

1: Subliminal by Leonard Mlodinow | The Best Personal Development Books Ever Written

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When it comes to understand our feelings, humans have A Low ability B High confidence. You take a job because you think it presents a challenge, but really you are more interested in the greater prestige that it offers. You think you like a fellow because of his humour. These factors can increase pleasure in the pleasure centres of the brain. In fact we even have a brand-appreciation part of the brain - the ventromedial pre-frontal cortex VMPC. It gives us warm fuzzy feelings when we contemplate a familiar brand-name product. If fonts are difficult to read people think instructions are more difficult. We are manipulated into buying things purely on the basis of the attractiveness of different packaging. Research shows we buy washing powder in colourful boxes rather than plainer boxes, even when the washing powder is identical. Beer described in different ways, or labelled as different brands, or with a different price, can taste very different. Hugo Munsterberg, a psychologist who died in 1916, did a lot of research into memory, and he summed up his ideas as follows. So, when our expectations, beliefs and prior knowledge are at odds with actual events, our brains can be fooled. Our memories are perfect for dealing with the vast amounts of information we receive. The challenge the mind faces is just to remember the things that are important to you. In a way we are remembering the memory, not the original event. We have much to learn from unconscious animal behaviour. Ewes are unfriendly to most lambs in a flock. She will bond with any lamb - although because her own lamb is closest it is likely to be him or her. Then once the oxytocin window has closed, she will stop bonding with new lambs. After that, if she has bonded with a lamb she will continue to suckle it and bleat soothingly at it. But she will still be her usual nasty self to other lambs. In the brains of all mammals who are monogamous there are receptors of oxytocin and receptors for vasopressin. In promiscuous mammals who are not monogamous there are very few receptors for either oxytocin or vasopressin. These hormones are released during childbirth and sexual intimacy. For women, even when they hug another person. Sociable animals are much more likely to have these hormones. Loner animals have far fewer. Oxytocin also makes us trust other people. Psychologists did a test in a room with a photocopying machine. A tester butts in front of someone about to use the machine and says. The tester tried again, this time he said Maybe they were mindlessly - automatically - following a mental script? That script might go like this: This sounds like a robot or computer programme, but could it apply to people? The tester approached someone again and said While such mindlessness may at times be troublesome, this degree of selective attention, of tuning the external world out, may be an achievement. In evolutionary terms here is the unconscious performing its usual duty, automating tasks so as to free us to respond to other tasks in the environment. It measure oxygen consumption in different parts of the brain. It also provides a map of the structures of the brain. Mental processes can now be associated with specific neural pathways and specific brain structures. This mean their behaviour may not be purely instinct-driven. Also, whilst the three areas are described as distinct, in reality they are integrated and work in concert. They have numerous neural interconnections. This suggests that during the history of domestication, evolution favoured those dogs who were better companions to human beings. Everyone is doing this, so why not me as well? The left hemisphere of his brain observed the waving, but was unaware of the instruction to wave. Again and again, the left hemisphere responded as if it knew the answer as to why an action had taken place. In these, and in similar studies, the left hemisphere of the brain generated many false reports. The researchers concluded that the left hemisphere of the brain tries to understand our feelings. We all make up stories to fill in gaps in our knowledge about our feelings. Whilst we know what we are feeling, we often know neither the content nor the unconscious origins of that content. And so we come up with plausible explanations that are untrue, or only partly accurate. Criminal after criminal has justified their behaviour, however violent or anti-social. Directors of companies that have lost millions of dollars, nevertheless justify the exit package they get from the company they have been working for. One million high school seniors were interviewed re their ability to get along with others. College professors were asked to rate the standard of their work. We are prejudiced about

ourselves. We see ourselves as above average We put a positive slant on our history. They were told their answers would be checked against their school records.

2: Subliminal (Audiobook) by Leonard Mlodinow | www.enganchecubano.com

*Leonard Mlodinow is a physicist, author, and screenwriter best known for coauthoring (with Stephen Hawking) the New York Times number-one best seller *The Grand Design* and the international best.*

Leonard Mlodinow Books *Elastic*: Drawing on cutting-edge research, Leonard Mlodinow takes us on an illuminating journey through the mechanics of our minds as we navigate the rapidly changing landscapes around us. Out of the exploratory instincts that allowed our ancestors to prosper hundreds of thousands of years ago, humans developed a cognitive style that Mlodinow terms elastic thinking, a unique set of talents that include neophilia an affinity for novelty , schizotypy a tendency toward unusual perception , imagination and idea generation, and divergent and integrative thinking. Read more about *Elastic*.. *The Human Journey* from Living in Trees to Understanding the Cosmos How did a near-extinct species, eking out a meager existence with stone axes, become the dominant power on earth, able to harness a knowledge of nature ranging from tiny atoms to the vast structures of the universe? Leonard Mlodinow takes us on a passionate and inspiring tour through the exciting history of human progress and the key events in the development of science. Read more about *The Upright Thinkers*.. Freud bashing is a popular intellectual pastime these days but Mlodinow shows that by emphasizing the unconscious he was on the right track: *Subliminal* presents compelling evidence gleaned from a variety of sources to show that much of our behavior is governed not so much by our conscious mind “ which is prone to claim credit “ but by a cauldron of motives, drives and unconscious propensities of which we are largely oblivious. Read more about *Subliminal*.. *War of the Worldviews*: Each of us has one. We each believe that our worldview captures reality, and many conflicts in life can be traced to instances in which two worldviews clash. This book is about a clash of worldviews, but no blows were exchanged. *War of the Worldviews* is the product of that serendipitous encounter and the contentious “but respectful” battle of worldviews that grew along with their friendship. Read more about *War of the Worldviews*.. Over twenty years ago Stephen Hawking wrote *A Brief History of Time*, to try to explain where the universe came from, and where it is going. But that book left some important questions unanswered. Why is there a universe--why is there something rather than nothing? Why do we exist? Why are the laws of nature what they are? Did the universe need a designer and creator? In this startling and lavishly illustrated book, Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow present the most recent scientific thinking about these and other abiding mysteries of the universe, in nontechnical language marked by brilliance and simplicity. Read more about *The Grand Design*.. As a result, successes and failures in life are often attributed to clear and obvious causes, when in actuality they are more profoundly influenced by chance. Read more about *The Drunkards Walk*.. But for readers who have asked for a more accessible formulation of its key concepts “the nature of space and time, the role of God in creation, and the history and future of the universe “ *A Briefer History of Time* is the answer. *A Briefer History of Time* both clarifies and expands on the great subjects of the original, and records the latest developments in the field “from string theory to the search for a unified theory of all the forces of physics. Read more about *A Briefer History of Time*.. *A Search for Beauty in Physics and in Life* Some of the brightest minds in science have passed through the halls of the California Institute of Technology. In the early s, Leonard Mlodinow joined their ranks to begin a postdoctoral fellowship. Afraid he was not smart enough to be there, despite his groundbreaking Ph. *The Story of Geometry* from Parallel Lines to Hyperspace With his book, *Elements*, the ancient Greek mathematician Euclid opened a window through which the nature of our universe has been revealed. In the centuries since, genius and geometry have helped us to gaze beyond our horizons, and have inspired us to ask profound questions. What can you prove about space? How can you know where you are? Can space be curved? How many dimensions are there? How does geometry explain the order and unity of the cosmos? These are the questions behind the five revolutions in the history of geometry that are explored in this fascinating book. *Einstein Elementary* Chapter Book Math to the rescue! Steffi, Kenny, and Jose stumble on a quantum space-time dislocator--disguised as a port-a-john--which transports them to the time of the dinosaurs, just a few hours before a meteor will hit the earth--the meteor that rendered the dinos extinct! Graphing and other

mathematical skills help the kids escape--just in time!

Every aspect of our mental lives plays out in two versions: one conscious, which we are constantly aware of, and the other unconscious, which remains hidden from us.

Leonard Mlodinow Reviewed by: Mlodinow looks back at various early psychological schools of thought along with current research and thinking. He begins by quoting Carl Jung: They have happened, but they have been absorbed subliminally. Here, Mlodinow focuses anew on the interaction between our conscious and unconscious thinking processes. The book is a comprehensive and engaging exploration of old and fresh ideas. Readers will find a sweeping review of important psychological research illustrated by an interesting array of supporting evidence regarding perception, decision-making, and the influence of others on our behavior. He also shows how we tend to ascribe our behaviors and feelings to one source, when clearly another is at play. To do this, he recounts in an engaging way the experiences of his own mother, who experienced loss and danger during World War II and was forever influenced by the wrenching change in her environment from a loving and safe family to the horrors of concentration camps. He includes a detailed discussion of the neuroscience behind our decision-making, and makes clear that we perceive things according to our mental models and expectations, rather than based on an objective reality. The book also highlights the human ability to remember “ along with our very human tendency to remember things incompletely or incorrectly. Mlodinow takes us back to both the Watergate scandal and several high-profile criminal cases to demonstrate the frequent disconnect between what we think we recall and what really happened. Next, Mlodinow turns to our interactions with other people and the influence they have on our behavior, perceptions, and decisions. He reinforces the importance of belief in self. As further evidence of the power of communication in different forms, Mlodinow cites the notoriously poor ratings that viewers in gave Richard Nixon after his televised debate with John F. Those who listened to the debate by radio felt that Nixon was the clear winner, while those who watched on television gave the edge decisively to the younger and more photogenic Kennedy. Indeed, Mlodinow explains, appearance and nonverbal cues mean a lot. Humans will, in fact, assign competency to someone who looks the part, even when any concrete support for that belief is lacking. Research on stereotyping ties in here, too. A section in the book regarding group interactions was particularly interesting. Mlodinow starts by discussing the classic s Robbers Cave experiment, where two groups of indistinguishable young boys were randomly separated into two groups. A number of other studies found much the same thing: While one might consider this a basic element of good formal writing, the flow of summary-preview-review is done poorly or is totally absent in many books. The book also makes good use of illustrations, personal stories, historical events, and academic research, blending these various tools into a narrative so that readers can more fully understand and integrate the information. Mlodinow brings us his message with variety, richness, and depth. If you are familiar with the work of Dan Ariely, Daniel Kahneman, or other contemporary minds who explore why we do what we do, your understanding of neuroscience, behavior, and social context in decision-making will be even stronger after reading this book. If this is your introduction to social neuroscience, it will provide a comprehensive and engaging welcome to this fascinating area of study.

4: Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior by Leonard Mlodinow

Leonard Mlodinow is a theoretical physicist and author recognized for groundbreaking discoveries in physics, and a passion for making science accessible and interesting to the general public.

How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior delves into how the unconscious mind shapes our experiences of the world, for better or for worse. Everything we experience or choose depends on subtle, unnoticeable perceptions and misperceptions that are part of our unconscious mental landscape. How does the human mind work? Did Darwin go wrong? What is the role of randomness in our lives? Is there a grand design in the universe? War of the Worldviews: Raised by holocaust survivors, Mlodinow began his college education at Brandeis University before dropping out and traveling to Israel to live on a kibbutz. He later returned to the U. He later left the academic world for Hollywood, where he worked as a screenwriter for 10 years before changing careers yet again to design and produce computer games, an endeavor that brought him numerous awards, including the National Association of Parenting Publications Gold Medal -- twice. In , he returned to teaching and writing books. Summing up his career changes in a recent New York Times essay, Mlodinow wrote: It delves into how the unconscious mind shapes our experiences of the world, for better or for worse. Everything we experience or choose -- from our political persuasions to how much we tip a waiter -- is predicated in large part by the subtle, unnoticeable perceptions and misperceptions that are part of our unconscious mental landscape. With great wit and intelligence, Mlodinow takes us on a sweeping tour of this landscape and the latest revelations in neuroscience. What motivated you to write Subliminal? What experiences in your own past motivated your interest in this subject? I was very, very curious about how everything worked: So it was only natural to be curious about how our mind works. And, of course, there are all sorts of things floating around in our subliminal minds that come from our pasts. Yes, and our pasts definitely affect us on a subliminal level. I like to use the analogy of vision to describe how our unconscious might create reality. When you look out into the world, you see what seems to be a clear and 3D image of it. The data that falls onto your retina is very sparse data and the picture of the world literally put together from that data would be very fuzzy. It does it instantaneously and without any effort, so we just think that what we see out there is real. Similar things happen in our social judgments and in the way we perceive everything in the world. Her illusion was that I must have been killed, because her context was that bad things happen. She viewed things this way. When she looked at other people and things, she always seemed to take a dark view based on her past experience. What other things insinuate themselves into our subliminal minds? One thing that feeds into the way you experience the social world is your mood -- and one thing that affects your mood is the weather. Researchers did a study and found that the Stock Market goes up much more on sunny days than on rainy days. Another example is when you go buy wine. But one unconscious factor is your mood or your emotions. Likewise in England, researchers did a study where they played German and French music alternately on a wine aisle where they had a mixture of German and French wines. On the day they played the German music, two-thirds of the people bought German wine. On the day that French music was played, they bought French wine. It reminds me of the brouhaha about subliminal messages that are presumably embedded in advertising. A lot of those stories about hidden messages that convince you to buy a different brand are pretty much bogus and a hoax. Your unconscious mind makes these pictures of the world so you can walk around and not bump into walls. And most of the time this works just fine. For instance, touching is how all primates communicate and form bonds with each other. Non-human primates spend hours a day grooming each other. And with humans, touching is also important. For instance, for one study in France researchers hired a handsome, young Frenchman to stand on street corners and proposition single women who walked by. To half of them, he gave a light, half-second touch to the arm or the elbow. And the success rate in getting phone numbers basically doubled from 10 percent to 20 percent with those who were touched. You were curious enough to stop science all together, change careers, and become a Hollywood screenwriter. How did that happen? I always liked movies so I started writing for Hollywood, but my day job was physics. And when I finally started getting work in Hollywood, I thought they wanted me because I was a physicist. One day I

pitched a story. I thought I was really cool because my pitch was filled with real science in it. When I was done, all the producers sat around looking at me. There was this silence. Then my boss looked at me and said, "Shut up, you egghead. It had nothing to do with me being a scientist. And then you had yet another career change? Yes, I went into computer games because those were very pioneering times. It just before Windows came into being. I stayed in the gaming world for about 10 years. Then I went to Scholastic in New York to develop a math education curriculum. Then I came back and now I write books and teach at Cal Tech. Have you always been fearless of change and simply had faith your decisions to change? I always assumed things would work out. Check out the slideshow below for seven things your subconscious mind controls.

5: Subliminal (ebook) by Leonard Mlodinow |

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Transcript October 6, DR. When I look back in my life, I could find so many instances like that, and I had fun tracing some of them. And the course of your life depends on how you react to those opportunities and challenges that the randomness presents to you. They might seem good, they might seem bad, but the important thing is how you reacted to it. Listeners to this show know that I interview a lot of physicists. And Leonard Mlodinow weighs into this puzzling in intriguing ways. He is a physicist ready to openly reflect on the gap between theory and reality “ and the fascinating interplay between a life in science and life in the world. And as the child of two Holocaust survivors, Leonard Mlodinow asks questions about our capacity to choose and create our lives while reflecting on extreme human cruelty and courage. A Search for Beauty in Physics and in Life, about his friendship and study with the pioneering 20th century physicist Richard Feynman. I so enjoyed getting into your writing and your work. So it all just is very exciting. Now, where did you grow up? I grew up in Chicago “ actually, in Evanston for most of my time in Chicago, which is a near north suburb. And your parents were both Holocaust survivors, people who had separately survived the Holocaust. And then did they meet in the United States? Yeah, they met in New York. My father was in the Bronx then, and my mother was in Brooklyn. And somehow, despite that chasm, they managed to hook up. And so “ this is just a question I always ask at the beginning of my interviews about the religious “ whether there was a religious background to your childhood. Obviously, there was a Jewish background to your childhood. Well, there was a very spiritual aspect of my parents, Judaism and the background as I was growing up. So it was kind of a mixed message. But they were very attached to the cultural aspect of Judaism, as I am as well. And then you ended up, in your early 20s, on a kibbutz in Israel.

6: Leonard Mlodinow On Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior | HuffPost

LEONARD MLODINOW's previous books include the best sellers Subliminal (winner of the PEN/E. O. Wilson Literary Science writing award), The Drunkard's Walk (a New York Times Notable Book), War of the Worldviews (with Deepak Chopra), and The Grand Design (with Stephen Hawking), as well as The Upright Thinkers, Feynman's Rainbow, and Euclid.

Often we think we are in control of our actions and our behavior is rational. The book *Subliminal* by Leonard Mlodinow takes a deep look at just how our subliminal mind controls much of our behavior. It presents fascinating research on many elements of human behavior and shows how often thought not part of our conscious thinking process dictates our choices and behavior. Probably the most profound thing I gained from this book is the powerful effect our subliminal mind has on our every day behavior. The author uses powerful example after example to demonstrate just how many decisions or perceptions are made which have nothing to do with conscious thought. Shoppers who heard french music playing in the background bought my french wine, while those who heard German music bought my German wine. Stock buyers more readily buy stock in businesses with easy to pronounce names. The color of the packaging determines how happy we are with washing machine detergent. The examples go on and on. But what I took from the book was a respectful awe at just how much my subconscious mind impacts my every day and long term life. I am a firm believer that awareness leads to power. Our brain takes in billions of bits of information every day, and our mind simply cannot absorb and sort so much information. Our memory nearly always has gaps, and often our subliminal mind will fill these gaps with data that may not be accurate, but feels logical. Eye witnesses are notoriously inaccurate in their memory of exactly what happened. At times the basic facts of the event even evolve in a witnesses mind until they are completely convinced a different series of event happened than they actually witnessed. Experiment after experiment has demonstrated that the gaps in our memory are often filled by our subconscious mind in logical, but often inaccurate ways. Once again, this knowledge can be powerful. Mlodinow argues that we are hard wired in our subliminal minds to build successful social connections. For example, the pain of rejection and physical pain share the same brain region. We literally feel the same fear of being rejected in a social situation as we do of breaking our arm or feeling extreme pain. Our subconscious mind is trained to avoid pain, so we often avoid social situations which could lead to rejection No bring surprise there. One of the most powerful skills of our subliminal mind is the ability to relate to others, specifically to understand another persons emotions, and also understand why they are feeling that emotion. Studies have been done on young children, those who are more skilled at identifying the emotion another person is feeling are the most popular and have the most friends. Our mind can look at another person, and understand how they feel about the situation, and even figure out how they feel about how another person feels. When we do understand anothers emotion we then tend to react to them without conscious thought. Another example of our subliminal social scripts is the use of eye contact. Measurement has shown that there is almost a perfect correlation between perceived social standing and use of direct eye contact. To talk about a more specific example, our mind reacts to physical touch in a powerful way. We almost always feel a more close bond with someone who we have gentle physical contact with. Basketball teams who share more physical contact play in a more cooperative, and generally successful way. Physical touch seems to have one of the more powerful impacts on our the subconscious regions which generate positive feelings for others. If our mind sees something that looks familiar, it makes assumption based on previous experiences or on social perception. Many times this this grouping function is beneficial. However, when it comes to judging people this grouping can lead to superficial judgments which are not always accurate. In fact, Mlodinow argues that we nearly always superficially judge people, and we should be aware that based on these judgements we treat them differently. One study caused people to witness a shoplifter. Some witnesses saw a well-dressed, successful looking man shoplift, while others saw an unkempt, dirty, man do the same. The unkempt man was turned in much more often, and in addition those who turned him did it with contempt and glee, while those who reported the well-dressed man were apologetic. Once again, awareness of our built in facility for making

judgements based on a superficial view is an important antidote to giving people a chance in certain situations. Once again grouping raises its sometimes ugly head when it comes to evaluating people. We see people who are inside our group positively, and those outside our group in a sometimes severely negative way. And we treat them differently based on that perception. Interestingly, the assignment of the group can be completely arbitrary. In one study respondents were randomly assigned to a group. It seems to be wired into our brains to see those outside our group as the enemy, and we treat them that way. This should not come as a surprise, but it was perhaps one of the more actionable and powerful insights in the book. If there is someone who I perceive to be outside my group, my initial reaction to them will generally be negative. However, if I spend the time to get to know them, these negative subconscious feelings nearly always dissipate. In addition, the more familiar I become about a particular outside group, the more likely my feelings about them will change. In my view this is why truly trying to understand another group's way of thinking can lead to powerful mental shifts regarding the people in that group. An interesting concept of emotions is that our conscious mind will come up with an explanation for why we feel a certain way, even if that explanation is completely wrong. This part of the book was fascinating, although a bit abstract and a concept I struggled to get a real grasp of. But if we are confused about it, our conscious mind will create what seems to be a valid reason for our emotion. Experiments have shown that this reason may have nothing to do with reality. Be aware of our emotions, and be aware that the reasons we THINK we feel the way we feel, may be completely wrong. Another fascinating argument made in this book is the principle that we communicate our expectations to others, even if we are consciously trying to not do so. In one experiment researchers had individuals hold up pictures of people making neutral, happy, and distressed facial expressions. The person across the table had to guess if the person in the picture was happy or distressed. The research found that if the person holding the picture had an expectation as to what the correct answer was, somehow the guesser picked up on these queues, even if there was no verbal communication at all. This is a fairly dramatic and powerful principle if you think about it. We have to be very careful with the expectations we hold for others. Should you read it? As you can tell from my points above, there are a lot of fascinating concepts in the book. I spent much of the book shaking my head at the experiments and conclusions that were made from the research. Our subconscious mind truly drives much of our behavior, and we generally have no idea just how much it influences us. So the book was fascinating, and I believe educating ourselves on personal psychology is important. The only problem with this book from a personal development perspective is that while the information is interesting, there is very little useful information on actually using our subconscious mind for our benefit. My reading will take me there next, and I consider this book a useful beginning education on the concept of subconscious mind, but it was not life changing. Personal Development Score 4.5”

7: Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior

Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior by Leonard Mlodinow "Subliminal" is the provocative and fascinating look at the unconscious part of our minds. One of my favorite authors and physicists, Leonard Mlodinow, takes the readers on a journey into the science of the unconscious.

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Yet that is exactly what author Leonard Mlodinow shows us 4.5” and it's fascinating. Mlodinow looks back at various early

psychological schools of thought along with current research and thinking.

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