

they come. Social consciousness feeds into this natural longing, where humans reflect each other's ability to inherit each other's actions and habits. In *Microfoundations* and *The Neurology of Religion* the authors seek to illustrate the origins of collective consciousness and how emotions and existential function help explain social consciousness.

Flingstein and Adams explain that existential function connects with the collective consciousness of humanity because it explains the natural tendency for people to pursue the process of making their own meaning (36). Whatever different meanings modern humans may have, they are all social hominids who strive for organization in their social classes and they adapt to find new ways to survive at all costs. Furthermore, Maryanski and Turner gave their point of view on what is most essential to discuss when it comes to collective consciousness which would be the cognitive emotions that each human has. The existential function and intelligence vary with each person depending on the extent of the emotions that they have and how they use them. Therefore, both sets of authors are describing that different environments, religions, emotions, and ideas will all conjoin the overarching collective consciousness that is shared between everyone.

In conclusion, the authors of *Microfoundations* and *The Neurology of Religion* use the evolutionary origin of humans, cognitive emotions, and existential function to present the idea that collective consciousness is a concept that every person has and it gives foundational purpose in each individual's life. In addition, these texts display the necessity for all humans to dive deeper into understanding their social consciousness in order to understand more about the similarities between the original hominids and the modern humans today. I enjoyed reading both of these chapters and identifying how they tie together to prove the importance of understanding the origins and emotional standpoint of collective consciousness.

