[Technophilosophy: PDP Models as Technological Metaphors of Emergent Selfless Selves (A-Selves)]

Varela (cf. image \(\bar{\parallel} \)), quoted by Amy Cohen, in "One Idea: On the Path of F.J. Varela" (), about Parallel Distributed Networks (PDP).

1/2 https://www.journal-psychoanalysis.eu/articles/one-idea-on-the-path-of-f-j-varela/

This necessarily paradoxical means of expression may also evoke for you the description of the self as virtual person that Francisco developed here in Italy in his lectures on ethics. He says: "I think that the radical novelty of our newly acquired and still fragmentary understanding of emergent properties in distributed network processes lies precisely in that they are strong metaphors for what is a selfless self: a coherent whole that is nowhere to be found and yet can provide an occasion for the coordinated activity of neural ensembles. I underline the strength of these metaphors because without the numerous examples worked out recently, this apparent paradox of non-localization liable to designation as a totality becomes a contradiction, and unless this apparent paradox is addressed on this constructive meta-level we quickly slide into the traditional debates about the existence versus the non-existence of the self and the person. The seeming paradox resides in a two-way movement between levels: "upward" with the emergence of properties from the constituting elements, and "downward" with the constraints imposed by global coherence on local interactions. The result (and the resolution of the paradox) is a non-substantial self that acts as if it were present, like a virtual interface." (Varela 1999, pp. 60-61). This notion of the self as non-substantial or

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"5.10 From "artificial neural nets" to models of phenomenological intentionality"

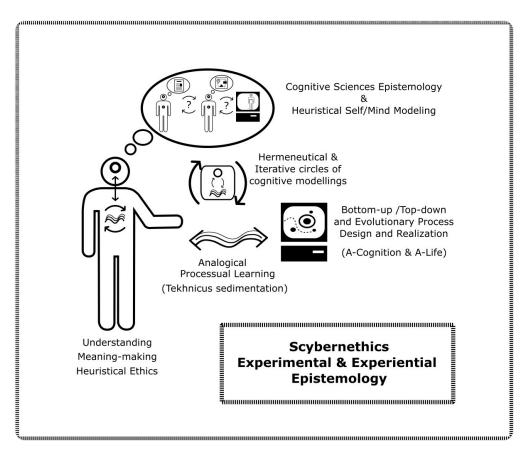
leading to a *de-construction of functionalism* & to a post-mechanical scientific understanding of "life in cognition".



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