

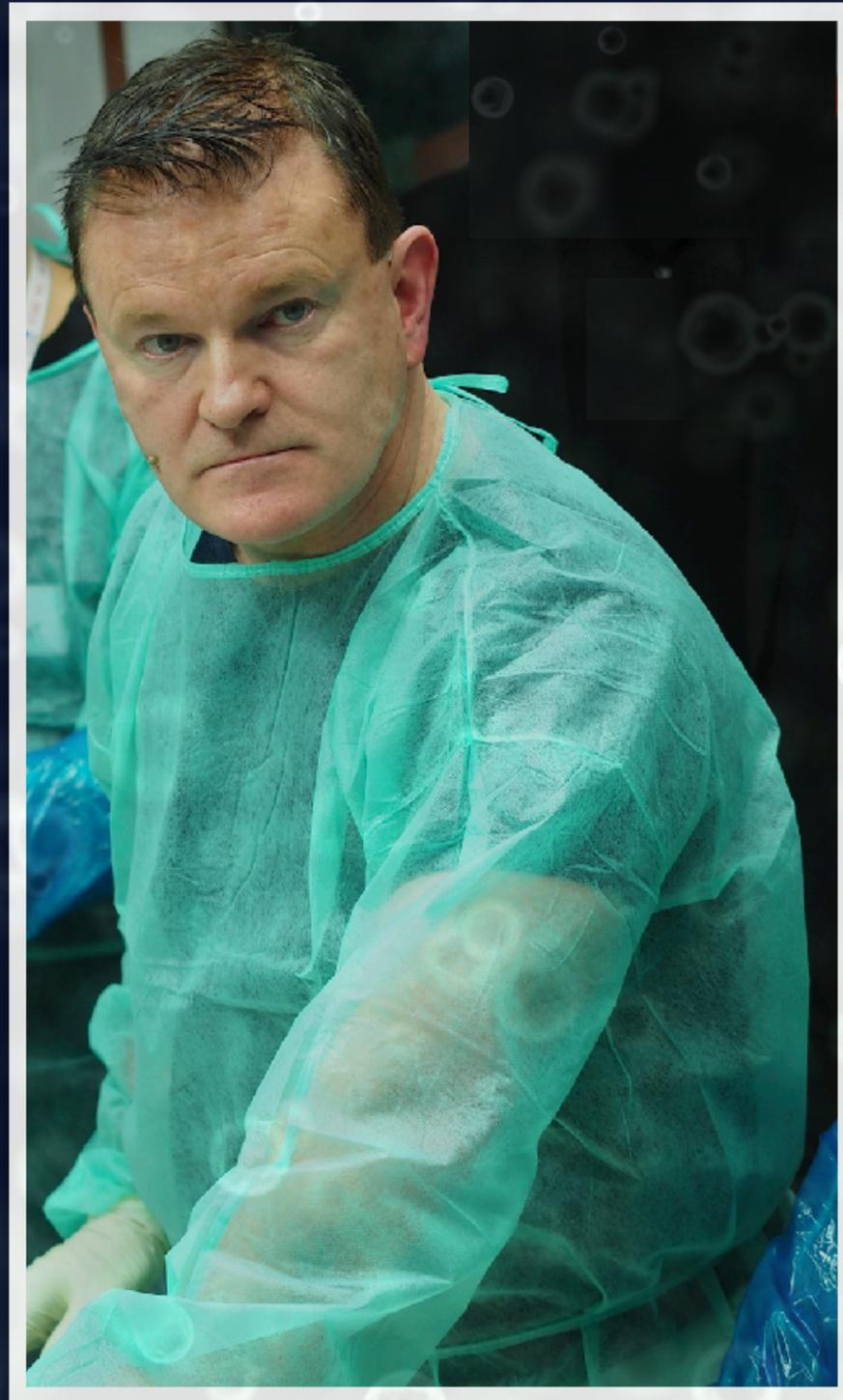
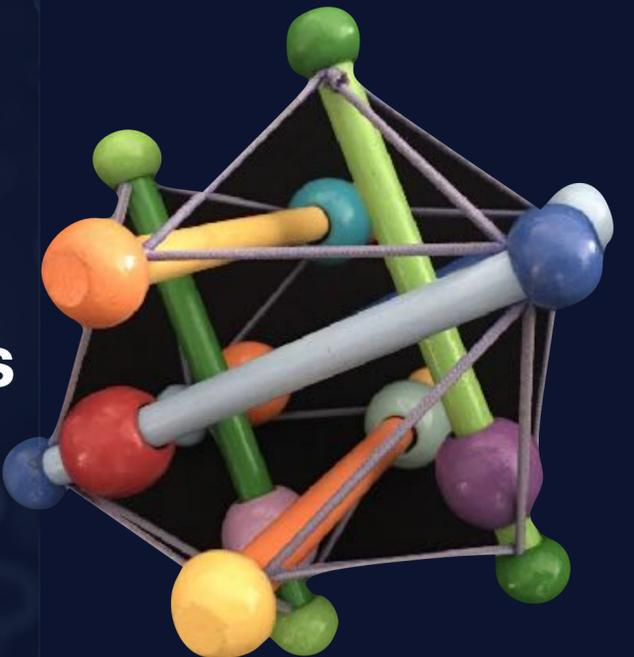


# Fasciategrity

**Fasciategrity-Reasoning,  
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fascia science and living  
tensegrity in support of  
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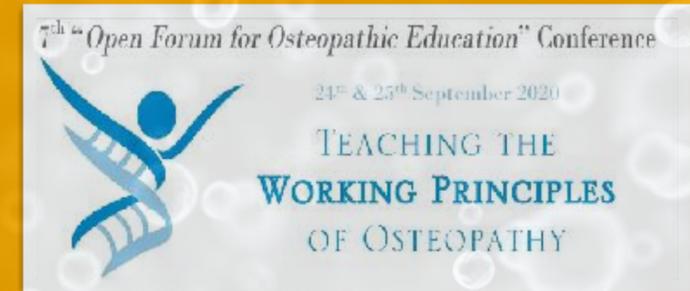
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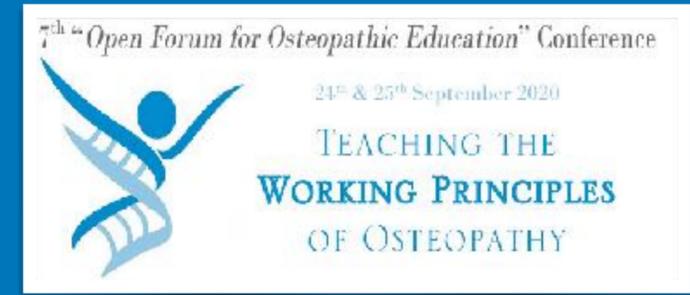
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and die.”*

*(A.T. Still 1899)*

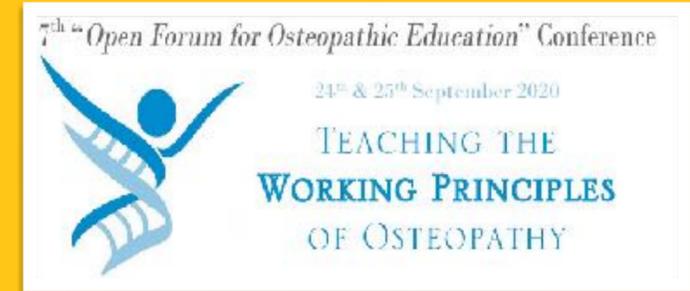
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Fascia Science and Clinical Applications**



**With Dr Gunthor von hangens- FNPP**



**“If disease is so highly attenuated, so ethereal, and penetrable in quality, and multiple in atoms; and a breath of air two quarts or more taken into the lungs fully charged with contagion, how many thousand air cells could be impregnated by one single breath?...- Nourishment from the vitality found in the human fascia, which comes nearer to the surface in lungs than any part of the system.” Still, 1899 page 168-9**

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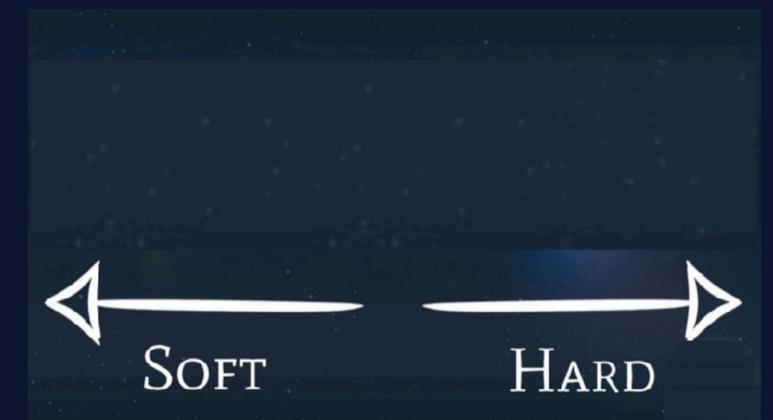
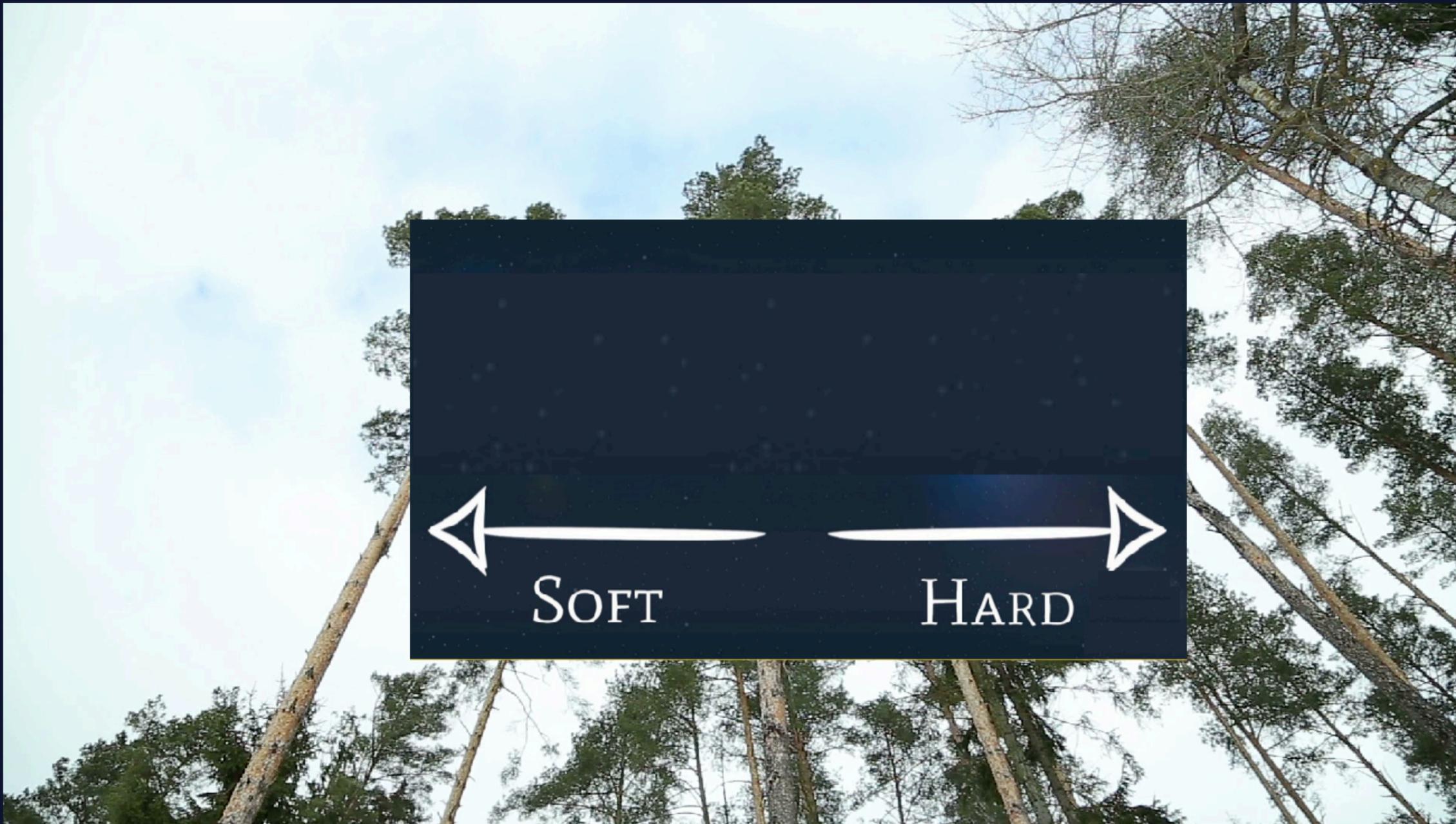
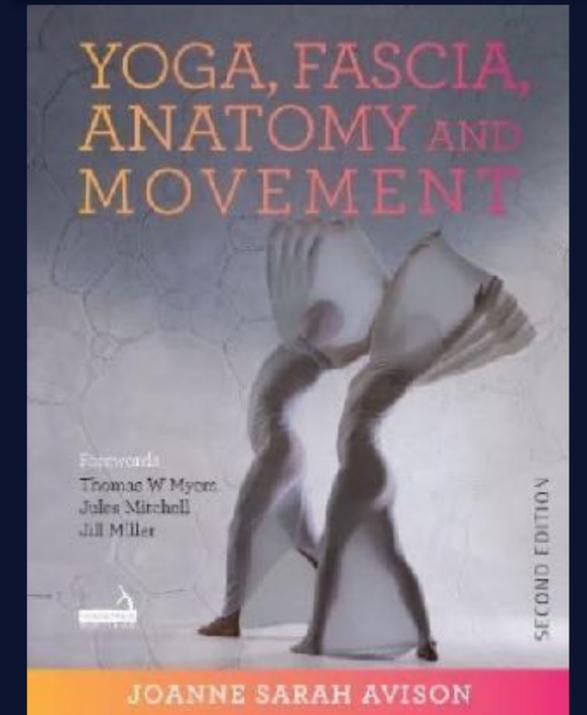
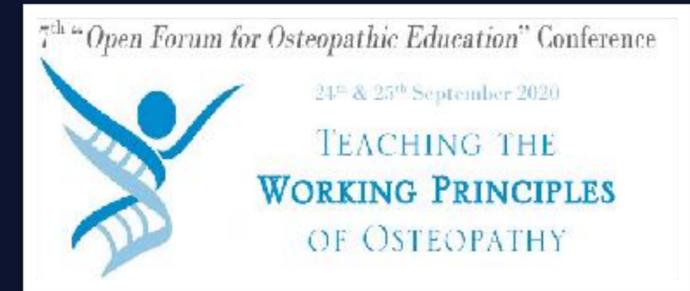
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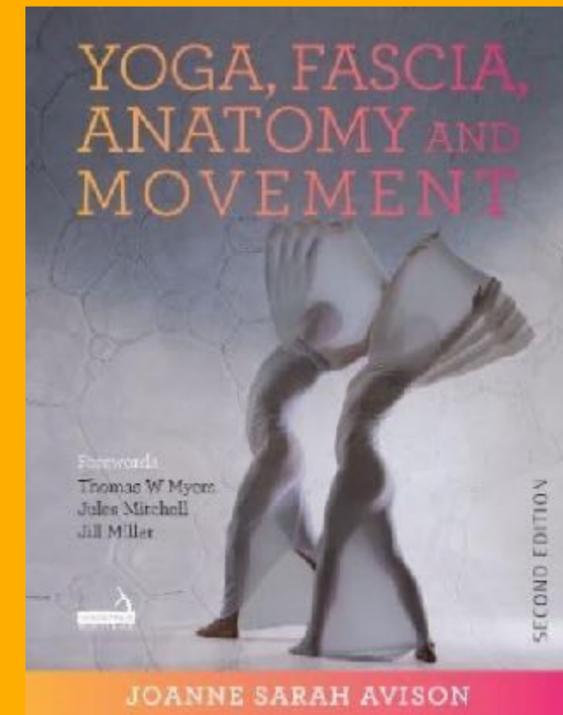


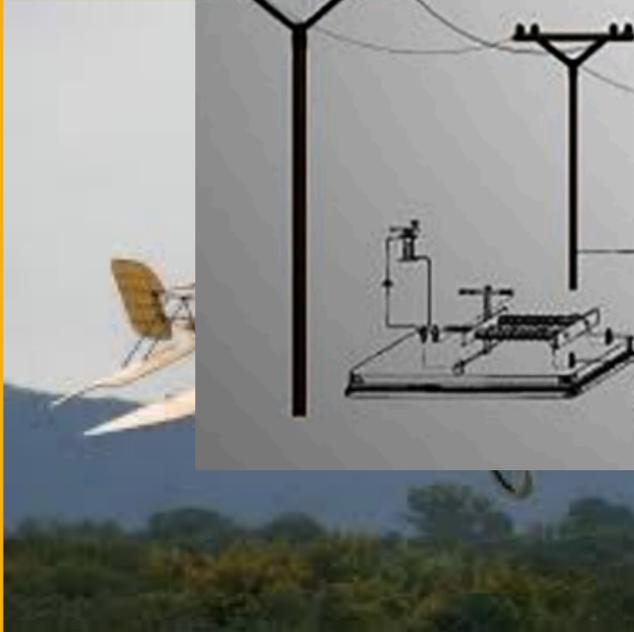


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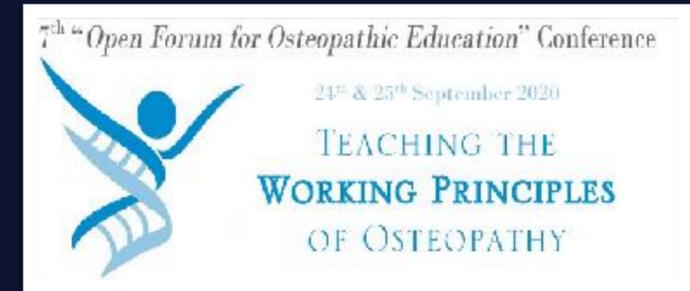
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# TODAY WE ARE STILL TEACHING 13TH CENTURY ANATOMY



**Origins-**

**Insertions-**

**Levers-**

**Joints-**

**Body Parts-**

**One muscle, one movement-**

**Linear forces— Lines—Train Tracks- Point-to-Point Postulations. We are non-linear !!!**

**“None of these concepts reflect the reality and continuity of our form”**

**I suggest we need “anatomy for the 21st Century”.**

**“We are putting Stainless Steel, Ceramics, Cement, Super glue,  
Screws, Plates and Plastics into human bodies.  
I believe we can do better”.**

**Sharkey, J**



**Osteopathy is based upon the concepts of body structure and health maintenance (not disease).**

**Dr. Still promoted four foundational pillars:**

**(1) The human body functions as one biological unit**

**(2) The body can heal itself**

**(3) Structure and function are interrelated**

**(4) Abnormal pressure in one part of the body produces abnormal pressures and strains in other parts of the body.**



Reference

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# What is Fascia ?

What is Fascia ?

Wikipedia

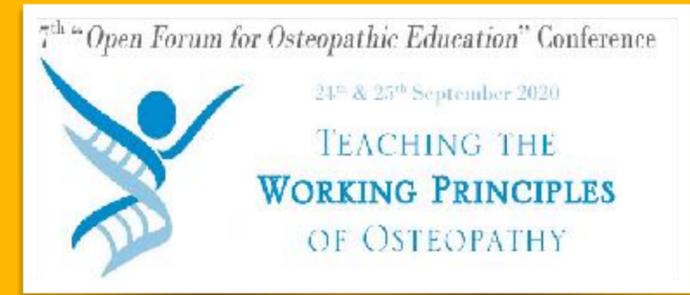
Fascia A fascia (/ˈfæf(i)ə/; plural fasciae /ˈfæʃii/; adjective fascial; from Latin: "band") is a band or sheet of connective tissue, primarily collagen, beneath the skin that attaches, stabilizes, encloses, and separates muscles and other internal organs.[1] Fascia is classified by layer, as superficial fascia, deep fascia, and visceral or parietal fascia, or by its function and anatomical location.

The word 'Fascia' is first mentioned in 1615 when describing the Thoracolumbar Fascia (Fasciam) - *“more like a membrane than a tendon”* (Crooke).

**1694** Cowper demonstrates muscles of the forearm are enclosed by a *‘fascia lata’* and describes the thigh and anatomical leg as invested in *‘fascia membranosa’*.



***“Defining fascia is ‘conceptual’  
and partially a ‘technical’ issue”.*** Sharkey, j.



## **FEDERATIVE COMMITTEE ON ANATOMICAL TERMINOLOGY (1998):**

### **DEFINED FASCIA AS:**

**“SHEATHS, SHEETS OR OTHER DISSECTIBLE  
CONNECTIVE TISSUE AGGREGATIONS”.**

### **Including:**

**“INVESTMENTS OF VISCERA AND DISSECTIBLE STRUCTURES RELATED TO THEM.**

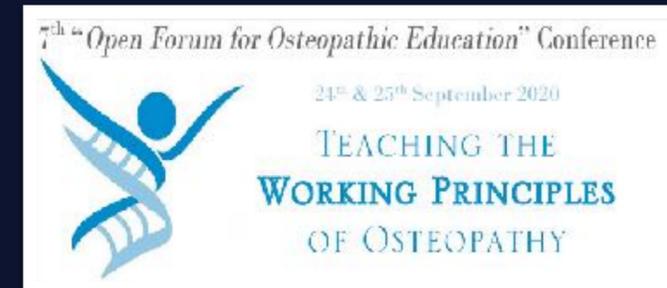
I draw your attention to :

Fascia: “sheathes, permeates, divides and sub-divides every portion of all animal bodies; surrounding and penetrating every muscle and all its fibers - every artery, and every fiber” Still, 1899 page 163



My favourite attempt is the following by Haller (1754)

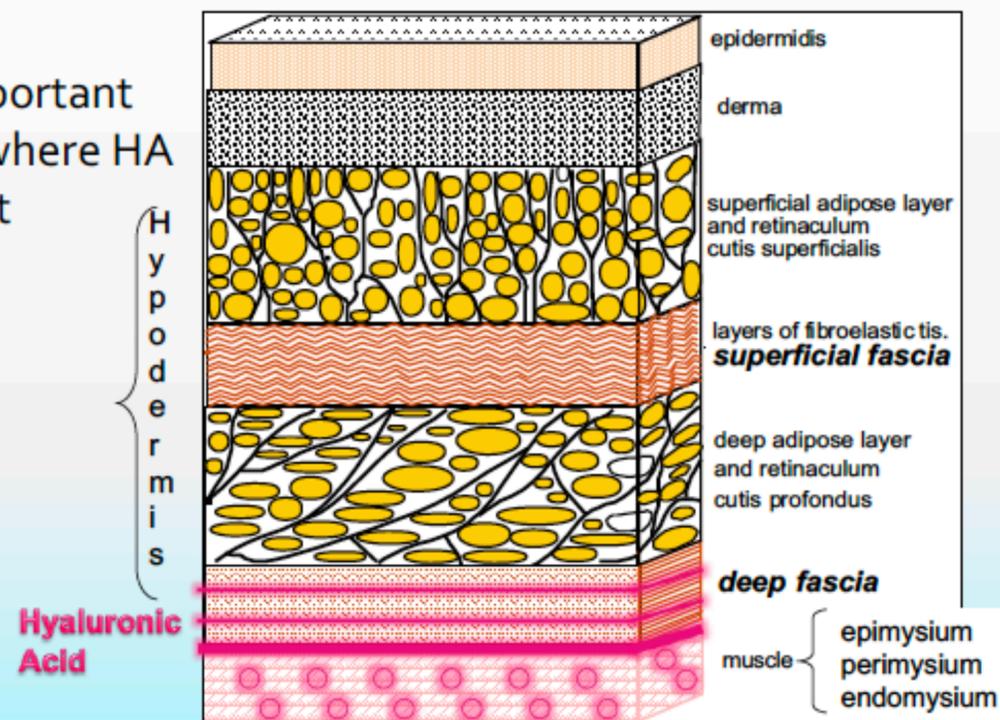
*“Cellular spaces hardly ever contain fat and are moistened by a watery vapour, that is somewhat gelatinous and oily, exhaled out by the arteries and received again into the veins. And when the vapour is, by inflammation, too glutinous, or, from any cause, absent or abolished, the contiguous membranes or plates are cemented into one, with loss of their motion”.*



Dr. Albert Haller's Physiology: Being a Course of Lectures Upon The Visceral Anatomy and Vital Oeconomy of Human Bodies.(2vols.) Hardcover – January 1, 1754  
by A. HALLER (Author)

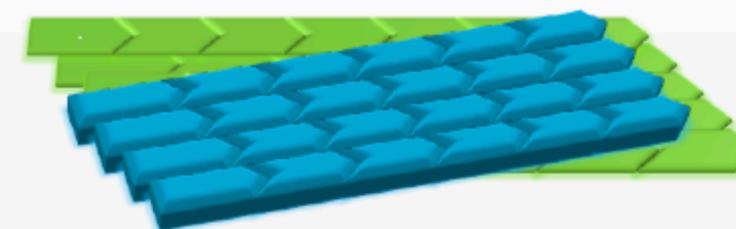
## Distribution of Hyaluronic acid

More important regions where HA is present



## Sliding system

Gliding system

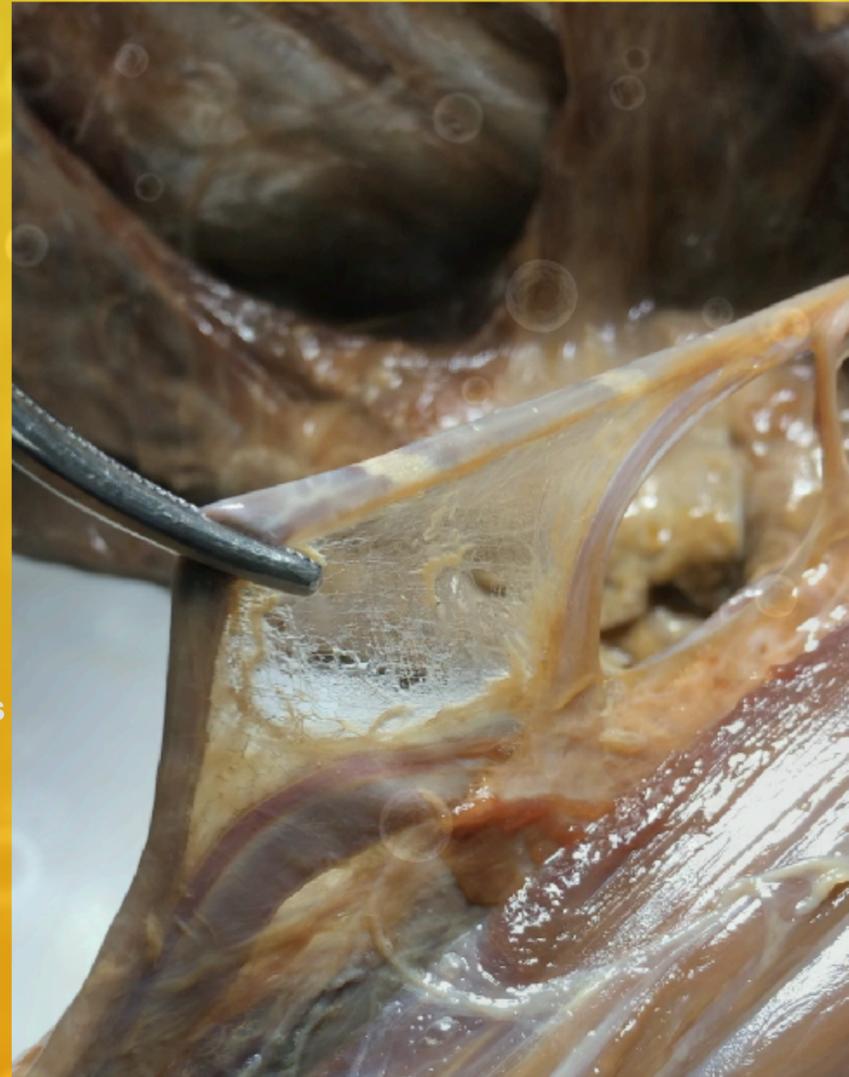
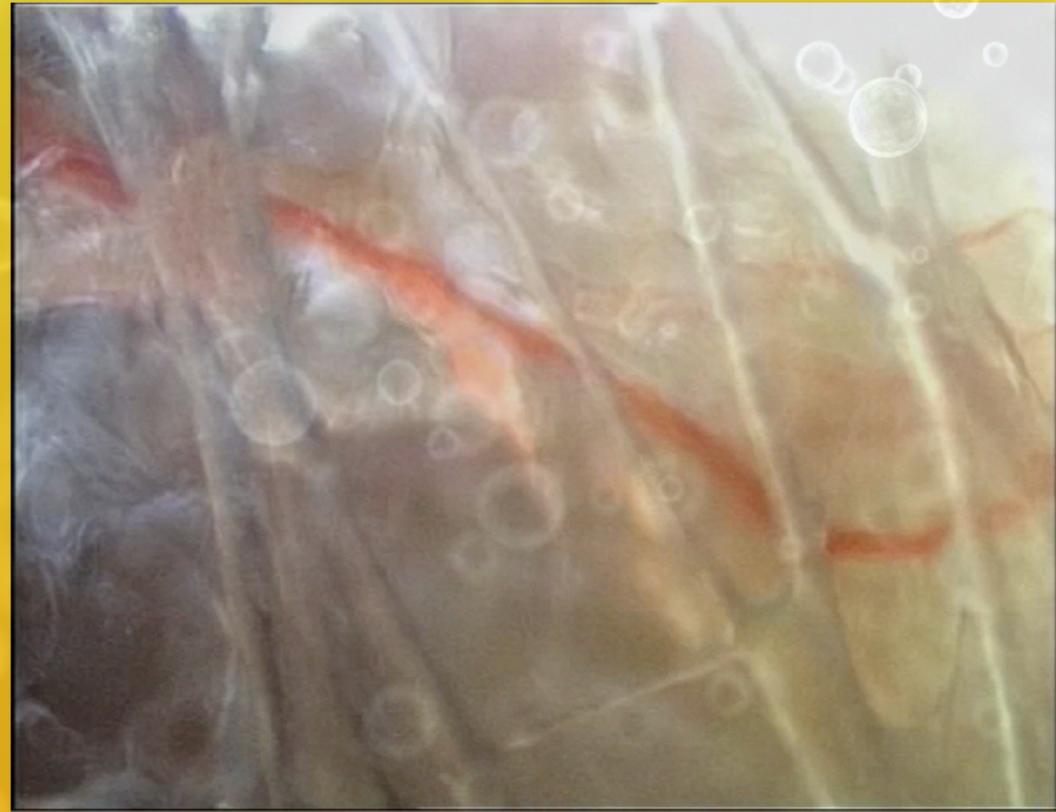


“A plane of potential movement exists in the form of the areolar tissue layer, and this appears to be lined with a lubricant, hyaluronic acid”.

D. McCOMBE, et al; THE HISTOCHEMICAL STRUCTURE OF THE DEEP FASCIA AND ITS STRUCTURAL RESPONSE TO SURGERY; THE JOURNAL OF HAND SURGERY VOL. 26B No. 2 APRIL 2001



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# Fascia.....How Hard Can its Be ?



Origin

## Dissect

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LATIN

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to cut

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dissect-

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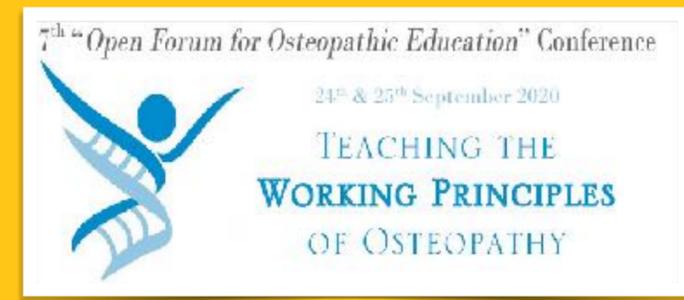
dissect

late 16th century

late 16th century: from Latin *dissect-* 'cut up', from the verb *dissecare*, from *dis-* 'apart' + *secare* 'to cut'.



“In Dissection I find only continuity”, sharkey,j.



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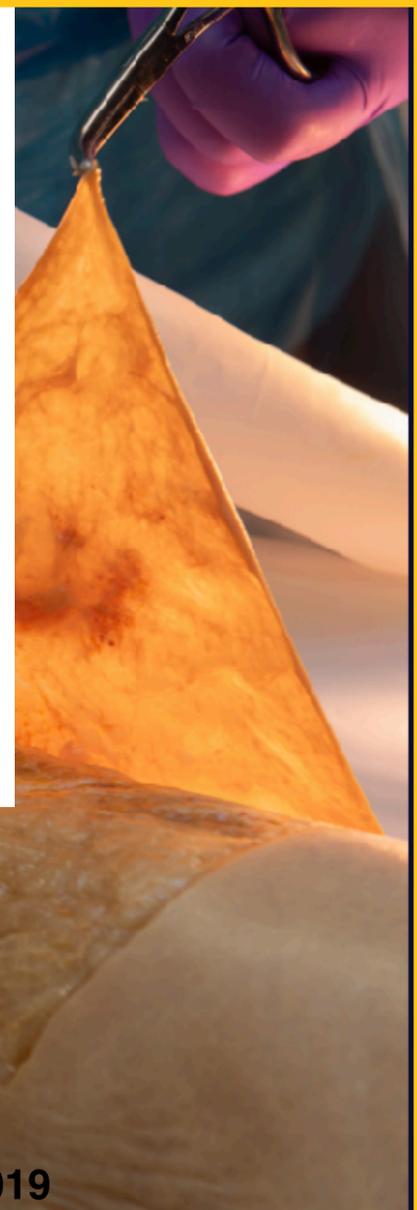


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Fascia Superficialis. Image: Sharkey, J 2010



# Defining Fascia

***“From a ‘Living tensegrity’ or Biotensegrity point of view fascia should include liquid, Lymph and blood, and the more solid fascia -bone”***

***“Fascia is a liquid crystal”***

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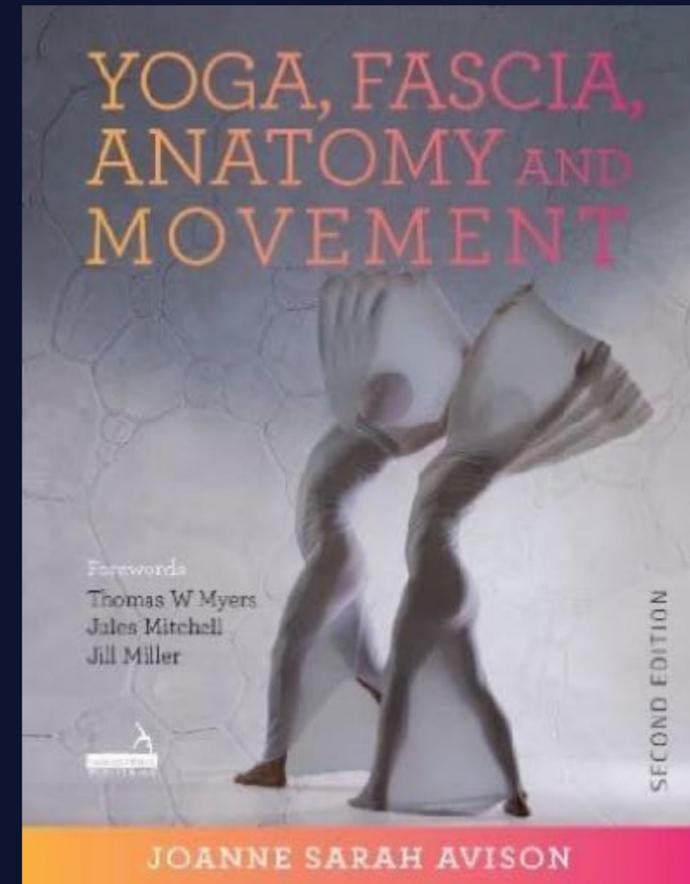
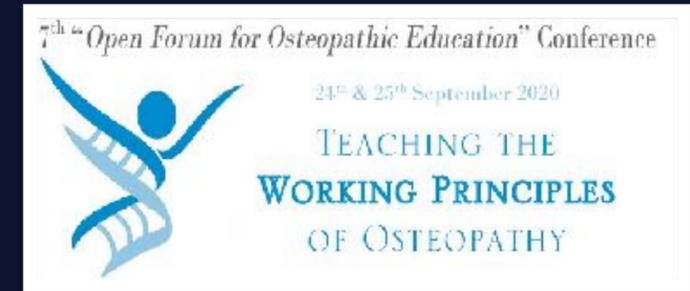
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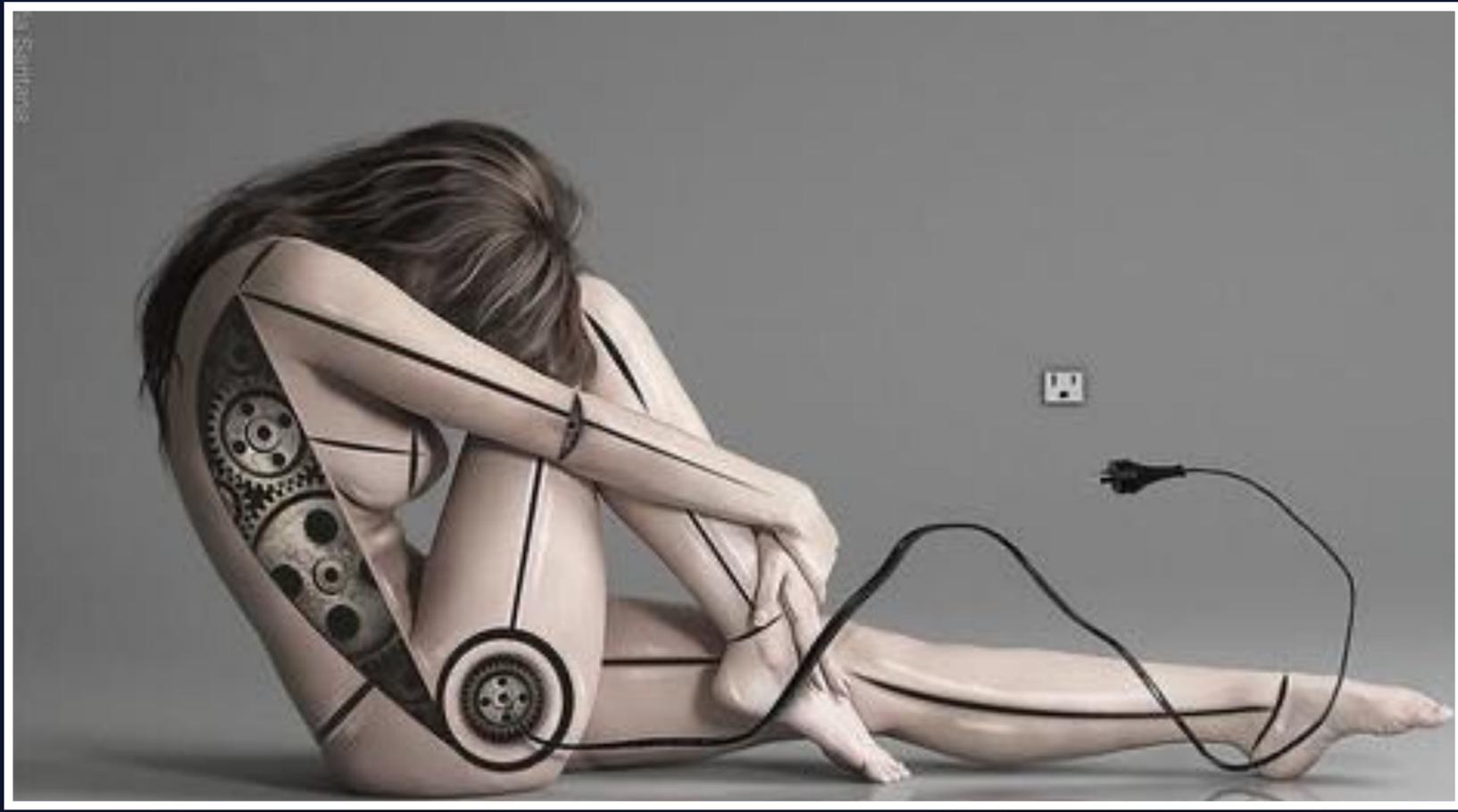
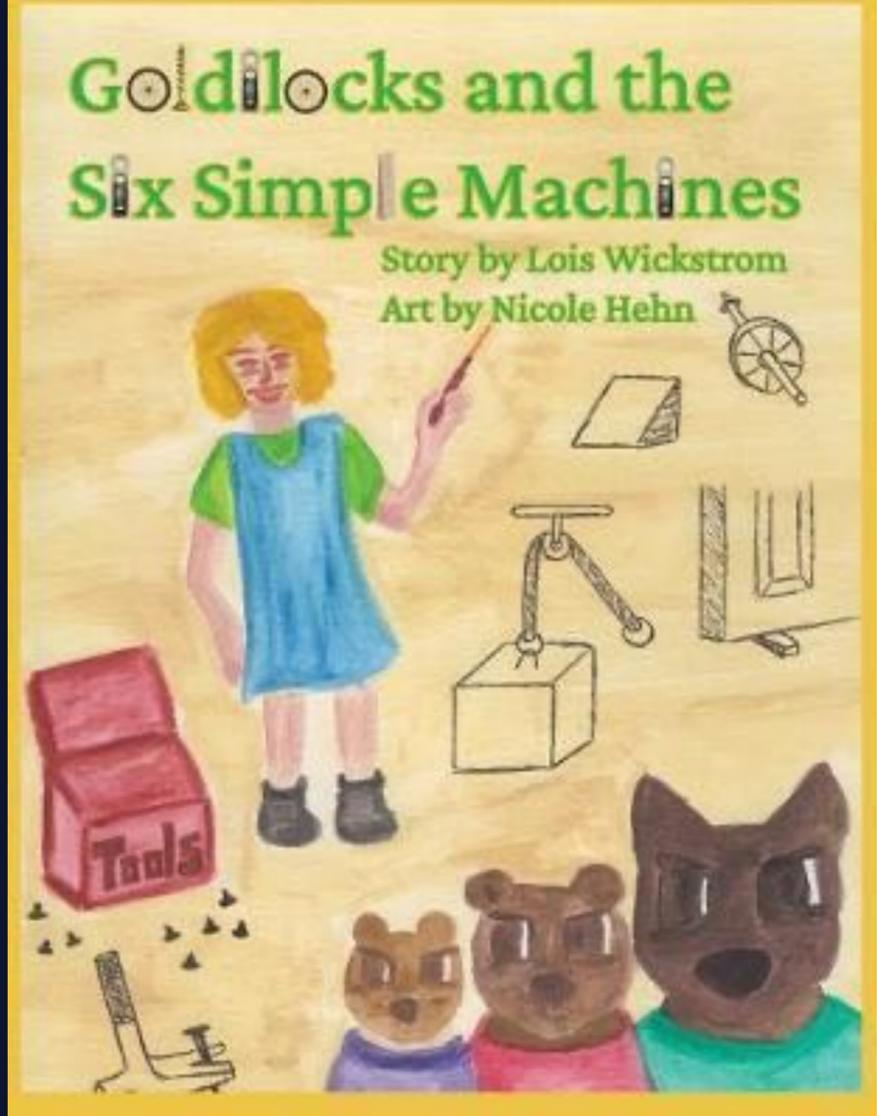
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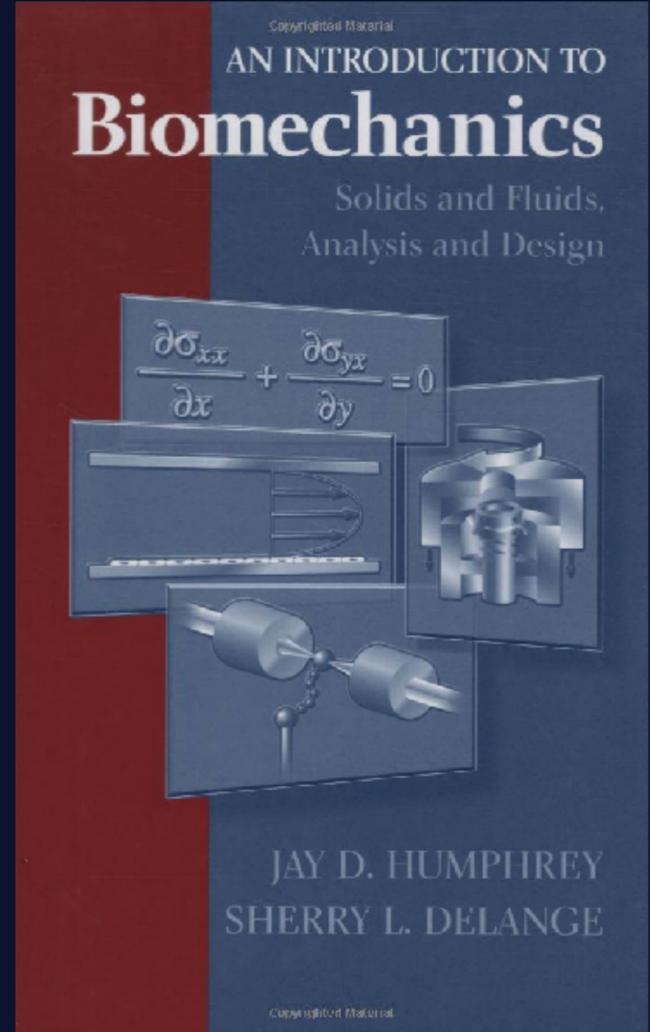
**What is the current view of the human body?**

**Human as machine.**

**Made of parts.**

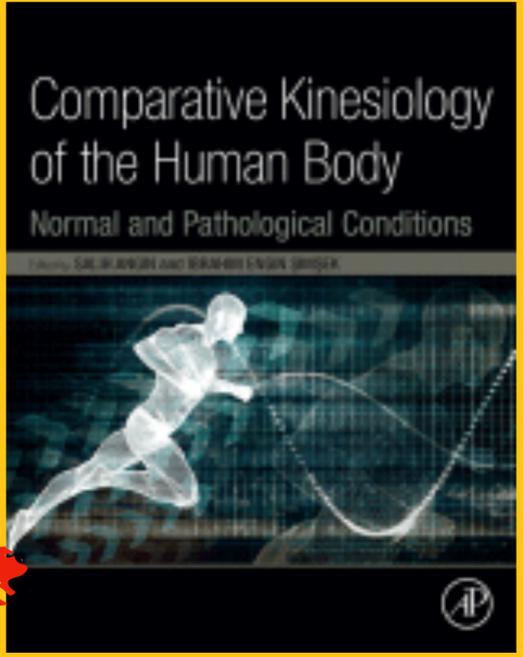
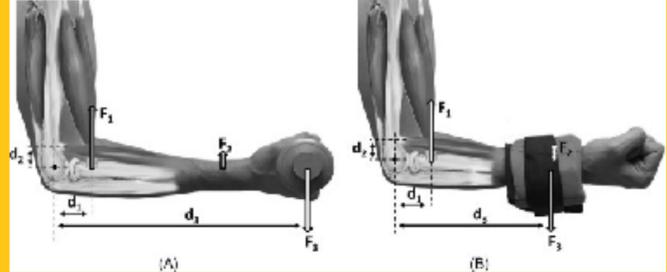
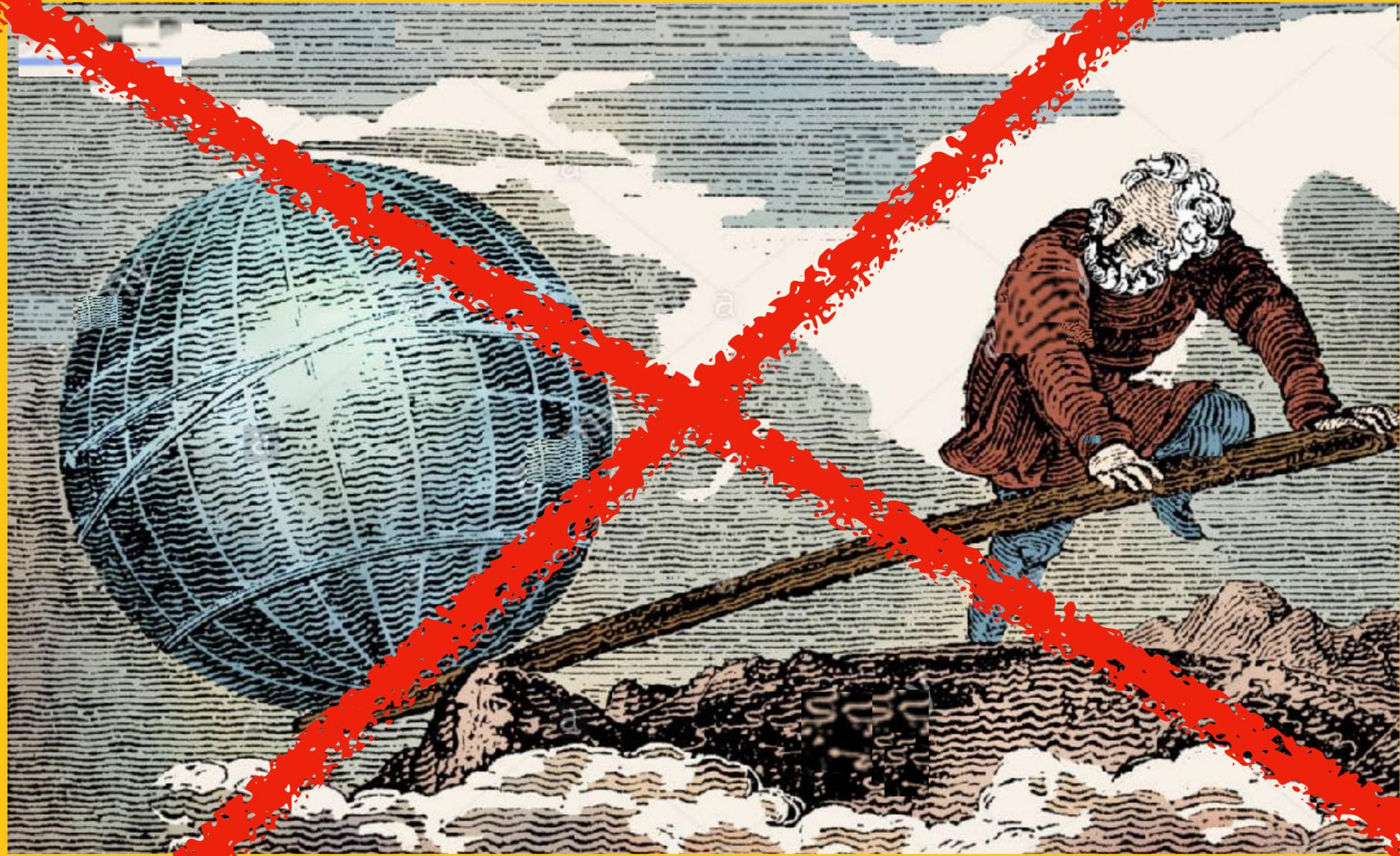
**Bio= Living Mechanics= Mechanical**

**Biomechanics**

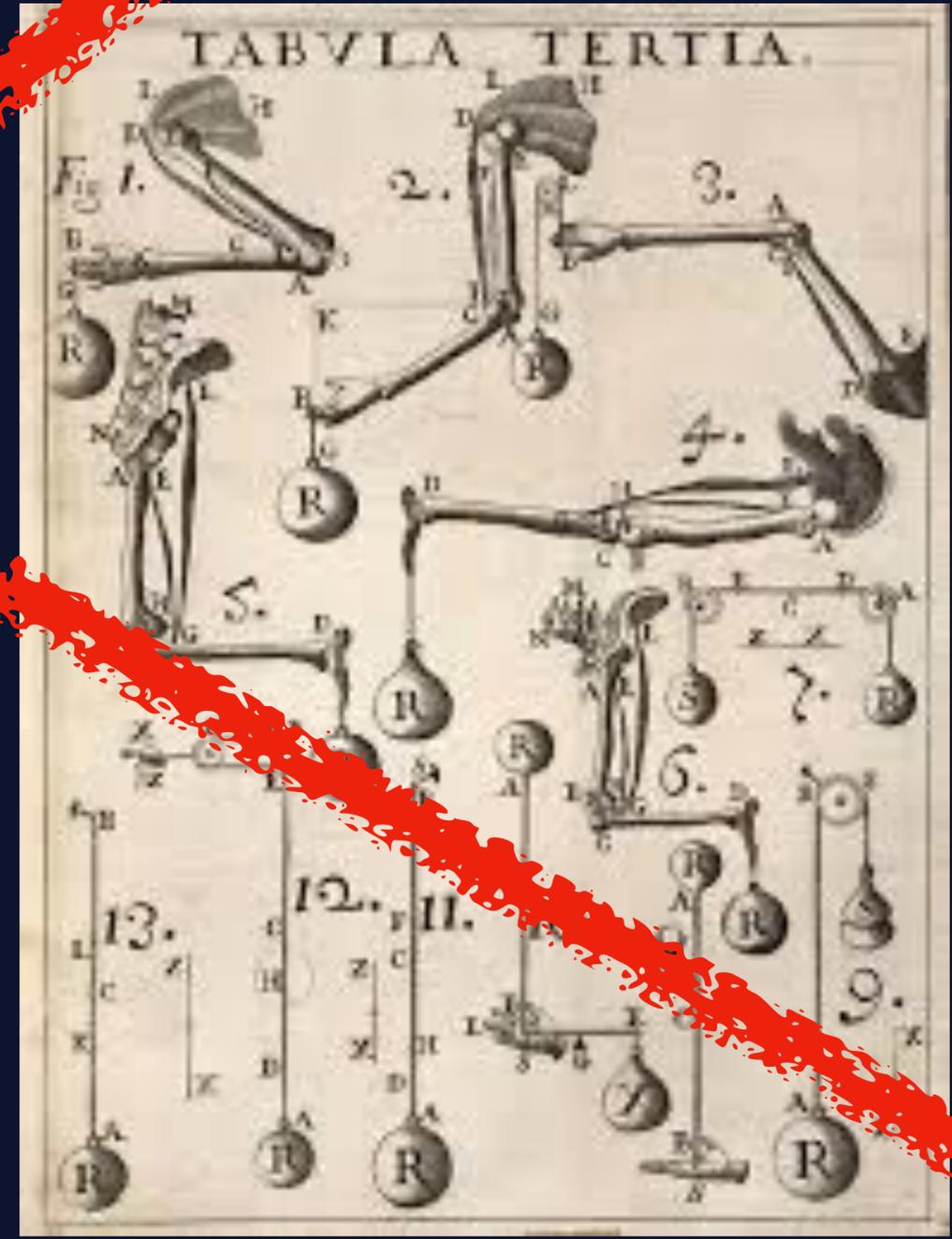
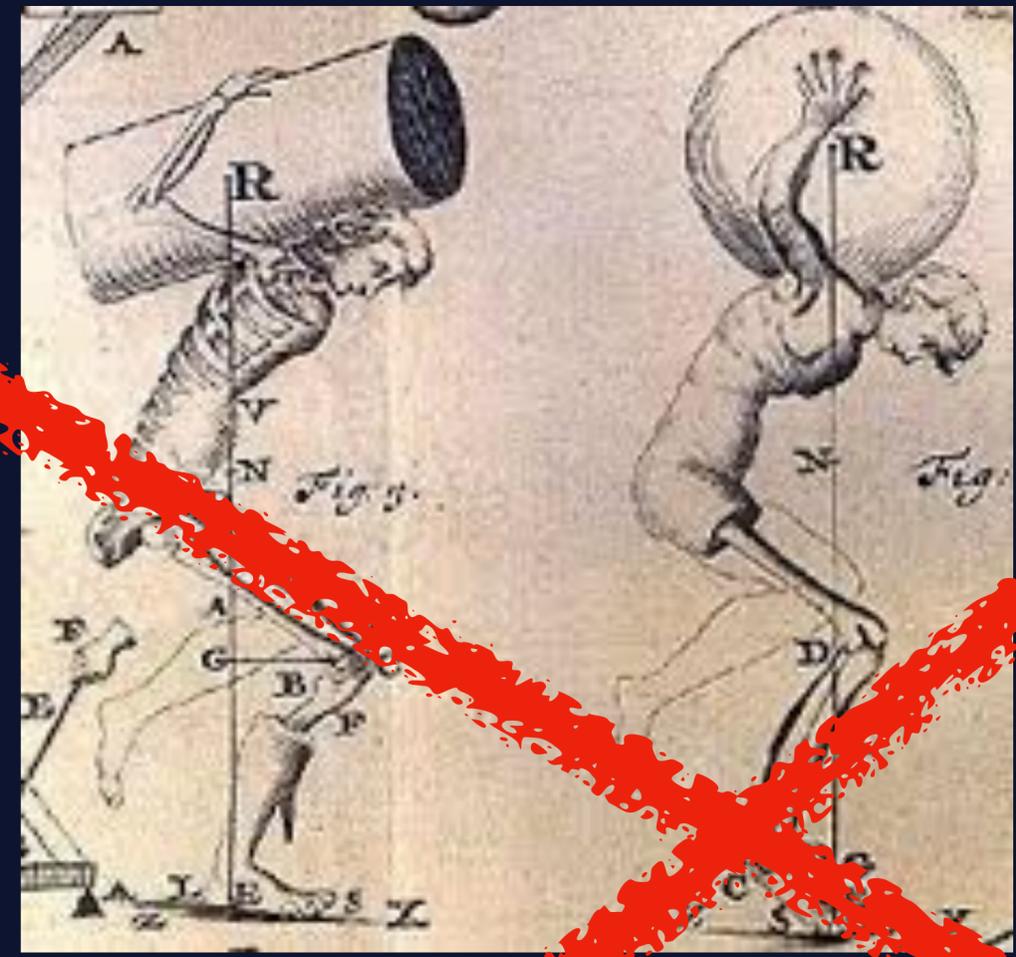
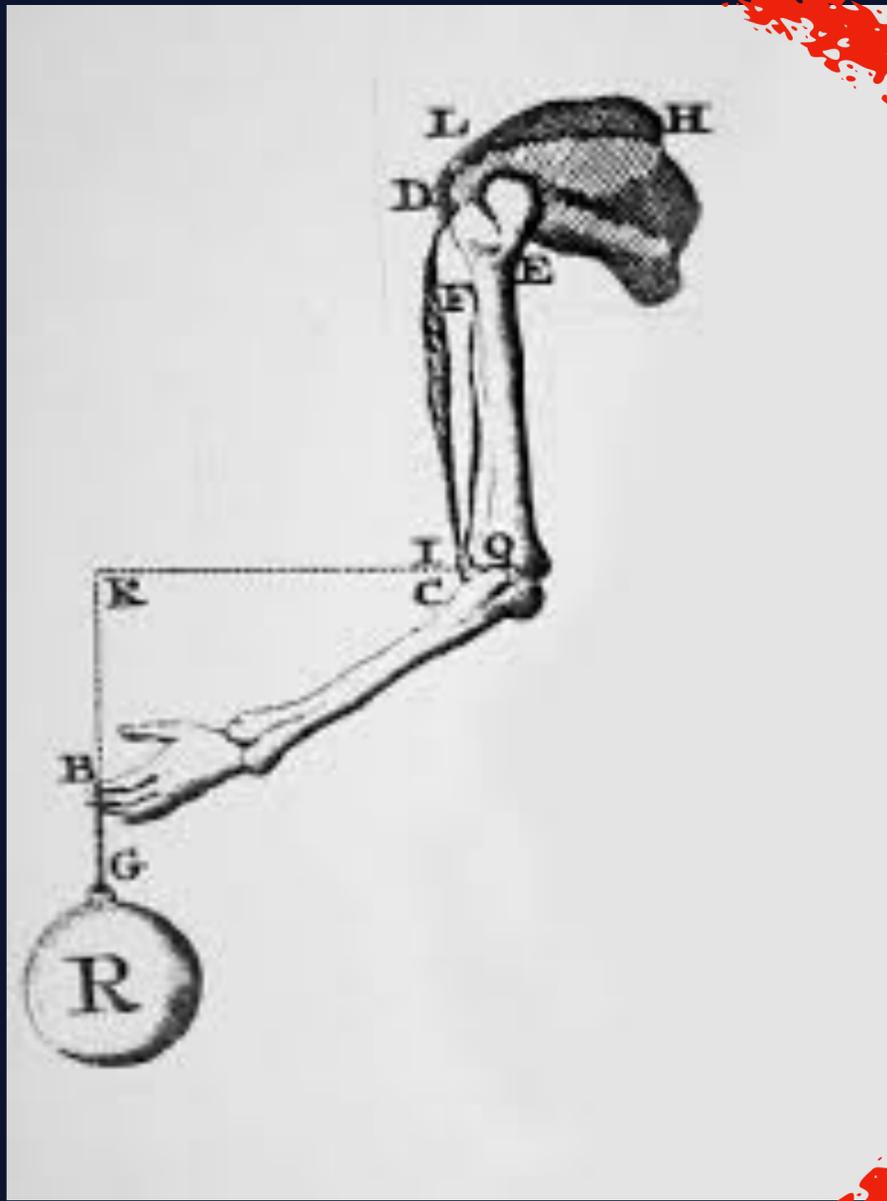




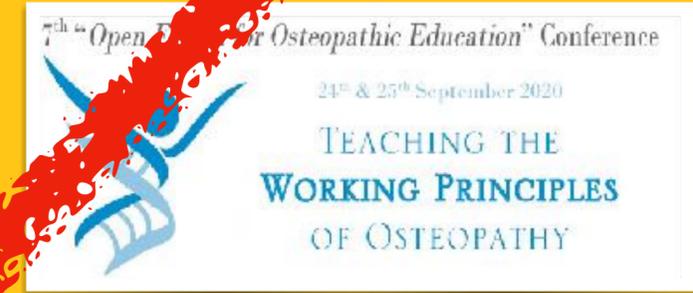
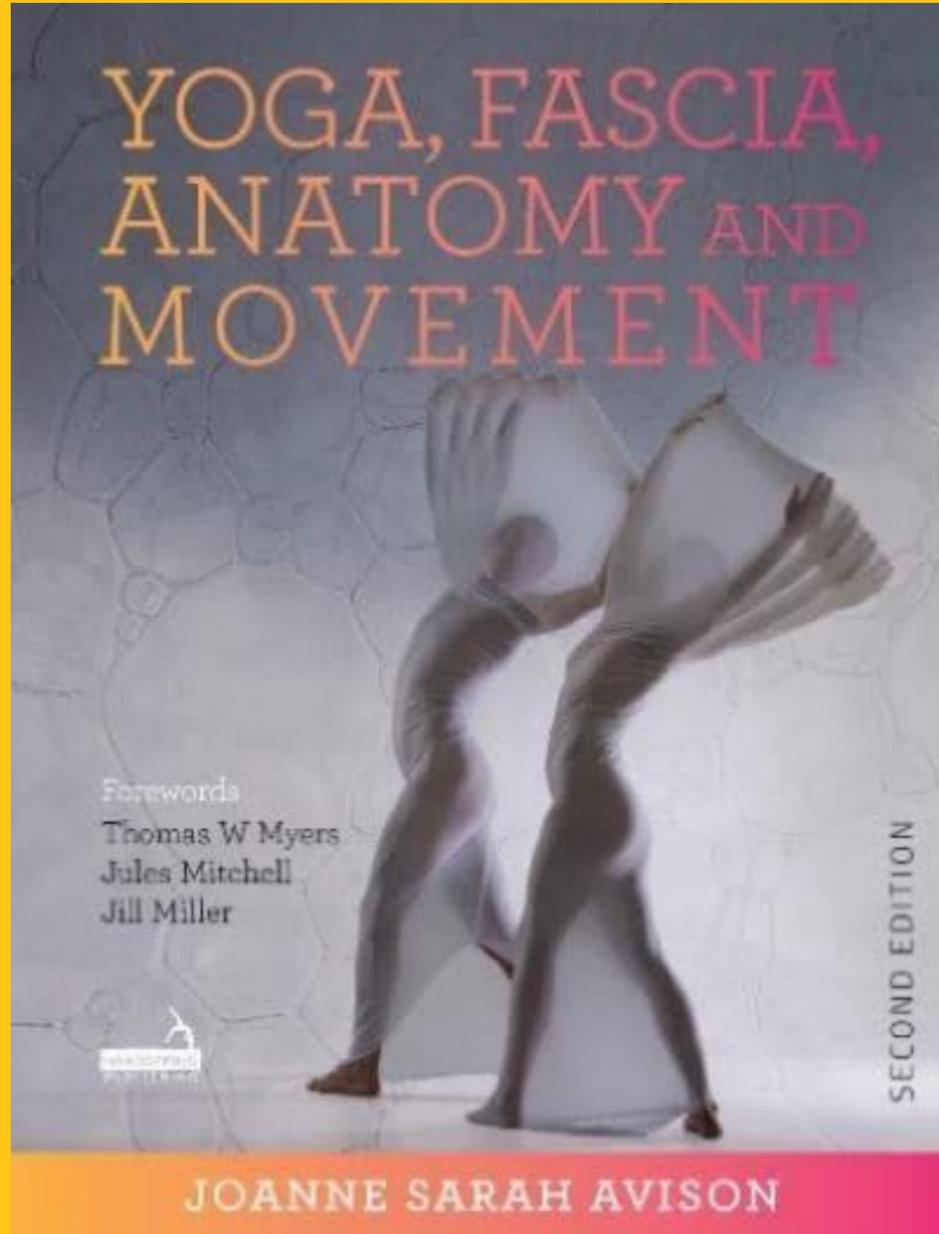
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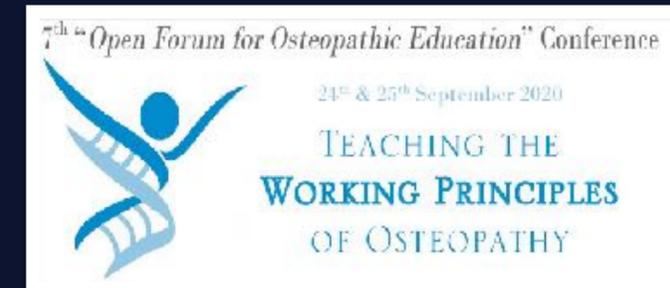
**Two-Bar Open Kinetic System**



**Giovanni Borelli -1608-1679**



**We have viewed 'human as machine and parts' from the time of René Descartes: 1596-1650**



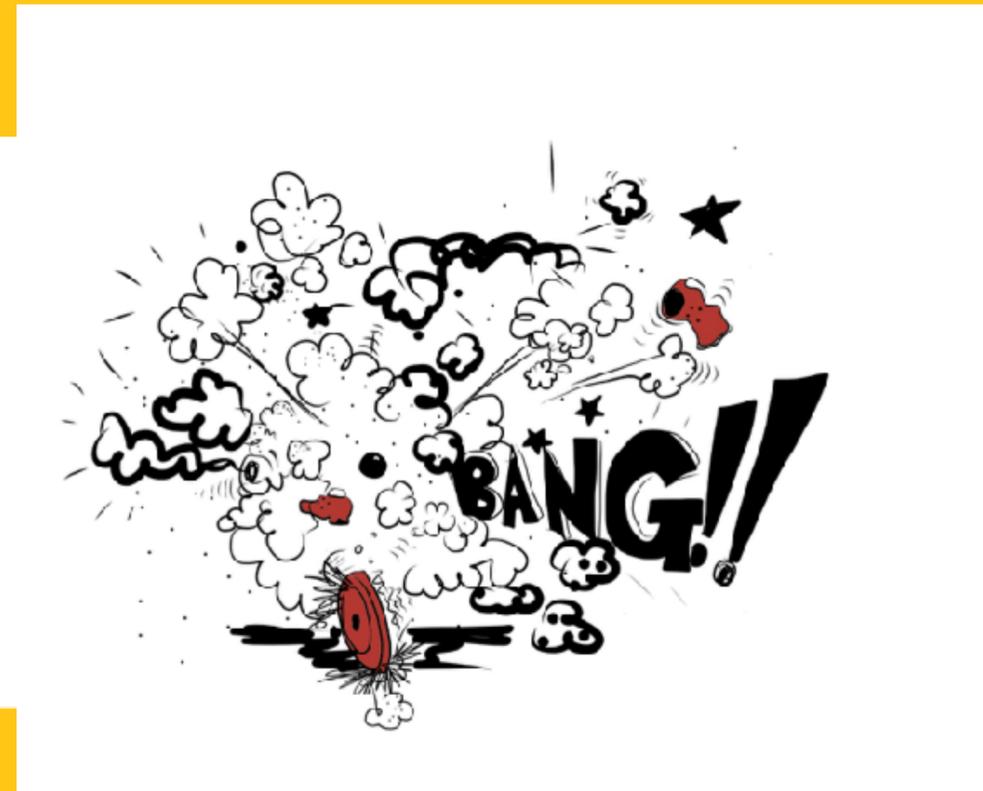
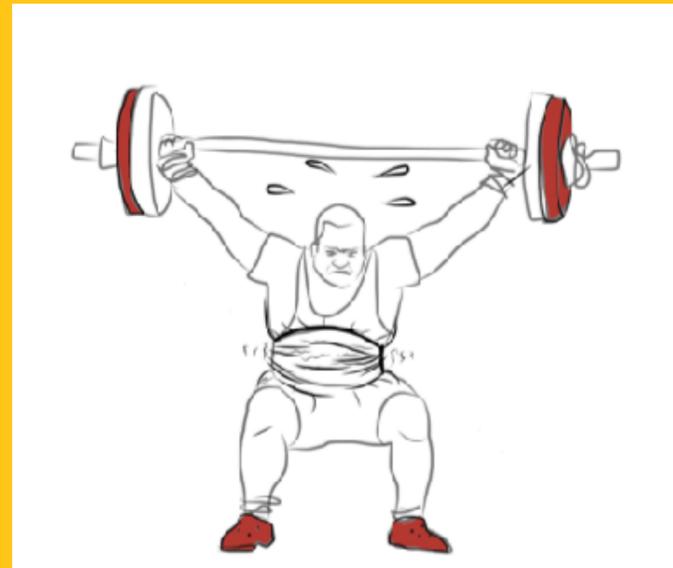
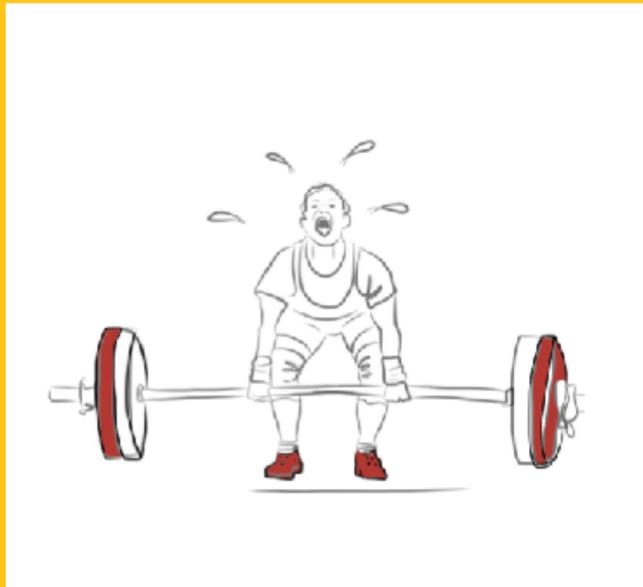
*“In the 1940’s Bartelink was commissioned by the German Air Defense to study the internal tissues forces that pilots ejecting from the new military jets airplanes were subjected to with sometimes very deadly consequences. During the course of his work, Bartelink proposed that the back muscles are the predominant structure that would control the trunk during simple tasks such as weight lifting. This idea was received with unabridged enthusiasm, and even to this day, many believe that this is the revealed biomechanics’ gospel. That this concept survived for so long against the contradictions it generated is a testimony to the unique ability of the art of medicine to keep an attractive idea alive in spite of a ruthless experimental annihilation”.*

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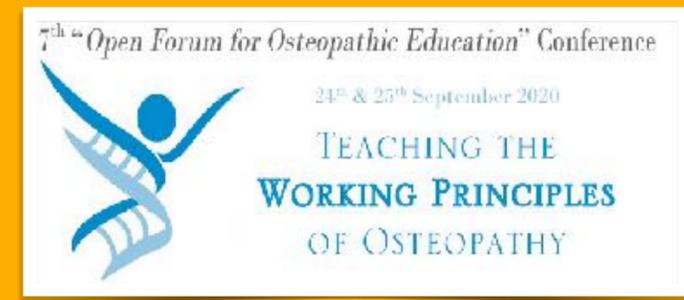
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# There is no break in continuity-The anatomist creates layers



***“Fascia, the Dark Matter of our Inner Universe”***

**Image: Sharkey, J. 2010**

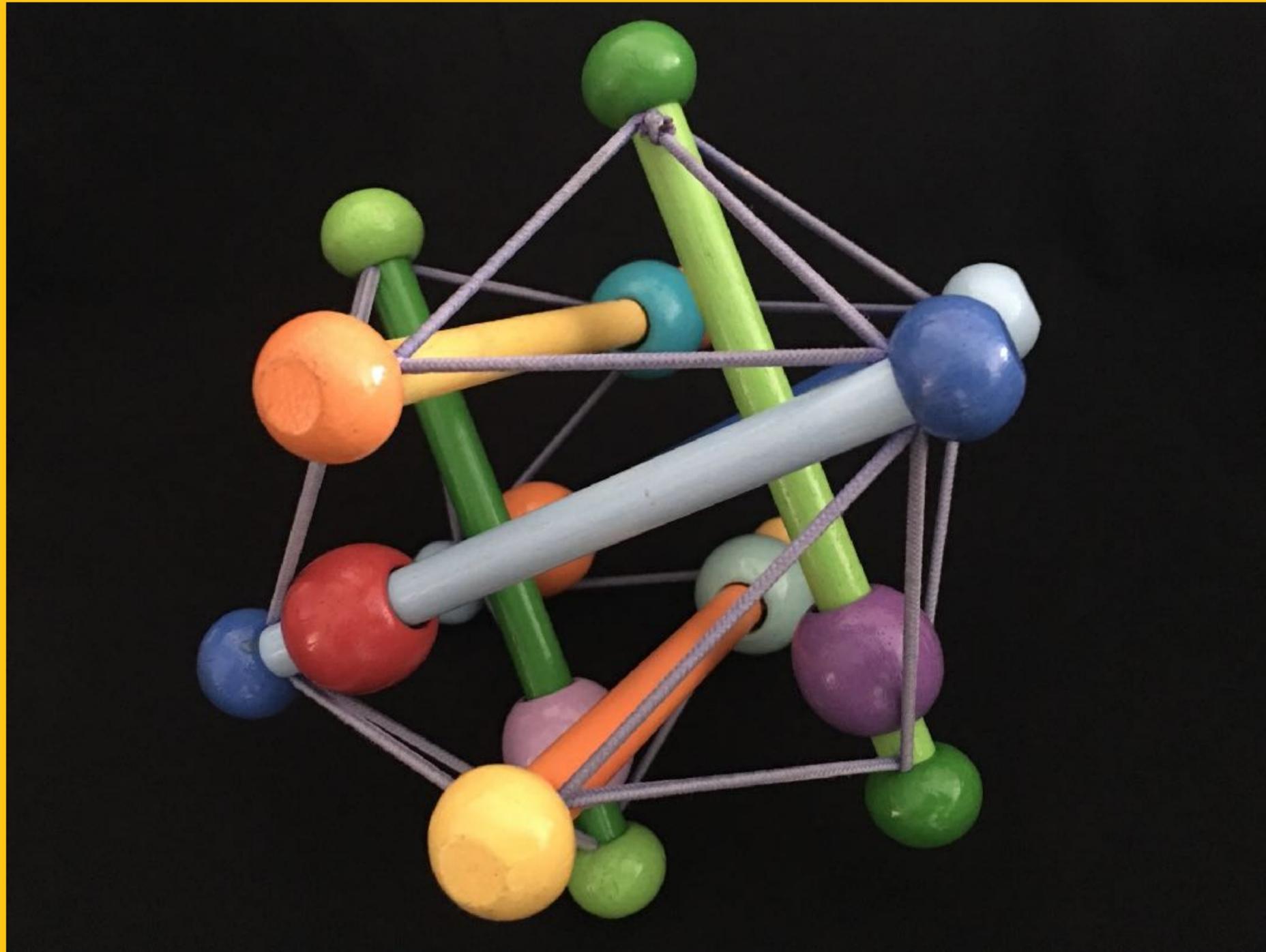
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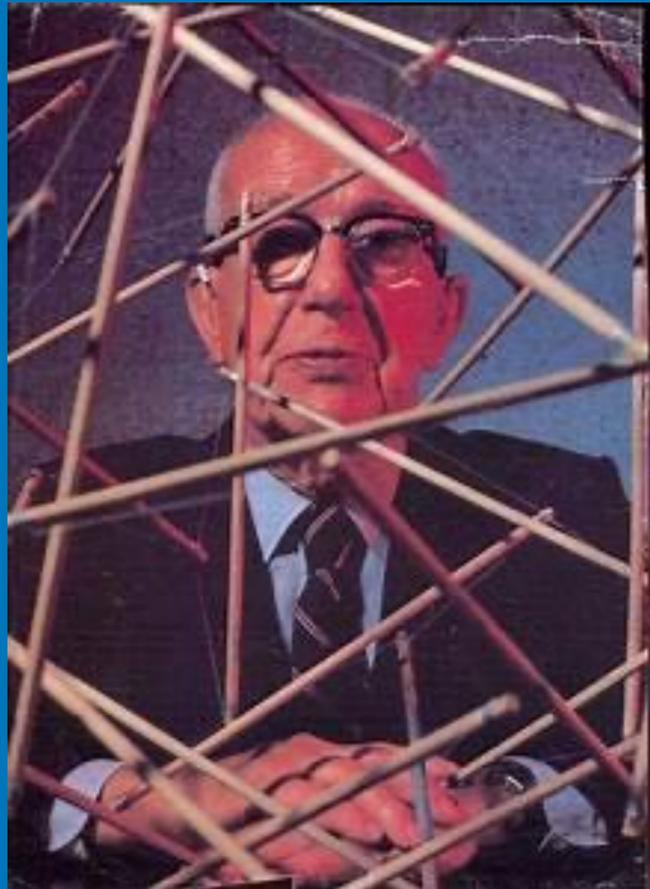


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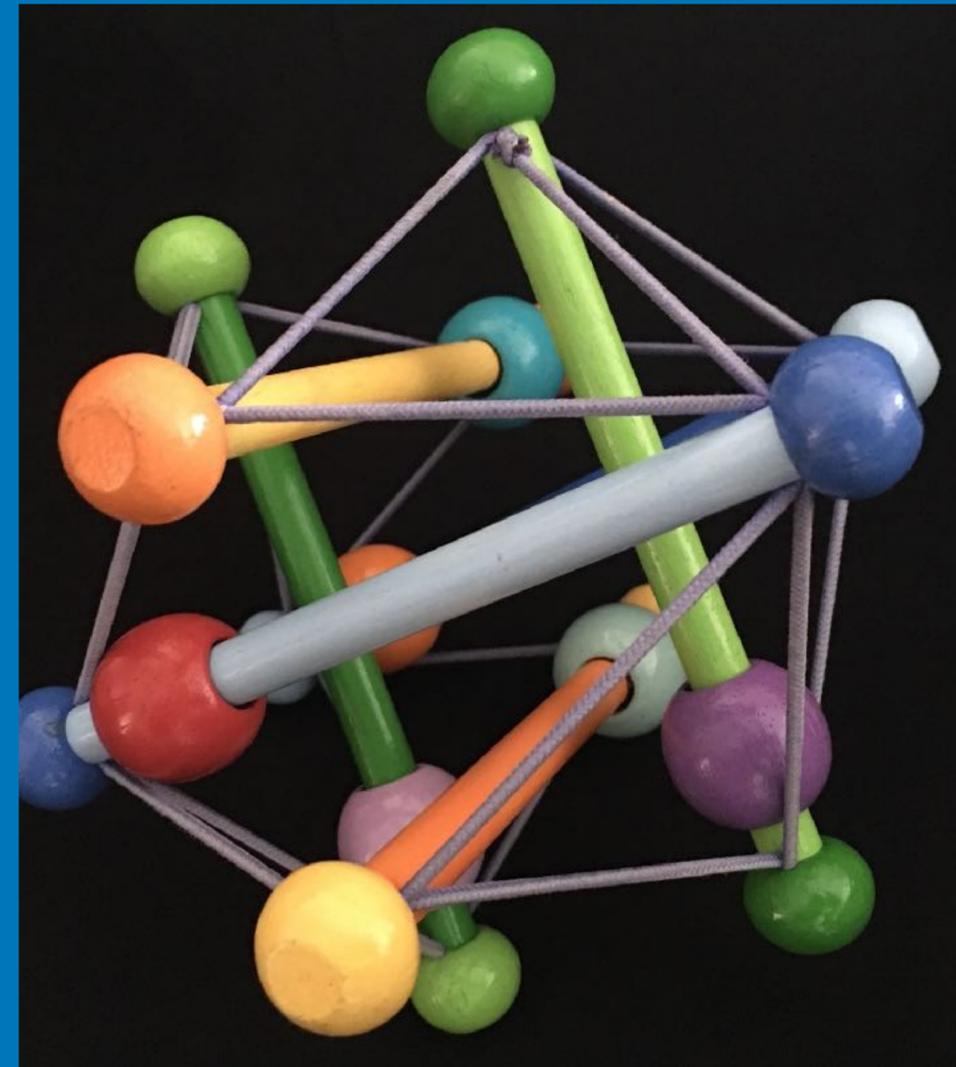


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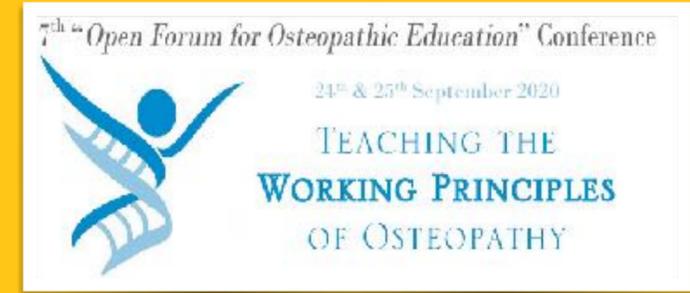
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Richard Buckminster Fuller was an American architect, systems theorist, author, designer, inventor and futurist.



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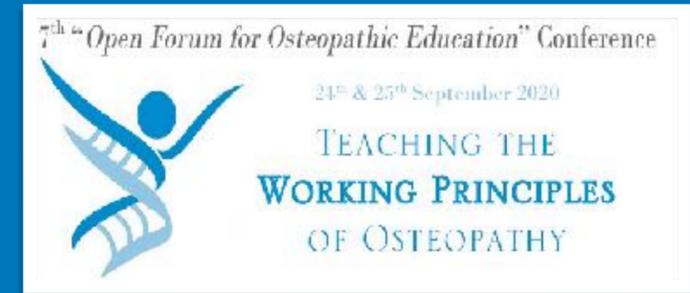
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**Donald Ingber, MD, PhD**  
**Harvard University Professor and Director, Wyss Institute**



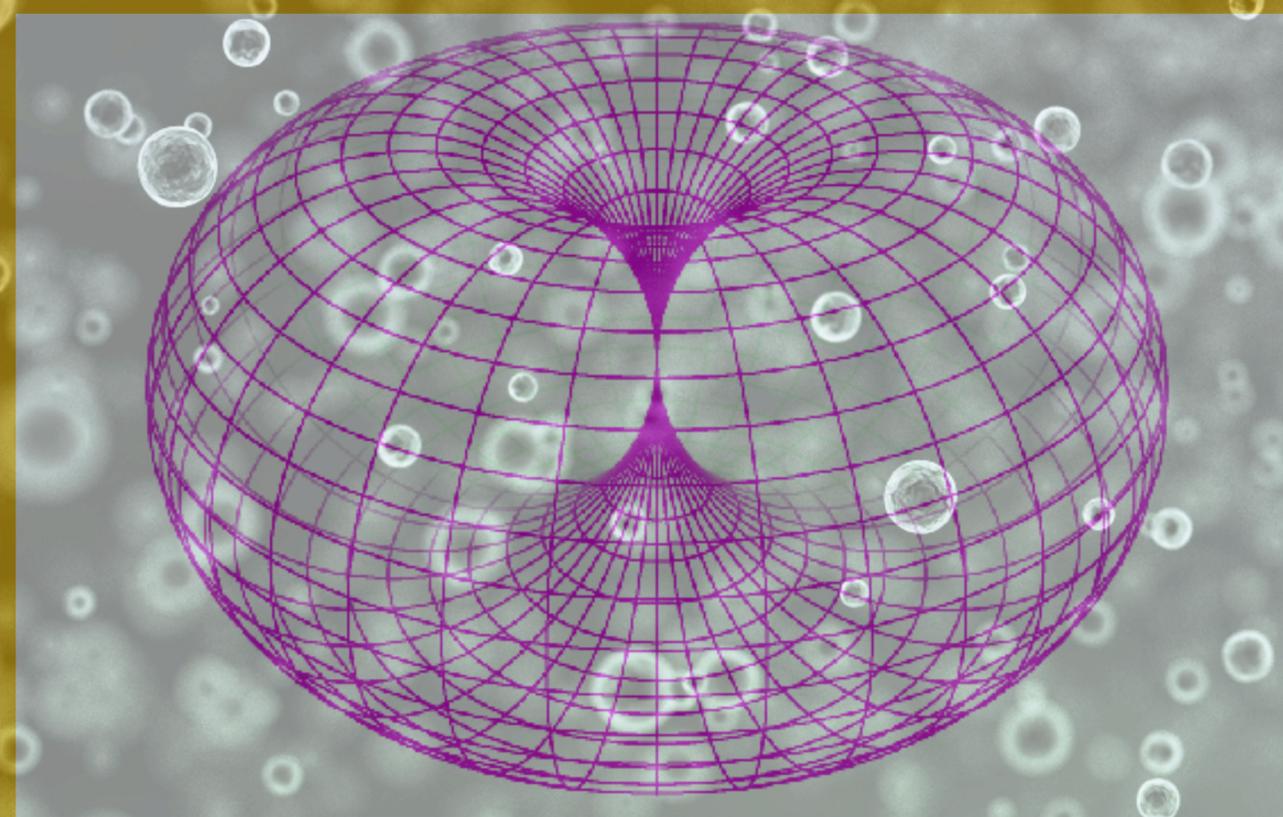
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**Knot**

I find this quote fascinating.....Fascia “gives all muscles help to glide over and around all adjacent muscles and ligaments” Still, 1899 page 164

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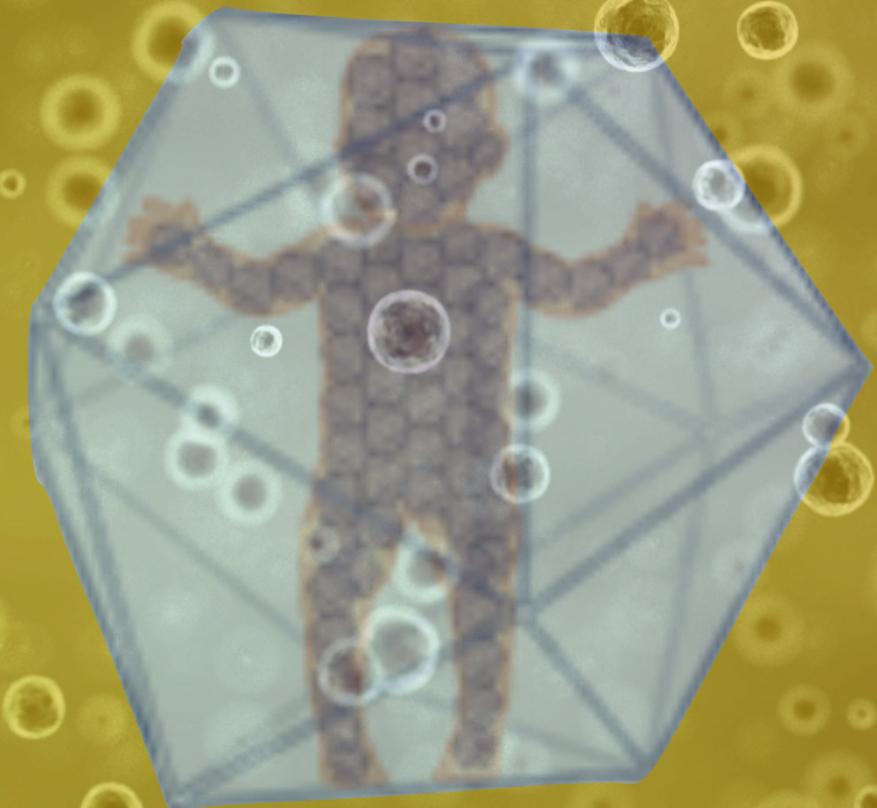


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**To fully appreciate the Living Tensegrity concept we must first grasp that Living structures grow themselves.**

**We are self-stressed, self-contained, self-assembled, self-organized, self-generating, self-organising, self-emerging.**

**You grew yourself independently of gravity**



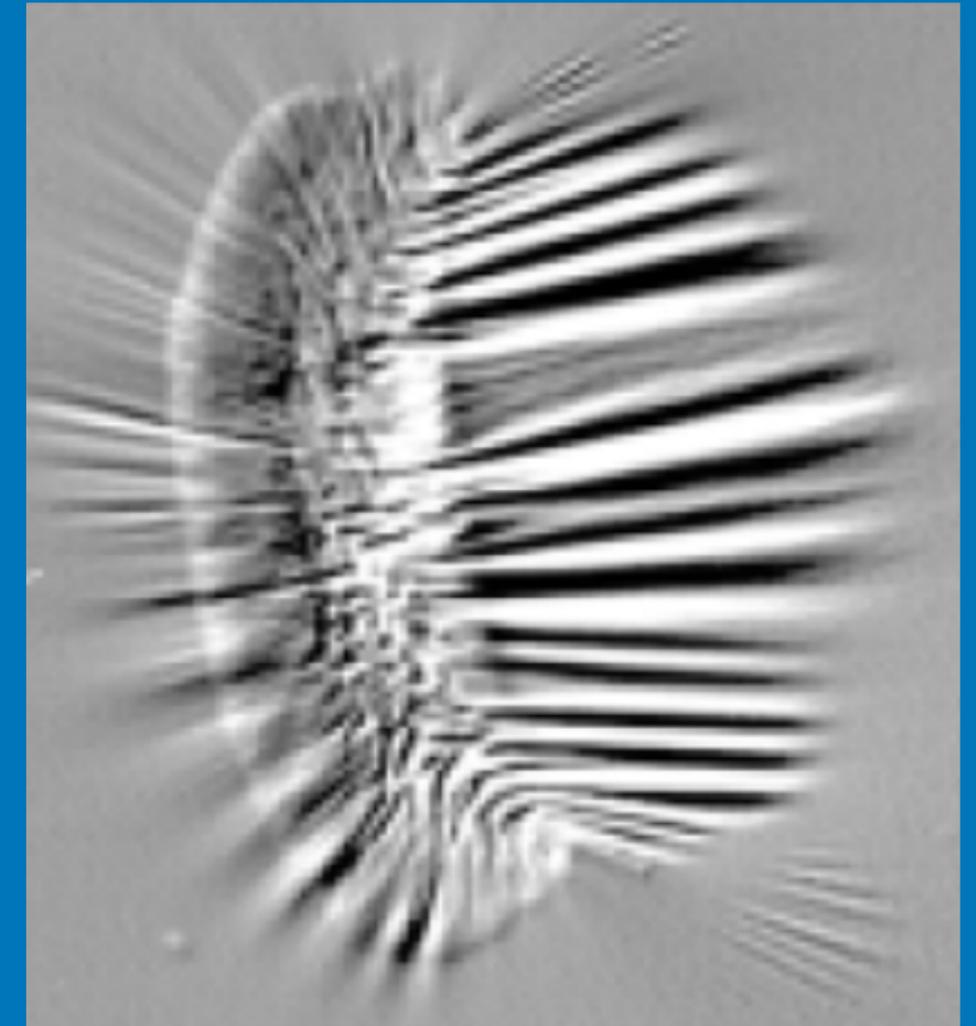
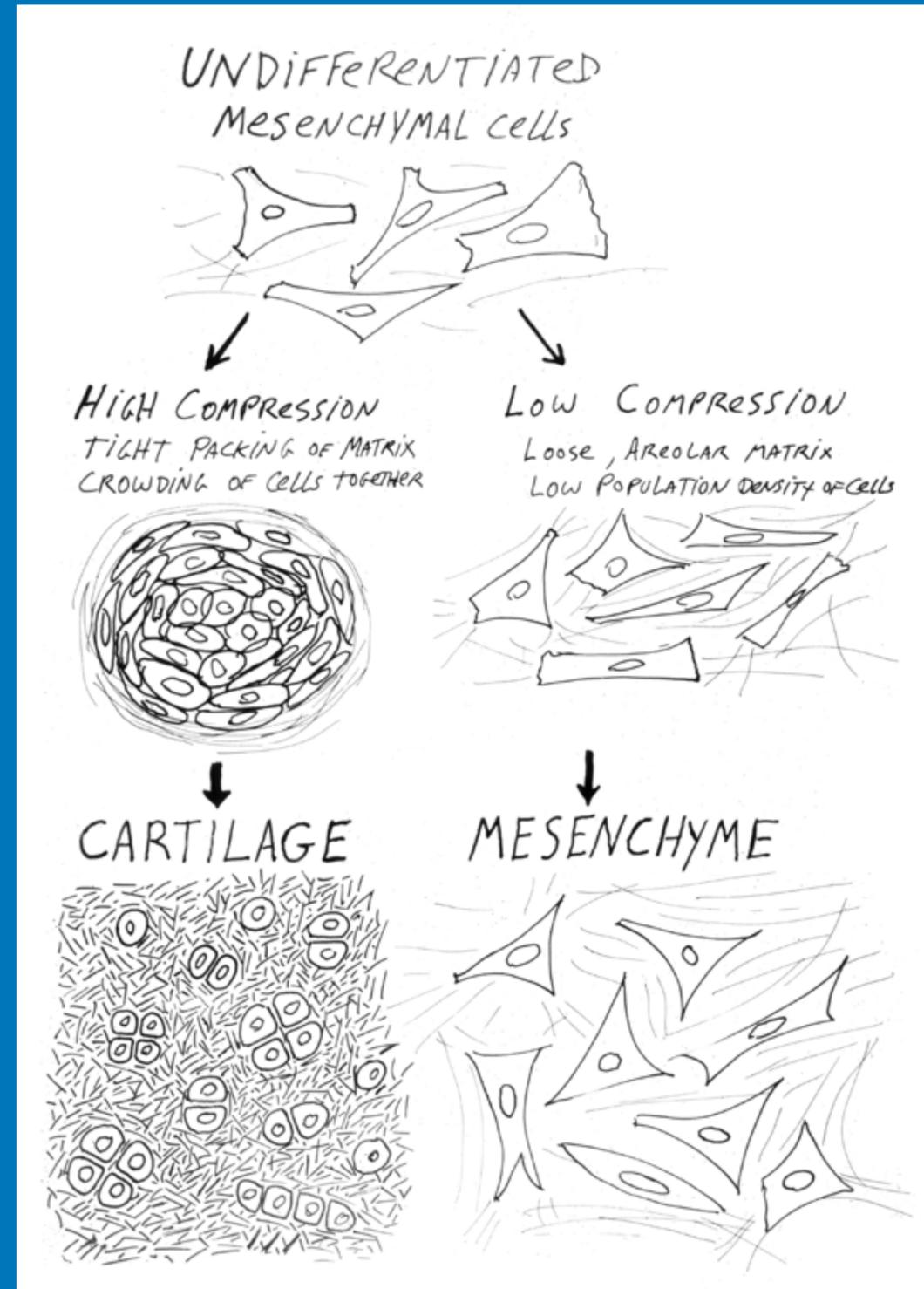
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## **Anatomy for the 21st Century**



**The Stopak-Harris theory of collagen arrangement by fibroblast traction states that ligament, tendons and skeletal muscles are formed as mechanical effects of traction forces exerted by cells at the sites of attachment to the skeleton (that would be origins and insertions).**

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**A cell produces wrinkles on a silicone membrane. (Reproduced with permission from Fig. 1 in Beningo and Wang, Trends Cell Biol 12: 79, 2002).**

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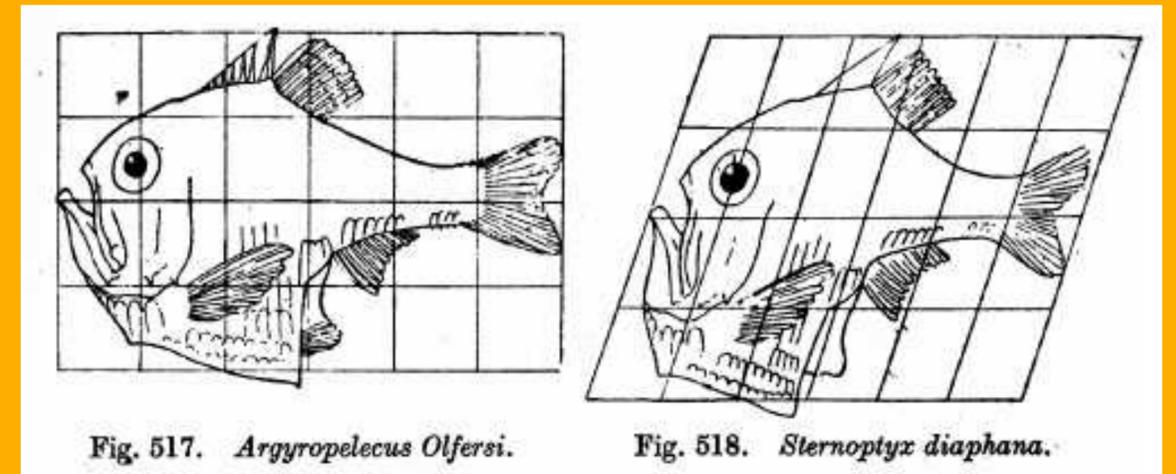
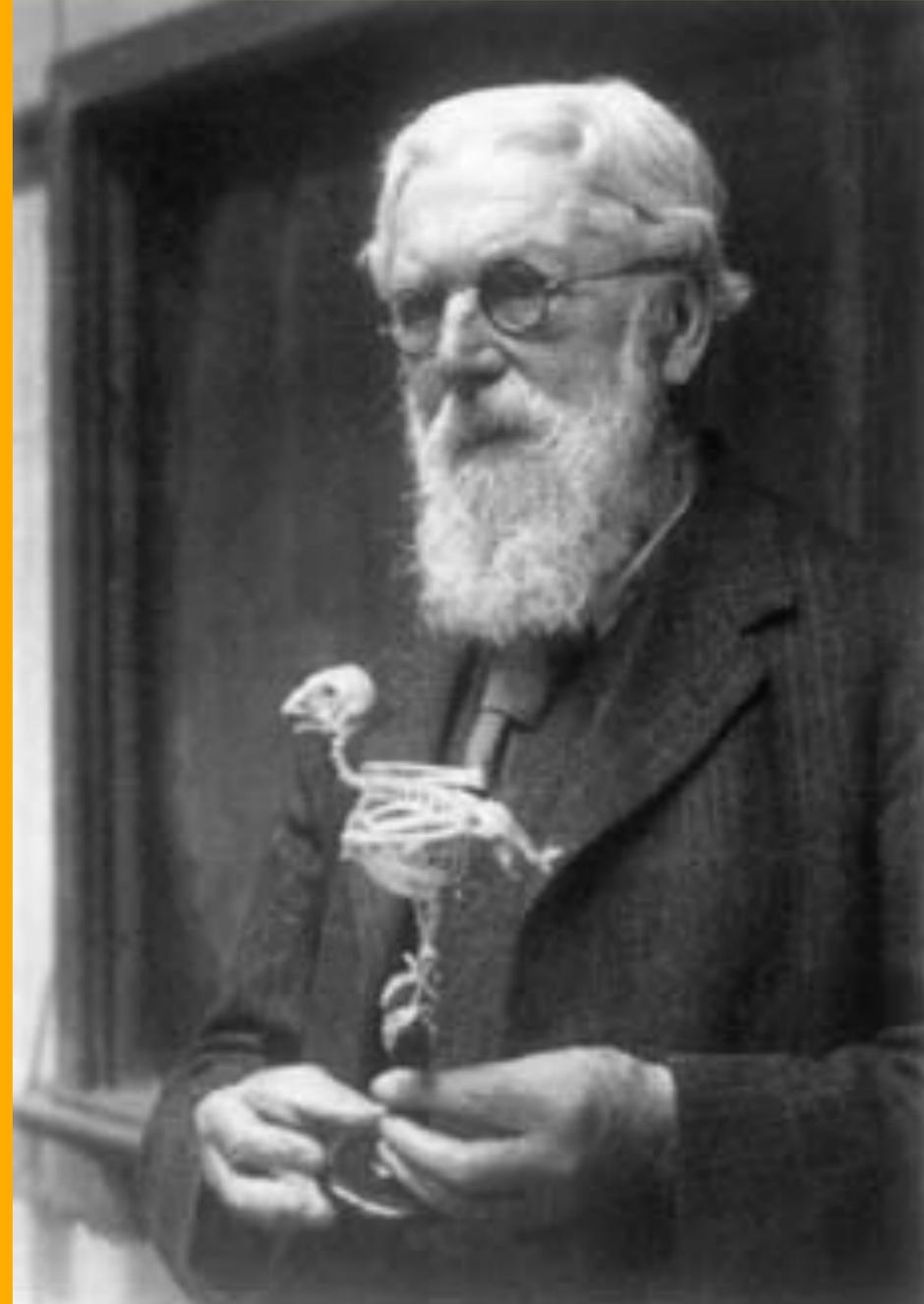
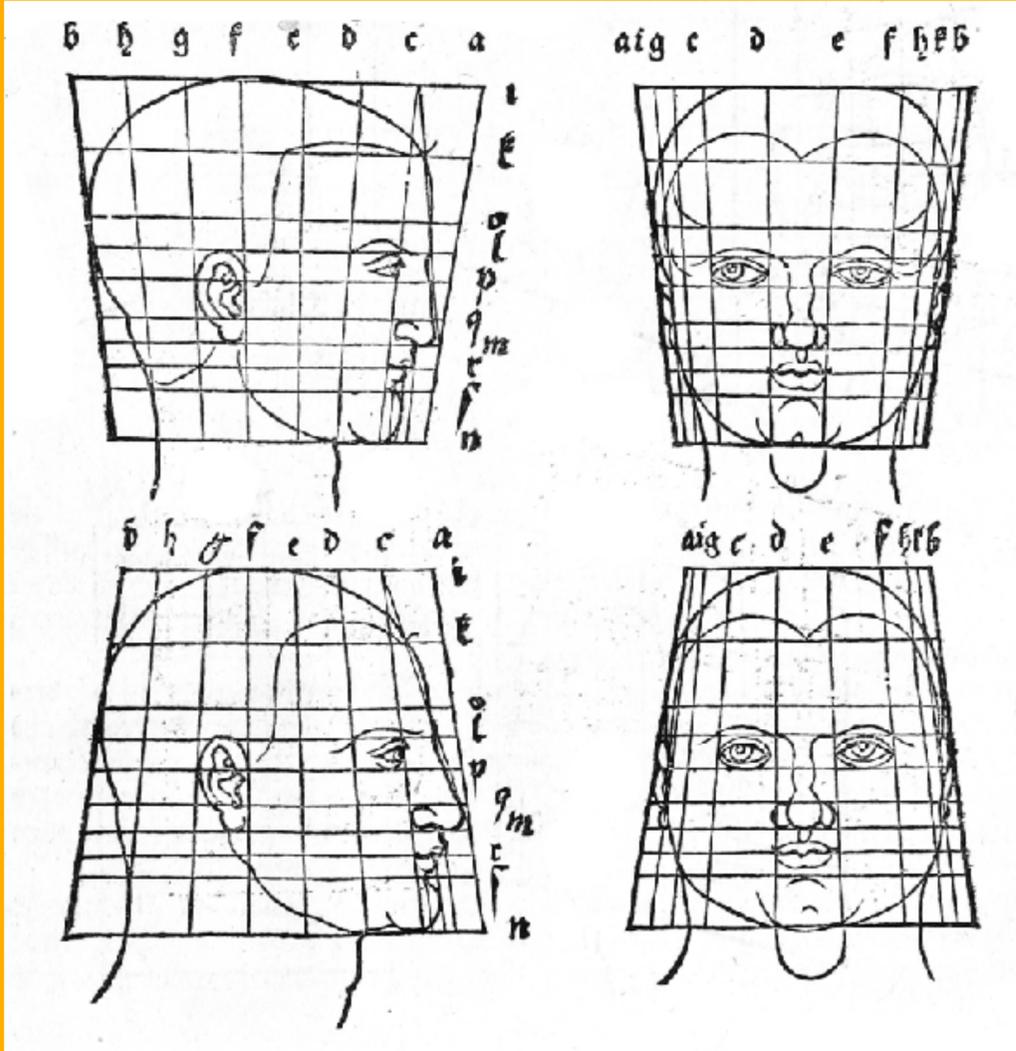
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David Stopak, Albert K. Harris



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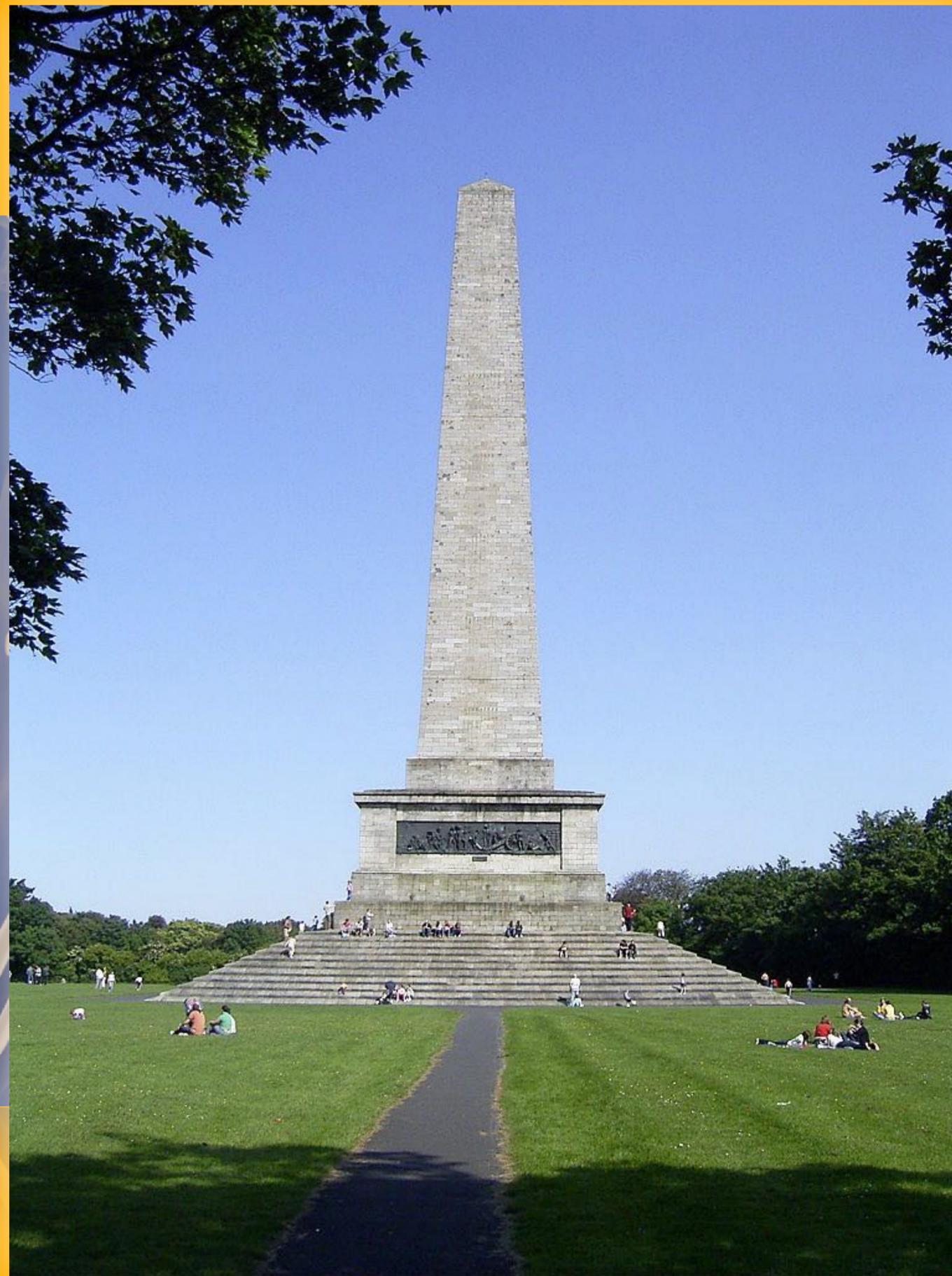
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**D'Arcy Wentworth Thompson (1860–1948)**  
**Pioneer of mathematical study of growth and form.**

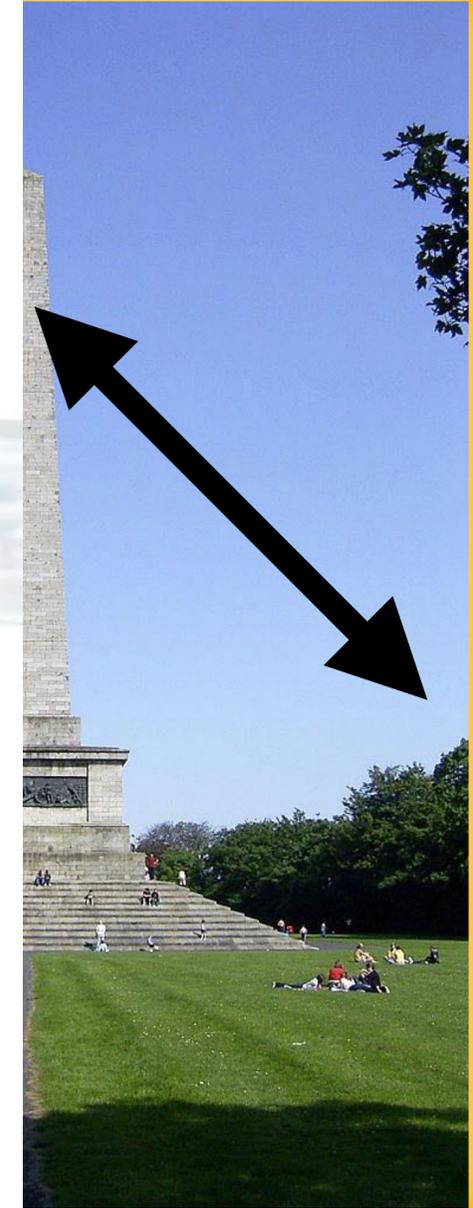


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## What is the function of cartilage tissue?





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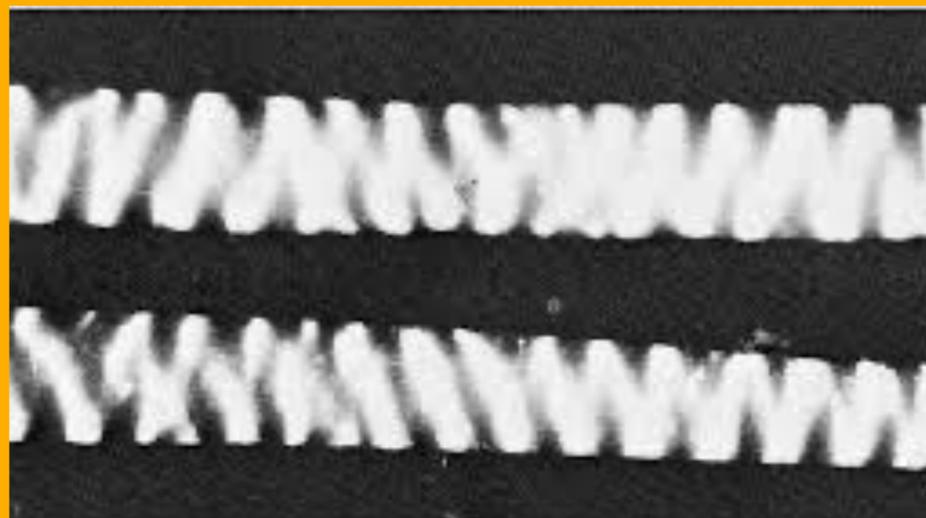
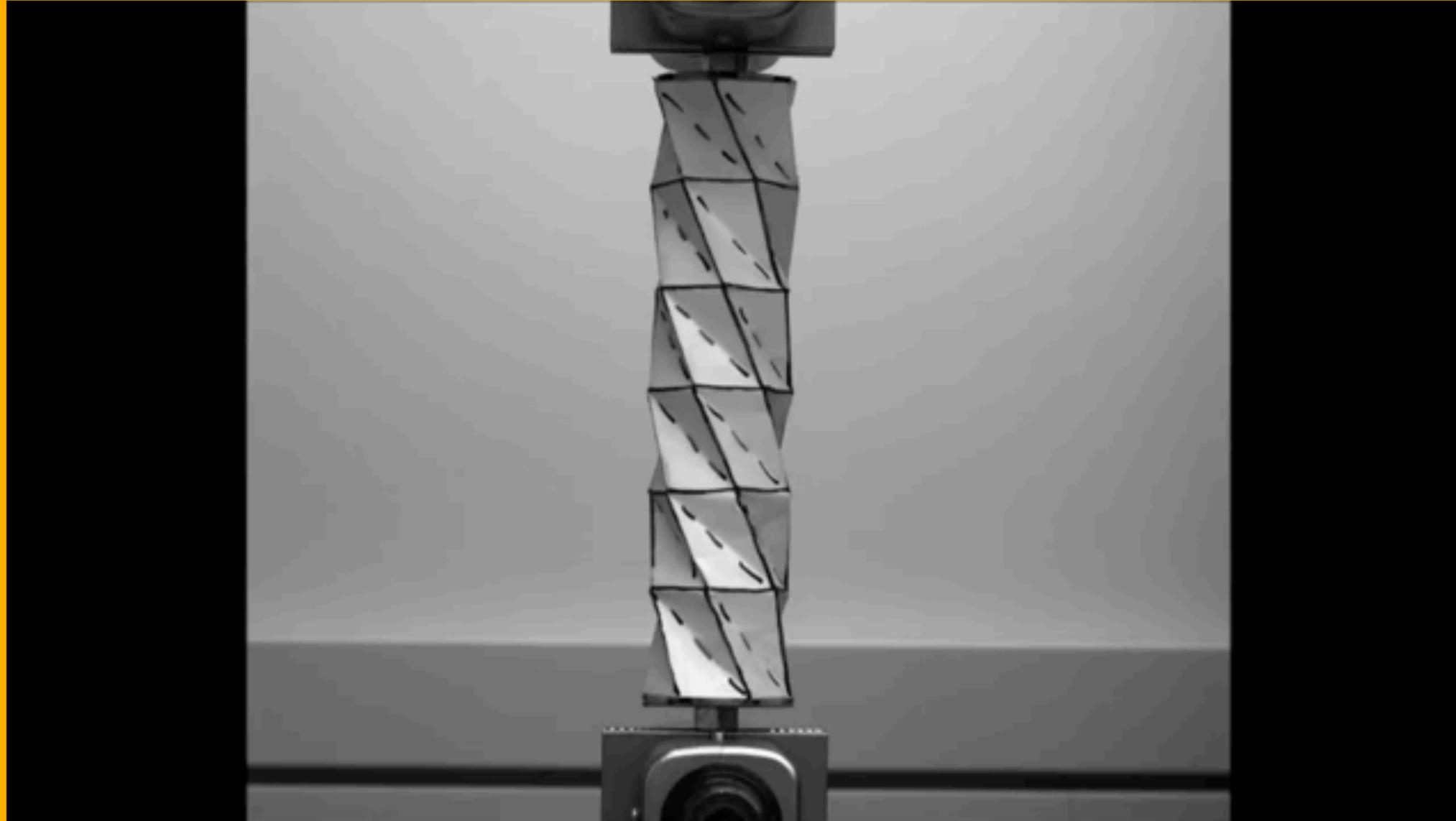
X-ray of a live penguin -  
 An example of an apparently upright animal.  
 Note the marked flexion at the hips and knees as well as the S-shaped curve of the neck.

**The mass is in free Fall!**



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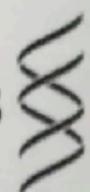
## Reconfigurability of prismatic architected materials

Three prototypes of the 3D prismatic architected materials were constructed using cardboard for the rigid faces and double-sided tape for flexible hinges. Depending on the space-filling assembly of polyhedra used as a template, the resulting architected material has different deformation modes or is completely rigid.



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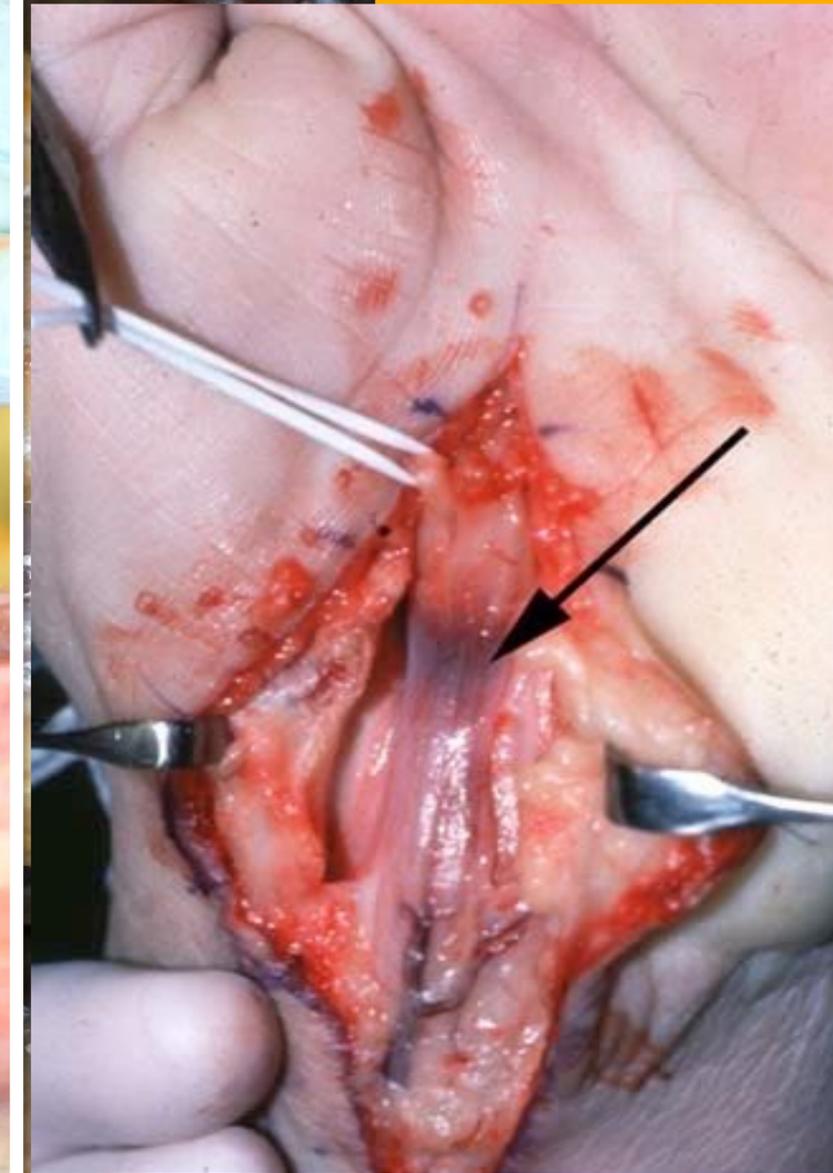
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# Tuning Pegs-Harmonic Resonance-Fascia





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# Fascia and Mechanotransduction



## Connective tissue: a body-wide signaling network?

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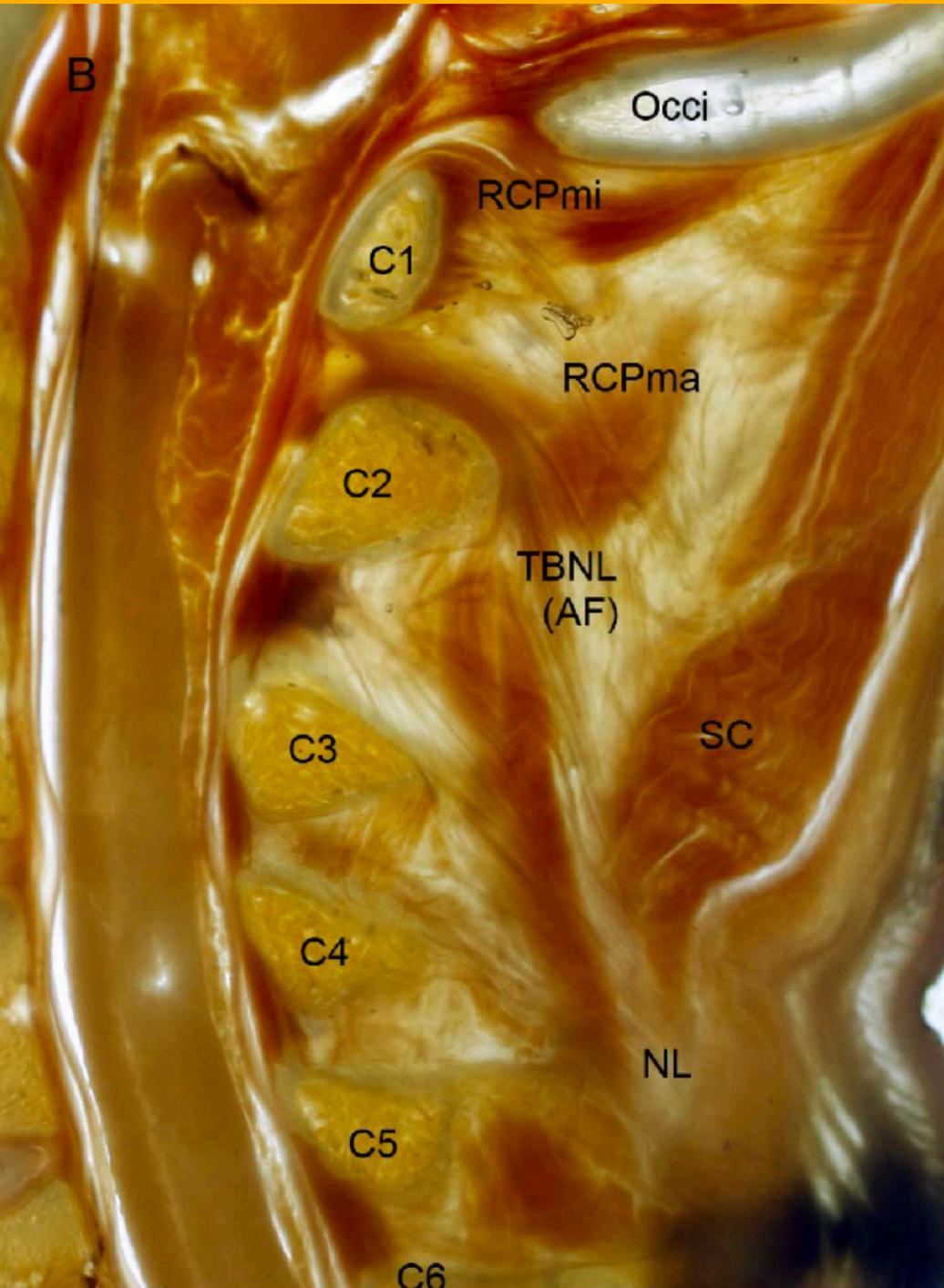
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# Fascia, Mechanotransduction and Fascia Tuning Pegs



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### Small World Networks



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**Quantification of hyaluronan in human fasciae: variations with function and anatomical site**

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Anatomical Site	GVA/GH (approx. mean)
fascia lata	35
rectus sheath	30
epiphyseal fascia	10
retinaculum	90

Hyaluronan-Dichte assoziiert mit Scherbeweglichkeit der Faszien

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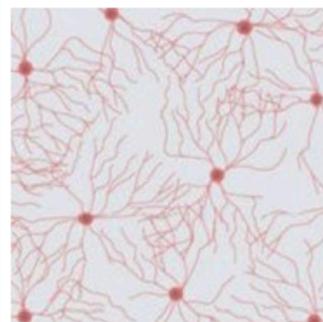
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### Pain Nerve Endings: "Bare" No More

Nociceptive Schwann cells in the skin are an active player in pain sensation

by Stephani Sutherland on 14 Oct 2019



For the past century, dogma has held that unmyelinated nociceptive sensory neurons have "bare" or "free" nerve endings that extend into the epidermis where they detect harmful stimuli directly, unencumbered by end-organ cells. But a new study in mice led by Patrik Ernfors, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, Sweden, shows that nociceptive nerve endings are ensheathed by a novel type of glial cell, which the authors call nociceptive Schwann cells.

The Schwann cells form a mesh-like sensory organ at the border between the epidermis and dermis, where they wrap around nerve endings. But even more surprising is the finding that the cells participated in detecting mechanical and thermal nociceptive stimuli. The study has far-reaching implications for pain physiology, and perhaps for the treatment of chronic neuropathic pain.

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The Fascial Web

> 100 million sensory receptors in the bodywide fascial net

Grunwald M 2016, Univ. Leipzig

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