Rorschach inkblots in the peripheral visual fields: enhanced associative quality to the left of fixation.

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A study using the Rorschach inkblot confirms that the right cerebral hemisphere is inclined to see more meaning in random patterns with high association value. This inclination is not confined to nonverbal stimuli as previous studies involving semantic encoding revealed. This right hemisphere processing bias on both visual and verbal levels may explain the schizophrenic symptoms of hallucinations, delusions, and thought disorder.

THE RIGHT CEREBRAL HEMISPHERE is more inclined to see meaningful configurations in random patterns of dots than is its left counterpart (Brugger et al., 1993). We report here a replication of this finding, using random shapes with an especially high association...