

Re: The Identity Theory of Mind

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lesterDELzick@worldnet.att.net (Lester Zick) wrote in message
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> *On Wed, 22 Sep 2004 11:33:30 -0500, Paul Bramscher*

> *<brams006_nospam@tc.umn.edu> in comp.ai.philosophy wrote:*

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> *>Wolf Kirchmeir wrote:*

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>>> *Paul Bramscher wrote:*

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>>>>> *The Sophist wrote:*

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>>>>>>> *Paul Bramscher wrote:*

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>>>>>>>>> *Since most philosophical theories of the mind appear to be*

>>>>>>>>>> *astoundingly inbred (relatively small number of constantly*

>>>>>>>>>>> *referenced writers, and all Western/white/academic), there are some*

>>>>>>>>>>>> *important missing critiques to the identity theory:*

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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> *Apparently you have not actually read extensively from the literature*

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> *you denigrate. Certainly Parfit is aware of these issues, and the*

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> *Churchlands show more than a bit of sensitivity to them.*

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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> *Literature doesn't solve this problem. One should take a theory and*

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> *point it toward empirical evidence. Don't just point toward a theory*

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> *or piece of literature as an ends to itself.*

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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> *Ah, but for philosophers, the literature is the important thing.*

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>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> *Which is odd, since the great philosophers the followers constantly like*

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> *to reference are -- themselves -- the counter-examples! At some point*

>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>> *they left the library, set aside a book, and engineered their own*

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- > > *theories -- for better or worse.*
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- > > *I'm not anti-literature (in fact I'm currently sitting in a large*
- > > *research library in North America). It's just that you need to set it*
- > > *aside at some point and budget your time. I'm more allied to the art of*
- > > *design & building, rather than deconstructing or analyzing as an ends to*
- > > *itself. The best sources of my own inspiration are other builders and*
- > > *engineers, not analysts and intellectual forensics specialists. :-)*
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- > *How does one engineer the right without deconstructing the wrong? Why*
- > *do you think theories of the mind are so inbred and keep coming up*
- > *with the same tired nonsense?*

It's most likely that Philosophers prefer science-fiction
to science, and scientists prefer treatises
on Lepto-Quark positivism to thinking, Politicians
prefer photo-ops with Bill Gates to engineering,
and Literaturists prefer 4000 year-old decaying
religious slums to minds.

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- > *Regards - Lester*