Veridical Hallucinations

Abstract

Failure of corollary discharge, a mechanism for distinguishing self-generated from externally-generated percepts, has been posited to underlie certain positive symptoms of schizophrenia, including auditory hallucinations. Although originally described in the visual system, corollary discharge may exist in the auditory system, whereby signals from motor speech commands prepare auditory cortex for self-generated speech.

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0022395603000955

Apparitions and hallucinations (both external projections) differ from imagery (perceived internally). Unlike hallucinations, apparitions are said never to indicate psychopathology, and they are considered to convey veridical data (verifiable data that could only be obtained from an external source). In practice, the distinction between an apparition, hallucination and imagery is blurred. Rhine believed there is a

1) Anderson, A & W (1982). Veridical and psychopathic hallucinations; a comparison of types. Para-psychology Review, 13 (3); 17-23.

http://aiprinc.org/apparitions.asp

Definition of VERIDICAL HALLUCINATION

: a hallucination corresponding to a real event (as when the apparition of an image of an absent person is coincident with his death) http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/veridical%20hallucination

Second, the term veridical hallucination is used in parapsychology to denote a class of * telepathic hallucinations. The German hallucinations researcher Edmund Parish (1861-1916) divided the class of telepathic hallucinations into veridical hallucinations and *coincidental hallucinations. While coincidental hallucinations are assumed to merely coincide with actual events in the external world, veridical hallucinations are thought to also reflect the content of such events. Or, in the words of the British physicist and founder of the Society for Psychical Research, William Fletcher Barrett (1844-1925), "Some hallucinations correspond with an appropriate real event occurring to another person; some accident, illness, emotion or death happening at that time to a distant friend. Such hallucinations are termed *veridical* or truth-telling; their study is a branch of Psychology, and is an important part of psychical research. There may be no more http://hallucinations.enacademic.com/1956/veridical_hallucination