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Drawing on Mary Douglas’ concepts of ‘purity’ and ‘dirt’ as cultural metaphors (1966), we propose a trans-disciplinary approach to the relationship between rationality and emotions. Cultural theory, philosophy, visual studies and sociology may have a say in repositioning the role of emotions in contemporary scholarly dialogue.

Spaces and places where rational and emotional discourses emerge are worth a fine-tuned analysis. As Sarah Curtis (2010) has noted, the mind/body/environment complex is central to contemporary debates on well-being. Paraphrasing her notion of ‘virtuous landscapes’ (p. 35), we could define virtuous mindscapes as cultural spaces where rational and emotional discourses emerge in a healthy manner – as opposed to the patterns of an ‘obsessive mind’ (Rachman, 2013, p. 7).

Evidence shows that reasoning often leads to epistemic distortions and poor decisions. This suggests that the function of reasoning should be rethought (Mercier and Sperber, 2011).

References:
Curtis, Sarah (2010). Space, Place and Mental Health. Furnham and Burlington: Ashgate

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