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neurochemical or neurogenetic components simple neuropsychological testing could greatly improve training success rates for these assignments Opportunities in Neuroscience for Future Army Applications makes 17 recommendations that focus on utilizing current scientific research and development initiatives to improve performance and efficiency collaborating with pharmaceutical companies to employ neuropharmaceuticals for general sustainment or enhancement of soldier performance and improving cognitive and behavioral performance using interdisciplinary approaches and technological investments An essential guide for the Army this book will also be of interest to other branches of military national security and intelligence agencies academic and commercial researchers pharmaceutical companies and others interested in applying the rapid advances in neuroscience to the performance of individual and group tasks **The Upside of Down** Thomas

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