

It's What Our Brain Is Connected To That Makes The Difference

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Cliff Swallows catching bugs

I'm at the mouth of the Ventura River, early morning, and the cliff swallows are swooping and swerving through the air, catching tiny flying bugs in an aerial ballet.

And then in the freshwater lagoon, steelhead trout are plopping out of the water to catch bugs. They're not very athletic, they just plop out and plop in again. And I can't help but wonder: who taught a fish to leap out of the rippling water and catch a bug I can't even see? These bugs are so tiny I can only make them out when there's a whole cluster and the sun is behind them.

The trout has a brain the size of a pea. That's just enough to keep it's body running. How did all that knowledge get into that tiny brain?

But that's a little like asking how all that music got into that little radio, or how all that information got into that little phone I'm using to write this. .

It's not the thing itself; it's what it's connected to. That's where it comes from.

It's the same with us human beings. We've tried looking into our brains to find out why we are what we are. You can find some things, but they're not going to explain why with our brain, that's not all that different from chimp, dolphin or cow brains, we can do what we do all these things that other animals can't.

It's what our brain is connected to that makes the difference. As Dr. Yong taught us, it's our connection to God that makes us intelligent or wise. When my brain is connected to a higher source, things like this just pour in. When I'm not connected, I get ideas about what to put on toast.