
From the history of the first experimental evidence of the existence of the second self

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The article is dedicated to early studies of unconscious perception, published in the 19th century. It also contains some biographical facts about B. Sidis. The characteristic of the content of “The psychology of suggestion” by B. Sidis is given, including the exposition of the foreword by W. James. The main part is devoted to the original experiments performed by B. Sidis in the field of unconscious perception (Russian translation of the chapter on this topic is following this article). There is also the detailed description and analysis of the experiments by A. Binet on automatic writing by patients with hysterical anesthesia. B. Sidis refers to these experiments in his book. It is concluded that examined papers have imperishable originality, which can be the fresh ideas inciter.

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