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On a light note....

The following is quoted from Michio Kaku's enlightening book:

Hyperspace: A Scientific Odyssey Through Parallel Universes,
Time Warps, and the 10th Dimension,

New York: Oxford University Press, 1994 (pg. 118):

A scientist once trained a flea to jump whenever he rang a bell. Using a microscope, he then anesthetized one of the flea's legs and rang the bell again. The flea still jumped.

The scientist then anesthetized another leg and then rang the bell. The flea still jumped.

Eventually, the scientist anesthetized more and more legs, each time ringing the bell, and each time recording that the flea jumped.

Finally, the flea had only one leg left. When the scientist anesthetized the last leg and rang the bell, he found to his surprise that the flea no longer jumped.

Then the scientist solemnly declared his conclusion, based on irrefutable scientific data: Fleas hear through their legs!

Cheers..
John K.

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