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***Rupert Riedl Professor 2008***

***Professor J. Allan Hobson  
of Harvard Medical School***

***Dreams, Consciousness and the Brain  
- what, where and why?***

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## **Dreams, Consciousness and the Brain**

*what, where and why?*

*to be given by  
Prof. J. Allan Hobson*



Sleep dreams, consciousness and cognition are linked to common structures and processes in the brain. The understanding of their interactions has experienced a major breakthrough in the past two decades with the advance of neurological techniques. Dreams had been exalted as landmarks of psychic processes. The results of Allan Hobson and his colleagues have shown that dreams are simply artifacts of information storage and processing associated with sleep that are however strongly linked to the emotional state of the individual. What are dreams for? How are they related to our daily activities and consciousness of the world? These are the questions that Professor Hobson will address in his lecture.

**Prof. J. Allan Hobson** (Harvard Medical School)  
*Neurologist, Psychiatrist and Philosopher known as  
the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Pioneer of Dream Research*

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