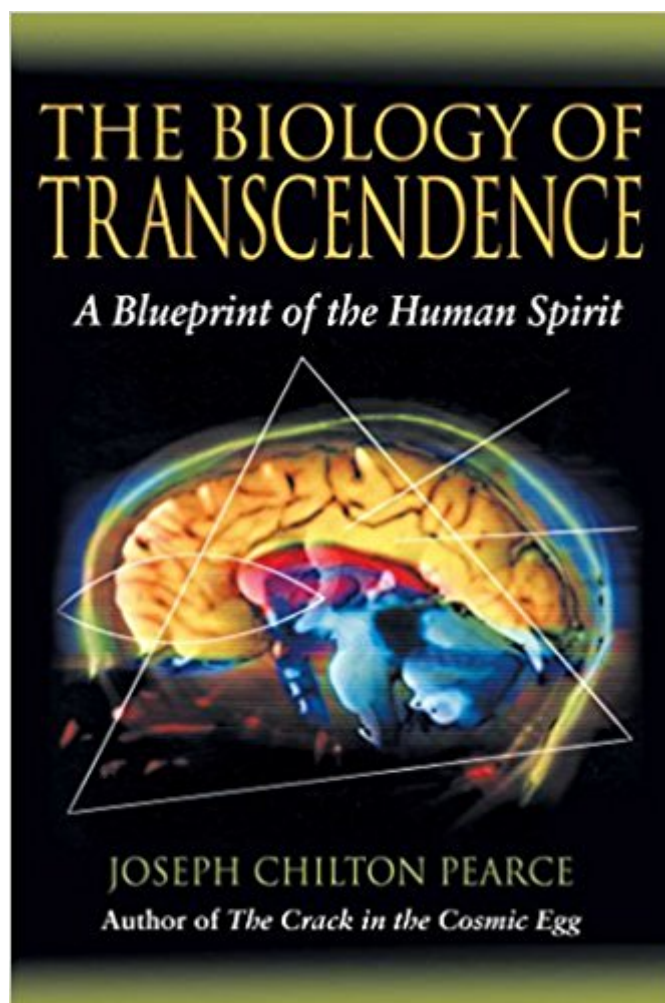


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The Biology Of Transcendence: A Blueprint Of The Human Spirit



Synopsis

Uses new research about the brain to explore how we can transcend our current physical and cultural limitations. Reveals that transcendence of current modes of existence requires the dynamic interaction of our fourth and fifth brains (intellect and intelligence). Explores the idea that Jesus, Lao-tzu, and other great beings in history are models of nature's possibility and our ability to achieve transcendence. 17,000 sold in hardcover since April 2002. Why do we seem stuck in a culture of violence and injustice? How is it that we can recognize the transcendent ideal represented by figures such as Jesus, Lao-tzu, and many others who have walked among us and yet not seem to reach the same state? In *The Biology of Transcendence* Joseph Chilton Pearce examines the current biological understanding of our neural organization to address how we can go beyond the limitations and constraints of our current capacities of body and mind--how we can transcend. Recent research in the neurosciences and neurocardiology identifies the four neural centers of our brain and indicates that a fifth such center is located in the heart. This research reveals that the evolutionary structure of our brain and its dynamic interactions with our heart are designed by nature to reach beyond our current evolutionary capacities. We are quite literally, made to transcend. Pearce explores how this "biological imperative" drives our life into ever-greater realms of being--even as the "cultural imperative" of social conformity and behavior counters this genetic heritage, blocks our transcendent capacities, and breeds violence in all its forms. The conflict between religion and spirit is an important part of this struggle. But each of us may overthrow these cultural imperatives to reach "unconflicted behavior," wherein heart and mind-brain resonate in synchronicity, opening us to levels of possibility beyond the ordinary.

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Customer Reviews

What a good writer, so engaging even when dealing with scientific and metaphysically esoteric ideas. Chapter on how St. Paul derailed Jesus's message in favor of a rule-bound dogma is worth the admission price! Best description of what went wrong when a transcendent spiritual message gets interpreted and promoted by a lesser soul. Rest of book is also fascinating in the way it looks at how our enculturation stops our mental and spiritual growth potential, and how we can use this realization to get it back.

On page 137, Pearce writes, "Keeping their natural world out of reach of children seems to be our national passion. In fact, greater numbers of children are brought up in the artificial world of cement, asphalt, plastics, and the virtual reality of television, while fewer each year experience a world of nature and the unfolding of organic life." Then, in the Epilogue, on page 259 we read, "We have ignored for half a century or more the studies that show some 95 percent of all a child's learning or "structures of knowledge" form automatically in direct response to interactions with the environment, while only about 5 percent form as a result of our verbal teaching or intellectual instruction." Pearce further tells us how there are certain international organizations with members who intentionally raise their children in "living" environments. These children are said to possess unusual intelligence and sometimes clairvoyant-like abilities. One example on page 250 sites a mother who deliberately gave birth to her son in the ocean of the Bahamas,... "about as far from a hospital you can get." As the author of "The Holy Order of Water", I firmly believe that Pearce is doing his best to spiritually guide us toward fostering a new generation of children to help save humanity. With the way things are today, I think this concept has much merit.

Joseph Pearce's insights are valid, authentic and speaks to the mind and heart directly. His Book on the on the Biology of Transcendence takes the reader on, not just an outer journey of how the brain has evolved and developed over time, but takes us on an inner journey that shows the reader that he must connect directly to his 5th brain.... the heart. Mr. Pearce does not call it the 5th brain but shows that the heart is a brain that organises developmentally, via feedback loops, the growth of the whole brain system. This work takes the reader on a deep investigation of the formation of the Heart/ Brain connection that one can experiences personally as a witness to Pearce's arguemnets and investigations. I was overjoyed with the work and it lead me to read several of his other books. I've passed it on to my daughter who, being in the throws of her last great neuronal pruning that occurs at age 21 or so and she absorbed it. And tells me:"I can speak to the heart dad' and it answered me, I acted on its direction, and it was amazing". Invest some time with Mr. Pearce and he will lead you to resolution of much personal suffering.

Good Stuff. This, along with The Biology of Belief, by Bruce Lipton, should be a requirement for the high school curriculum. I believe that this would help mitigate the continued alienation we feel within our society. My kudos to Mr. Pierce

Disappointing. Very locked in to a rigid point of view. Nothing transcendent or new for me to learn. Sorry.

Thought to provoke. Never stop searching for deeper truths Perception changes biology when we manage our energy intelligentl.

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