

The intercommunication of the two selves

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The publication is the full translation of “The psychology of suggestion” (1898) by Boris Sidis, 17th Chapter. This chapter partly contains data, that A. Binet received during the experiments on hysterical patients, but mostly – it contains results of experiments, performed by B. Sidis and aimed to study the phenomenon, which modern psychological literature calls “unconscious perception” / “perception without awareness” / “subliminal perception”). Some part of mentioned experiments were possible due to author’s amblyopic eye, the other part of experiments were performed on ordinary people with normal vision. To provide subliminal conditions B. Sidis used the presentation of symbols (letters and numbers) situated on a distance from the subject, where he/she were not able to identify them consciously. Despite its methodological simplicity, experiment’s logic is quite relevant to the modern methodological approach.

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