# Decoupling the decision[i] - 01/04/2020

In the beginning of the interview, RLK[ii] drove Thalia to agree that  
philosophers need to take neuroscientists into consideration when arguing over  
free will. I know that is difficult for neuroscientist to compatible a  
biological plausible theory that deals with billions of neurons because they  
know “the terms” (how the brain works, etc…).  
  
Thalia says that is not possible to put the physical system together the free  
will based on her experiments that have showed that neuroscientist can cause  
action in patients without they have the sense of free will, so this sense is  
an illusion or whatever.  
  
In her experiments with some “games”, individuals made something without the  
feeling of will or she put electrons in their arms that excited their hands to  
do movements, decoupling the feeling of action, decision, behavior. Or, she  
\_dissociated the feeling of doing from the action of doing\_.  
  
The implication is that the feeling of doing is not relevant, but why do we  
need this feeling? For her, for simple actions like moving an object we don’t  
need to know we are doing that.  
  
Lastly, an important factor for decoupling the feeling of doing from doing is  
the hypnosis as a method, so doing something without having the control. The  
hypnosis paradigm it is the only way she found so far, but it sounds like a  
messy sometimes. The individuals did remember what they did but didn’t  
remember the decision to do that (the electricity did!!!). And, of the course,  
the problem of the amount of electrons in the body of the testers.  
  
She finalizing saying the main critic she receives is that the experiments  
only show no free will for small actions but do not prove anything about big  
decision like get married and others, but, for her, this is a start point and  
philosophers need to deal with this fact.  
  
   
  
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[[i]](file:///C:/Users/quissak-l/Documents/Free%20will.docx#\_ednref1)  
According to the interview with \_Thalia Wheatley\_ about \_Philosophy of Free  
Will,\_ accessed in March, 30 2020:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go7LNWV2mOo&t](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=go7LNWV2mOo&t).  
Do not forget Daniel Wegner as well, e.g., \_The Illusion of Conscious Will\_.  
  
[[ii]](file:///C:/Users/quissak-l/Documents/Free%20will.docx#\_ednref2) Robert  
Lawrence Kuhn.