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American neurosurgeon who was the first to show that both hemispheres of the brain function more or less independently of each other. Gazzinga noticed that in patients in whom the corpus callosum (the bundle of nerves connecting the two brain hemispheres) was severed, each hemisphere continued to function independently of the other. This finding, in turn, led to more involved studies of brain function and the mapping of various functions to different parts of the brain.