



COLLOQUIUM SERIES

“What Thoughts May Be”

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Thoughts are fleeting, indefinitely various, and apparently in the head. These considerations, together with some others, lead me to a theory about the nature of thoughts that should, I believe, be, if true, empirically confirmable. (Though confirmation would probably require investigative techniques that have yet to be developed.) Among the other considerations prompting this view are: the apparent inadequacy of current ideas concerning how interneuronal communication takes place; and a recent discovery about communication between paramecia, that I read of in June.

If my theory were right then there should be--still awaiting discovery--something that I call the thytic code. This would be in some ways comparable to the genetic code and even involve some of the same elements. I argue that a thytic code, more than anything else remaining to be discovered, should qualify for the title of 'the key to how the mind works'.

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All are welcome!