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MAN

FIRST OF ALL, I BELIEVE MAN POSSESSES A SOUL. I BASE THIS BELIEF ON THE FACT THAT I HAVE SELF-AWARENESS. I AM AWARE THAT I EXIST. IF ALL I WAS WAS JUST A COLLECTION OF BRAIN CELLS WRAPPED UP IN A CERTAIN WAY AS TO RESPOND TO CERTAIN STIMULI, I WOULD HAVE NO SELF-AWARENESS.

OF COURSE, ON THE OTHER HAND, I HAVE OFTEN THOUGHT THAT MAYBE MY SELF-AWARENESS WAS ONLY A CLEVER GADGET OF SELF DEFENSE THAT CONDITIONS ME TO THINK THAT I AM IN EXISTENCE. BUT THEN I ALSO THINK: WHY WOULD AN ORGANIC MACHINE NEED A SELF-DEFENCE MECHANISM TO PRODUCE THE SENSATION OF SELF-AWARENESS UNLESS THERE WAS SOMETHING MORE THAN A MACHINE TO PROTECT. IT WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE TO TRY AND CONDITION ONESELF INTO BELIEVING ONE EXISTS IF HE NEVER ACTUALLY EXISTED. THERE'S NO REASON FOR IT. IF I ~~(am)~~ DON'T EXIST THERE'S NO REASON FOR FOOLING MYSELF INTO THINKING I DO. I WOULDN'T NEED TO. DO YOU FOLLOW?

MAN HAS A SELF-AWARENESS. INFORMATION FLOODS INTO THIS SELF-AWARENESS (SOUL) ALL THE TIME. I HAVE THREE THEORIES ON WHAT THIS INFORMATION, OR BETTER, WHAT PERCEPTION, ACTUALLY IS. TO AID MY EXPLANATION OF THESE THEORIES I WILL USE DRAWINGS.

THE FIRST THEORY IS THE MOST WIDELY EXCEPTED THEORY BECAUSE IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THIS IS THE CORRECT THEORY.

Consciousness

THEORY #1



CERTAIN STIMULI ARE PERCEIVED BY THE SENSES AND SENT TO THE BRAIN. WHEN THE BRAIN IS STIMULATED THE SELF AWARENESS PERCEIVES THE IMAGE OR SOUND.

THEORY #2



PERHAPS ~~NONE~~ NOTHING THAT WE PERCEIVE ACTUALLY EXISTS BUT THAT THE IMAGES WE RECEIVE IN THE SELF-AWARENESS ARE ONLY SIMULATED. (WHY; I DON'T HAVE ANY EXPLANATION) IF THIS IS TRUE WE ARE BEING FOOLED INTO THINKING SOMETHING IS THERE WHEN IT ACTUALLY ISN'T.

THEORY #3

PERHAPS THE ONLY TRUE THING IN EXISTENCE IS THE SELF AWARENESS AND ALL IMAGES PERCEIVED ARE JUST THE PRODUCT OF ONE'S OWN SELF-DEFENCE MECHANISM TO TRY AND CONVINCING THE SELF AWARENESS THAT SOMETHING MORE THAN ITSELF EXISTS.



*SELF-DEFENCE MECHANISM.

I WILL SUMMARIZE HERE: IT IS MY BELIEF THAT THE RIDDLE OF LIFE DOES NOT ~~DEAL~~ DEAL WITH WHETHER OR NOT THE SOUL EXISTS. I THINK MEN WHO ARGUE OVER THIS ARE JUST TRYING TO HIDE FROM

THEMSELVES THE REAL RIDDLE OF LIFE. AND THAT
IS: I KNOW I EXIST, BUT DOES [★]ANYTHING ELSE?

★ OR ANYONE