

THE AMAZING NEUROPLASTICITY OF THE HUMAN BRAIN

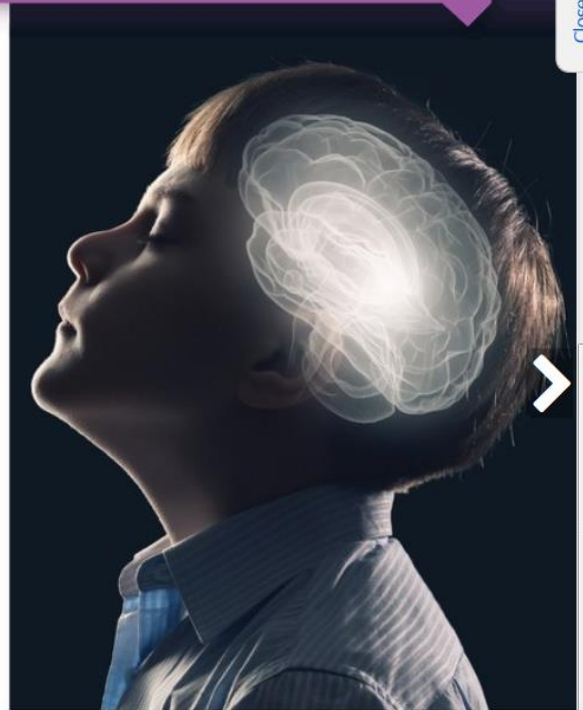
A recent news story about a boy (Noah) born “without a brain” highlights the amazing neuroplasticity of the human brain. The brief report is about how a “six-year-old born with only two per cent of his brain, is baffling medical professionals who say his brain ‘grew’, enabling him to become the bright little boy he is today.” According to the parents, “doctors advised them five times to terminate the pregnancy after scans revealed their son Noah had ‘no brain’.”

However, the parents continued with the pregnancy, and a follow-up scan when Noah was three revealed that his “brain had grown to 80 per cent of a ‘normal’ sized brain.” Although doctors told the child’s parents “that Noah would be severely mentally disabled and unable to talk, see, hear or eat”, the article says “the bright six-year-old can do all of those things.”

According to Noah’s dad, medical experts say the boy’s progress is a result of “the brain’s ability to heal or correct the body’s nervous system”. Good luck in trying to invent an evolutionary just-so story of how information was encoded into the genome to enable the brain to perform such a healing wonder.

Young Noah’s story also teaches us that all human life is important, and how tragic it would have been if his ‘miracle’ had never been allowed to happen because his life had been terminated by abortion.

Boy born ‘without a brain’ makes incredible progress, au.news.yahoo.com, 22 Feb 2019.



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