

eating memories

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the memories contained in a single cell certainly doesn't have a scientific basis. There was some speculation about rna-memory transfer (based on statitcly invalid samples) from planarians fed other planarians who had learned to do t-mazes did the t-maes faster than other planarians.

Larry Niven made alot out of this memory-rna transfer schtick in his stories, but AFAIK, its a scientific dead end.

"I am an impure thinker. I am hurt, swayed, shaken, | paul + | + elated, disillusioned, shocked, comforted, and I | --|-- have to transmit my mental experiences lest I die." | + | +
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