



The position of Plato for the existence of innate knowledge, and the opposing position of Aristotle and Locke that the human mind is a *tabula rasa*, will be discussed within the context of the astounding modern achievements of Neuroscience. In addition, the importance of different time scales in conscious and unconscious processes will be elucidated. Finally, it will be shown that modern brain imaging techniques provide an important example of the crucial role played by Mathematics in understanding the essence of various phenomena, a fact which was philosophically appreciated first by Pythagoras.

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