

Re: Epistemology 201: The Science of Science

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Albert said:

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> > > > *Let's draw an analogy to the mind.*

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> > > > *You mean brain and nervous system don't you? There is no evidence that*

> > > > *mind as a separate substance from the physical stuff of which we are*

> > > > *made, exists. Slice open a human being and you will find bloody goo.*

> > > > *Where is the mind?*

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> > > *It is true that mind is not a separate substance. Mind in an*

> > > *emergent phenomenon dependent on the physical substrate of the*

> > > *bloody goo. You destroyed the mind when you killed the goo.*

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> > *I agree. Mind is the function of brain.*

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> *I wouldn't say that. The function of brain is much more*

> *primitive than mind. That's why I say that mind is an emergent*

> *phenomenon dependent on the physical substrate of brain.*

I wouldn't say brain is more primitive than mind. Brains are pretty damned complex, and I don't believe mind is as complex or mysterious as many seem to think. Of course that's not an argument anyone can win at this point. More a matter of opinion.

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> > *I won't try to defend this*

> > *position, but I also hold open the possibility that mind may exist*

> > *independent of a brain, though it doesn't make sense to me at this time.*

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Smiles,
Tony