaya Kumaki: the world is the reflection of ones mirrors outside? or is he taking his own reflection for the outside?

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- [18:38] Lea Bandler: duh...I thought LOM was an acronym.. sorry
- [18:38] Arno Arai: It seems to me that being privately owned is a huge throwback to feudal times. We should rebel at being privately owned.
- [18:38] Tredi Felisimo: still there is hierarchy in SL, even beyond the Lindens! and those hierarchies continue to evolve here as well
- [18:38] LOM Runner: yes, it is Lea
- [18:38] Lea Bandler: too much FL interference on this end
- [18:38] Uns Mistwalker: too far off immediate topic Alaya.
- [18:38] Bellaria Bentham: agreed Tredi
- [18:38] Starling Ansar: is the world modeled *my* brain we'd be in some cross between fairland and Hell
- [18:39] Tredi Felisimo: Arno, who will pay for it then?
- [18:39] Starling Ansar: ops that was meant for IM
- [18:39] Lea Bandler: Mine would definitely be chaos
- [18:39] Lea Bandler: which is probably pretty accurate;-)
- [18:39] Bellaria Bentham: the economy of SL is like that of FL
- [18:39] Hokon Cazalet: rejection of private ownership = socialism or communism
- [18:39] Bellaria Bentham: we all pay
- [18:39] Starling Ansar: Arno, you're not owned, you are getting SL for Free as a gift
- [18:39] Arno Arai: Who will pay for the world? We all pay for the world and we all pay for SL - Do you think the Lindens run this for their health?
- [18:39] Elizabeth Spieler: I am glad to know I am not my brain
- [18:39] Hokon Cazalet: hehe liz =)
- [18:39] Lea Bandler: But there are free accounts
- [18:39] Alaya Kumaki: lol eliz
- [18:40] At0m0 Beerbaum: So wait I'm a communist now?
- [18:40] Uns Mistwalker: There is price being paid beyond SL users too...lost productivity due to sleep deprivation!
- [18:40] Lea Bandler: and you can do just about anything here for free if that is your wish
- [18:40] Arno Arai: You are not your brain? What are you then?
- [18:40] Tredi Felisimo: do you know how many servers it takes to keep this place up???? and we all scream bloody murder when there's lag!
- [18:40] Hokon Cazalet: well wanting private property abolished in general is communist
- [18:40] LOM Runner: LOL Uns
- [18:40] At0m0 Beerbaum: I never did say I wanted it abolished
- [18:40] At0m0 Beerbaum: did I?
- [18:40] Alaya Kumaki: auto privation occur in those who wants
- [18:40] Hokon Cazalet: someone did
- [18:40] Lea Bandler: this seems to be a very tense emotional group tonight...maybe the topic?
- [18:40] Lea Bandler: shrugs
- [18:40] At0m0 Beerbaum: I don't recall saying anything of the sort
- [18:41] Arno Arai: Tredi, everybody who has an account pays. The Lindens don't pay for this - they make money
- [18:41] Elizabeth Spieler: when I thought I was my brain the world was against me and everyone wanted to hurt me
- [18:41] Uns Mistwalker: dem simmerin midbrains, Lea.
- [18:41] Starling Ansar: Arno.. they pay voluntarily
- [18:41] Hokon Cazalet: aw liz =(
- [18:41] Palani Allen: Some may think that we are habits of our brain, here in SL.
- [18:41] Lea Bandler: free accounts you don't pay
- [18:41] Lea Bandler: lol must be, Uns
- [18:41] Bellaria Bentham: the free accounts are like the first free hit from the crack dealer
- [18:41] LOM Runner: open source vs proprietary is always a heated topic

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- [18:41] Arno Arai: There are only free account because the Lindens make money with a larger population
- [18:41] Lea Bandler: sure they are, I knew that.. and it worked!
- [18:41] Lea Bandler: lol
- [18:41] Reflection Freenote: yes, lea, I think it is the topic
- [18:41] Bellaria Bentham: plus everyone needs lindens
- [18:42] Lea Bandler: hey so TV can be crack and it is less fun I think
- [18:42] Elizabeth Spieler: some day SL will make you prove your real
- [18:42] Lea Bandler: and less stimulating
- [18:42] Alaya Kumaki: there isn't anything free, you are paying by not taking your land, and your money given.. So its counted as a lost,
- [18:42] Elizabeth Spieler: all services have done that
- [18:42] Tredi Felisimo: I won't get started on SL economy... too far off topic :-)
- [18:42] Lea Bandler: what? Alaya, I don't get what you mean
- [18:42] At0m0 Beerbaum: free accounts can also be people who just don't want mainland sims, and can be pouring money in other ways, ie, XSL, or have payment info on file
- [18:42] Alaya Kumaki: work harder lea
- [18:42] Arno Arai: At any rate, who thinks they are not their brain?
- [18:42] Uns Mistwalker: As TV conditioned people to be bored all the time w/o entertainment....social networks like SL condition us to be lonely all the time w/o instant connections.
- [18:42] Tredi Felisimo: LOL Arno
- [18:42] Ungo Azambuja: I favor the move to segregate "adult" (what a word!) content
- [18:42] Lea Bandler: true they can be but it is voluntary, many make a practice of challenging themselves as to how well they can live for free in SL
- [18:43] Tredi Felisimo: OMG!! Uns
- [18:43] Elizabeth Spieler: Uns some might argue lonely is only when one doesn't know who they are
- [18:43] Tredi Felisimo: oops... sorry bout that animation!
- [18:43] Alaya Kumaki: Ungo I also favor the segregate adult content as well
- [18:43] Lea Bandler: hmm I think you could be right about some of that
- [18:43] Arno Arai: What do you think you are, if not your brain?
- [18:43] At0m0 Beerbaum: sure is lots of dogmatic groupthink here tonight, and with that I depart
- [18:43] Starling Ansar: always best to depart unchallenged.
- [18:44] Bellaria Bentham: what is dogmatic groupthink?
- [18:44] Elizabeth Spieler: I am tired of seeing the sexual intent too, Alaya
- [18:44] Hokon Cazalet: dogmatism that the group accepts as a whole in mass
- [18:44] Bellaria Bentham: when we agree with each other and not him?
- [18:44] LOM Runner: I'm at that challenge Lea. Trying to build as much as I can, but everyone approach challenges differently
- [18:44] Naija Avro: [18:09] Reflection Freenote: Should there be compartmentalization of primal sexuality in SL, or does this impede the natural and most fecund evolution of our cyber existence? My answer is yes, but anyone with enough will power can still get access to mature or x-rated content if they choose. The question is not whether we should compartmentalize or not; instead how do we ensure that people have a choice and that their choices aren't pushed upon others.
- [18:44] Tredi Felisimo: I thought we were working outside of our compartmentalized minds
- [18:44] Elizabeth Spieler: in RL Sexual Harassment isn't funny
- [18:44] Reflection Freenote: that is interesting Uns about being conditioned to be lonely. I think that is very true on one level while at the same time people use these media to overcome isolation in modern technologic society
- [18:45] Tredi Felisimo: I've seen it work both ways very powerfully Ref and Uns

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- [18:45] Alaya Kumaki: Eliza , there is nothing on my screen so far about sex,,, but adult and mature, those who put sex in all sauce, ,, well its something different
- [18:45] LOM Runner: me too
- [18:45] Lea Bandler: I think jus the opposite was going on, none of us seems to be thinking alike
- [18:45] Naija Avro: this is true Reflection. I know people on here with Asperger's who have told me this is their way out of feeling isolated
- [18:45] Palani Allen: Arno, since we all have brains, perhaps what we are our brain's processes, aka our minds.
- [18:45] Tredi Felisimo: SL is a real blessing to some, and a real curse to others
- [18:45] Starling Ansar: nods Lea
- [18:45] LOM Runner: gotta have sex.. or your breaking the laws of Hermes
- [18:45] Lea Bandler: I think it is a great way to look at yourself, Tredi, I bet the same ppl have those problems FL
- [18:45] Lea Bandler: jsut a guess
- [18:45] Uns Mistwalker: Sure Tredi...but if one speaks of mass trends?
- [18:46] Tredi Felisimo: agree with you all (so am I dogmatic?)
- [18:46] Starling Ansar: woof
- [18:46] Alaya Kumaki: adults and mature, is 2 different thing, since that some mature and adult doesn't really, have the same.. synonymity
- [18:46] Lea Bandler: I found myself making some of the same mistakes I make rl my first year here, and actually thanks to these meetings, I have begun to use it as a tool for introspection and growth
- [18:47] Uns Mistwalker: So neo cortex has suppressed midbrain, Lea?
- [18:47] Starling Ansar: Lea, yes its a safe place to experiment.
- [18:47] Reflection Freenote: yes Naija, to preserve freedom for all the different visions which people hve fortheir SL involvement
- [18:47] Alaya Kumaki: some adults never get to maturity ,
- [18:47] Ungo Azambuja: I'm called away--hope the discussion settles into something useful--seems like the most dogmatic see only others as dogmatists, doesn't it?
- [18:47] LOM Runner: as a noob, that's how I approached this place
- [18:47] Starling Ansar: nods Ungo
- [18:47] Lea Bandler: I do'nt know, Uns...Im' not that well versed about the midbrain...
- [18:47] Lea Bandler: Bye Ungo
- [18:47] Uns Mistwalker: (me neither, Lea)
- [18:47] Lea Bandler: True, Ungo waves bye:-)
- [18:47] Elizabeth Spieler: Alaya well in RL adult themed items are isolated to one street
- [18:47] Arno Arai: Who are the dogmatics?
- [18:47] Starling Ansar: woof
- [18:48] Naija Avro: lol @ Starling
- [18:48] Uns Mistwalker: an indie group Arno?
- [18:48] Alaya Kumaki: adults, and maturity isnt on one street in my city
- [18:48] Lea Bandler: lol I think they left;-) or were banned
- [18:48] Starling Ansar: weg
- [18:48] Tredi Felisimo: what is the line... my dogma ate my karma?
- [18:48] Starling Ansar: a 60's Liverpool group that failed
- [18:48] Uns Mistwalker: lol Tredi.
- [18:48] Alaya Kumaki: adults, meant not for kids.. and mature meant for people that have more maturity, in many ways
- [18:48] Lea Bandler: well who knows.. I may be being dogmatic, I can't tell tonight
- [18:48] Lea Bandler: something like that, Tredi
- [18:49] Arno Arai: Can anybody then tell me if the midbrain is good or bad? Should we suppress it or not? Should its impulses lead into prison or into the sunset?
- [18:49] Elizabeth Spieler: Arno - good and bad are just a story from what I see
- [18:49] Marvin Macbain: My Karma ran over your dogma...

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- [18:49] Starling Ansar: My midbrain is definitely bad....it infuriates people
- [18:49] Hokon Cazalet: Arno in short: no, I don't think any part of the brain is bad, its how we use it
- [18:49] Alaya Kumaki: but the midbrain is something, that I came fr to learn about, since its an evolutionary psychological term,
- [18:49] Tredi Felisimo: depends on whose brain perhaps Arno?
- [18:49] Starling Ansar: ok ok I use it badly
- [18:49] LOM Runner: maybe that's why nothing goes on in PG sections. It's not seen as PG, it's seen as immature
- [18:49] Tredi Felisimo: Thanks Marvin
- [18:49] Seeker Schussel: try living without it!
- [18:50] Lea Bandler: sorry, lol, my pose was bothering me
- [18:50] Uns Mistwalker: Would say it depends on healthy integration, Arno.
- [18:50] Arno Arai: But supposedly we are recapitulating phylogenies in SL. So please, what is it?
- [18:50] LOM Runner: being immature is considered "bad"
- [18:50] Lea Bandler: I am so immerse in my AV if she looks uncomfortable, I get that way in FL
- [18:50] Alaya Kumaki: immaturity exists, what is seen, or interpreted is up to everyone interpretations
- [18:50] Hokon Cazalet is often immature and proud of it =P
- [18:50] Naija Avro: its not only how you choose to use the brain (or midbrain) but how you choose to view it in relation with your surrounding
- [18:50] Starling Ansar: we know Hokon we know
- [18:50] Uns Mistwalker: It IS powerful, Alaya.
- [18:50] Starling Ansar: =P
- [18:51] Hokon Cazalet: lol starling
- [18:51] Lea Bandler: like Id Ego SuperEgo?
- [18:51] Lea Bandler: Does midbrain correlate to ego?
- [18:51] Reflection Freenote: Arno, essentially our currently very long adolescence and educations are all about suppressing midbrain functions. At the same time, we may be more our midbrains than anything else ;-)
- [18:51] Alaya Kumaki: well It's ok to be immature also
- [18:51] Elizabeth Spieler: Naija most people run on assuming - not really a choice there
- [18:51] Starling Ansar: midbrain correlates to impulse control.. woof
- [18:51] Hokon Cazalet: ego would be a higher brain function, since it regulates desires
- [18:51] Alaya Kumaki: its ok to be immature its not a bad things at all
- [18:51] Lea Bandler: ah ok, ty Starling
- [18:51] Naija Avro: good point Elizabeth, thanks
- [18:51] Arno Arai: There are two basic views in psychology. One says we should suppress our drives and the other says that our drives are the best in us and will set us free. Now how does the compartmentalization related to that?
- [18:51] Alaya Kumaki: its just is a different thing
- [18:51] Hokon Cazalet: oh ok then ego it is starling, at least in part
- [18:51] Marvin Macbain: I'm really surprised if you can exactly correlate Freudian personality components with brain parts.
- [18:51] Elizabeth Spieler: Arno well most people believe they are their thoughts
- [18:51] Starling Ansar: Id Id Id damnit...its monsters from the Id!
- [18:52] Uns Mistwalker: Guess Arno, it will determine where you hang out here.
- [18:52] Hokon Cazalet: lol starling, that's a cool movie
- [18:52] Lea Bandler: well yes, true, just trying to get a point of reference for whatever part of my brain that is trying to process this;-)
- [18:52] Arno Arai: I give up
- [18:52] Marvin Macbain: It took me a long time to accept that I was more than my thoughts :)

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- [18:52] Lea Bandler: I am on that path as well, Marvin
- [18:52] Tredi Felisimo: life in the mind...
- [18:52] Hokon Cazalet takes a krell brain boost
- [18:52] Starling Ansar: its good to let your midbrain go...in bed with your lover, its bad to let your midbrain go.. in a town hall meeting
- [18:52] Lea Bandler: it takes practice for sure
- [18:52] Hokon Cazalet: X.x
- [18:52] Elizabeth Spieler: Marvin yes because the thoughts claim to be in sole possession of the truth
- [18:52] Starling Ansar: lol Hokon
- [18:52] Marvin Macbain: Or rather, for my thoughts to accept that they were part of a person that included bits that weren't thought-like :)
- [18:52] Tredi Felisimo: LOL Starling
- [18:52] Uns Mistwalker: I also think we are so trained to suppress midbrain function (socialization) that we are ignorant of how to listen to it without being overwhelmed.
- [18:52] Naija Avro: lol at the Mario sound
- [18:52] Reflection Freenote: the midbrain functions are really more the ID in Freudian terms. The Neocortex is more like the Super Ego
- [18:53] Hokon Cazalet: =)
- [18:53] Alaya Kumaki: being young or older mature isn't a stain, for anyone of them
- [18:53] Lea Bandler: nods yes I was beginning to think that way
- [18:53] Starling Ansar: I did it backwards last month and got arrested in a town hall meeting and lost my boyfriend
- [18:53] Arno Arai: If you are not your thoughts, please, what are you?
- [18:53] Hokon Cazalet: well for a long time I thought it was my emotions
- [18:53] Elizabeth Spieler: Arno investigate the part of you that has never changed
- [18:53] Tredi Felisimo: OOPS Starling!
- [18:53] Lea Bandler: Some impulse control could be governed in some by chemical imbalances I am guessing
- [18:53] Hokon Cazalet: (I don't anymore, but that's an example)
- [18:54] AK Alchemi: We can be the observer of our thoughts
- [18:54] Starling Ansar: =(
- [18:54] Naija Avro: well your thoughts could be influenced by others
- [18:54] Hokon Cazalet: id agree liz
- [18:54] Reflection Freenote: yes Arno, I don't think there is very much support for the view that primal drives don't need to be suppressed in any civilized circumstance
- [18:54] LOM Runner: so, can SL increase the risk of split personality? Or is that the web in general too?
- [18:54] Lea Bandler: but the those of "us" who appear to function in society in a pretty much acceptable way, no doubt have to control our impulses to some degree
- [18:54] harmoniasophia Scribe: seems rather odd that what is considered most often as mature or immature to a self is whether the self finds benefit in the thing done atm, prejudice is all I can think of or maybe better hypocrite
- [18:54] Hokon Cazalet: primal drives always need some suppression, so i wait my turn to get food, instead of stealing it from others
- [18:54] Elizabeth Spieler: yes Hokon at one time my thoughts and emotions had such control - they told me to kill myself - good thing I became aware to their naughty lies
- [18:55] Hokon Cazalet: im glad liz
- [18:55] Alaya Kumaki: yep its not about suppression at all, indeed I agree Reflection
- [18:55] Lea Bandler: yes, Hokon, true
- [18:55] LOM Runner: ?
- [18:55] Elizabeth Spieler: cute Hokon you made me laugh
- [18:55] Hokon Cazalet: =)
- [18:55] Uns Mistwalker: But we are far better trained to subdue those midbrain messages than we are to use their energy.

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[18:56] Bellaria Bentham: about split personality, I think SL lets you act out your various sub-parts

[18:56] Starling Ansar: channel them

[18:56] Bellaria Bentham: some who use alts will know this well

[18:56] Hokon Cazalet: yeah its about where to channel them towards

[18:56] Alaya Kumaki: but I will never let my book for my university course in the hands of my little nephew,, of one year, I know that he isn't mature do use it, even if I do enjoy his presence, not in my study time

[18:56] Elizabeth Spieler: Alts are caused by people who can't be true to themselves - so sad

[18:56] Starling Ansar: *thinking(must not hit hokon must NOT hit hokon)

[18:56] Hokon Cazalet: lol eep! o.O

[18:57] Starling Ansar: *hits sim

[18:57] Hokon Cazalet gets a gun ready

[18:57] Palani Allen: Acquiescing that primal drives exist would be a first step to considering further activity.

[18:57] Tredi Felisimo: Elizabeth, I think my alt is most true to myself :-)

[18:57] LOM Runner: but can't SL increase that cause? Or you're saying the channelling helps them?

[18:57] Simulat Almendros: hey!!!

[18:57] Seeker Schussel: you are sooo opinionated

[18:57] Starling Ansar: oops

[18:57] Naija Avro: While I hate to leave this elaborate conversation early, and enjoy it very much, I must fulfil a promise to a friend. Everyone?? may your discussion have an amazing result!

[18:57] Reflection Freenote: yes, Uns, it is difficult to create enthusiasm consciously. The muse must deign to alight upon our shoulder:))

[18:57] Elizabeth Spieler: Tredi in some cases one needs an ALT yes especially if they WORK and PLAY in SL - However if your hiding from people behind an ALT - your not lying to them - your lying to yourself

[18:58] Seeker Schussel: what do you care?

[18:58] LOM Runner: That's like saying, "if only more pedophiles join SL, they can molest all the kids they want"

[18:58] Lea Bandler: yes I am hiding now in this alt, I sort of hate to do that

[18:58] Starling Ansar: oo nice ethic Liz

[18:58] Elizabeth Spieler: I been in virtual worlds 6 years - I used to have 14 avatars - I am no stranger to lying to myself

[18:58] LOM Runner: They get to "channel" it out

[18:58] Lea Bandler: I am as busy in sl now as I am rl, so if I want to attend a meeting like this, I need to use an alt to get some peace

[18:58] Uns Mistwalker: LOM,tilt!

[18:59] Starling Ansar: Liz is compartmentalizing liz is compartmentalizing! she's a Intellect not a midbrain!

[18:59] Tredi Felisimo: LOL Starling

[18:59] Tredi Felisimo: I think we have "alts" in RL too

[18:59] Starling Ansar: nods Tredi

[18:59] Hokon Cazalet: I try not to

[18:59] Tredi Felisimo: doesn't mean I'm hiding from anybody

[18:59] Marvin Macbain: Well not as useful alts

[18:59] Lea Bandler: you do? thinks if she has an alt rl

[18:59] Uns Mistwalker: Yeah, especially before the coffee in am.

[18:59] Hokon Cazalet: lol lea

[18:59] Elizabeth Spieler: the ALT syndrome has a rock bottom like all syndromes - and creating an ALT for peace from work in SL isn't the syndrome

[18:59] Seeker Schussel: I want to be a reptile then

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[18:59] Marvin Macbain: Unless you count Halloween costumes

[18:59] Tredi Felisimo: LOL

[19:00] Marvin Macbain: the application of which is limited to once per year

[19:00] Hokon Cazalet: for me i make alts for role-playing purposes

[19:00] Starling Ansar: Marvin got caught at the porn rack in the 7-11 wearing a holoween mask of a wabbit

[19:00] Hokon Cazalet: like acting in a play or movie

[19:00] Reflection Freenote: an alt is just as representative as a primary avatar. It is merely a further compartmentalization of self, which we'll have many arts of anyway, especially in FL

[19:00] Elizabeth Spieler: Hokon - I have an ALT he is my HULA guy - HOT BABE to woo hoo

[19:00] Tredi Felisimo: That can be wonderfully playful, yes Hokon?

[19:00] Hokon Cazalet: lol liz

[19:00] Lea Bandler: but I have friends who have been so hurt emotionally by their partner's having an alt

[19:00] Hokon Cazalet: I just started Tredi, but I did rpgs all the time as a kid

[19:00] Lea Bandler: and 3rd life with another partner:-(devastated really

[19:00] Tredi Felisimo: VERY true Lea

[19:00] Starling Ansar: Ref... that's a social structure in SL too....Alts

[19:01] Arno Arai: Somebody's done somebody wrong

[19:01] Tredi Felisimo: Alts can be very destructive

[19:01] Uns Mistwalker: Yes lea... sure seems to happen.

[19:01] Tredi Felisimo: just as any lie can be

[19:01] Hokon Cazalet: if people use alts to lie, that's bad; but not all use alts to lie so

[19:01] Lea Bandler: I guess because it is easy to do, rl would be very hard I think though a few have done it

[19:01] Elizabeth Spieler: ok I knew and met this guy - umm he had 6 alts and 6 girlfriends - that is ALT syndrome

[19:01] Reflection Freenote: this is the end of our appointed hour, and I thank you for all of your spirited participation.!!! Continue as you would like and have a great week!!

[19:01] Hokon Cazalet: oh wow liz

[19:01] Marvin Macbain: how come an alt's a lie Tredi?

[19:01] Starling Ansar: (wants to go see the movie Surrogates because its like SL)

[19:01] Hokon Cazalet: that is messed up

[19:01] Marvin Macbain: any more any avatar?

[19:01] Uns Mistwalker: thanks ref.

[19:01] LOM Runner: yeah, I've already met plenty of ppl that have been hurt in SL and it carried over to RL

[19:02] Tredi Felisimo: Not saying that Marvin

[19:02] Tredi Felisimo: just saying both can be hurtful

[19:02] Elizabeth Spieler: ultimately you can't be somebody else - in that case no such thing as a lie

[19:02] Tredi Felisimo: I don't need an alt to lie

[19:02] Bellaria Bentham: the hurt is in the person doing it, not the medium

[19:02] Tredi Felisimo: but I choose not to lie

[19:02] Hokon Cazalet: well I would agree you cant really be somebody else

[19:02] Starling Ansar: all lies are truthful too

[19:02] Bellaria Bentham: like having an affair

[19:02] Elizabeth Spieler: that is how it becomes a lie to yourself

[19:03] Marvin Macbain: ok Tredi, thanks for clarifying

[19:03] Elizabeth Spieler: Bellaria YES

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- [19:03] LOM Runner: I just see this as an extension. not an alt
- [19:03] Starling Ansar: alts are the way to iteratively engage in social experimentation, to get out of your comfort zone and try out new facets of your personality in a safe space
- [19:03] Tredi Felisimo: great way to look at it Starling
- [19:03] Lea Bandler: yes, Starling
- [19:04] Starling Ansar: I wrote a paper on it for a conference of Dewey Scholars once
- [19:04] Tredi Felisimo: Thanks for the stimulating discussion everyone
- [19:04] Tredi Felisimo: Ref, you rock!
- [19:04] Starling Ansar: a new form for Social learning
- [19:04] Uns Mistwalker: Yes, Starling?
- [19:04] Jen Dix: it's interesting that we become so invested in our avatars that they require alts.
- [19:04] LOM Runner: don't people see SL the same way though? I'm looking at Starling's reply and that's the vibe I got here when I joined
- [19:04] Elizabeth Spieler: if I see someone who claims to keep RL and SL separate - I avoid them
- [19:05] Elizabeth Spieler: I consider conversing here equal to a stranger on the street
- [19:05] LOM Runner: ok.. I think I'm starting to notice that pattern too
- [19:05] Starling Ansar: whoever is leaving
- [19:05] Marvin Macbain: Interesting policy Elizabeth
- [19:05] Marvin Macbain: How strongly do they have to try to separate RL and SL?
- [19:05] Marvin Macbain: For you to avoid them?
- [19:05] Bellaria Bentham: hmm
- [19:05] Bellaria Bentham: that is interesting, about the strangers