# The Equator Line[i] - 14/04/2020

Dennett is saying here that there are thousands and thousands of things  
reaching us since the time we wake up and he considers these things like micro  
judgments. These things can be colors, emotions, etc. However, are they  
processed consciously by us?  
  
All these things happen in a chain of events where the precedent can influence  
the next one and over this we have a kind of notion about what is going on in  
the world. Dennett calls this \_stream of consciousness\_ where we have all the  
events competing for the attention of the brain and over many channels (ear,  
nose, mouth, etc.). So, in such time, a kind of event reaches the top – what  
Dennett named fame [= consciousness]. On the other hands, there is an  
illusion, according to Dennett, that we are very right or confident about our  
decisions and willing – he approximates this to the Cartesian view of the  
things.  
  
So, there is not a place in the brain where our decisions are located and from  
where we could have a domain of everything or control. There is a tremendous  
and complex battle inside the brain and we cannot indeed determine what is  
consciousness, pre consciousness, post consciousness and so on and so forth.  
This line would be the equator line but it is an illusory line which we can’t  
see or deal.  
  
   
  
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[i] Digest of "Daniel Dennett - How are Brains Conscious?". In:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSkfHDdZZ3o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CSkfHDdZZ3o).