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edition of consciousness revised by author team susan blackmore and emily troscianko explores the key theories and evidence in consciousness studies ranging from neuroscience and psychology to quantum theories and philosophy it examines why the term consciousness has no recognised definition and provides an opportunity to delve into personal intuitions about the self mind and consciousness featuring comprehensive coverage of all core topics in the field this edition includes why the problem of consciousness is so hard neuroscience and the neural correlates of consciousness why we might be mistaken about our own minds the apparent difference between conscious and unconscious theories of attention free will and self and other the evolution of consciousness in animals and machines altered states from meditation to drugs and dreaming complete with key concept boxes profiles of well known thinkers and questions and activities suitable for both independent study and group work consciousness provides a complete introduction to this fascinating field additional resources are available on the accompanying companion website routledge.com/cw/blackmore

new york times bestseller if you ve ever wondered how you have the capacity to wonder some fascinating insights await you in these pages adam grant new york times bestselling author of originals as concise and enlightening as seven brief lessons on physics and astrophysics for people in a hurry this mind expanding dive into the mystery of consciousness is an illuminating meditation on the self free will and felt experience what is consciousness how does it arise and why does it exist we take our experience of being in the world for granted but the very existence of consciousness raises profound questions why would any collection of matter in the universe be conscious how are we able to think about this and why should we in this wonderfully accessible book annaka harris guides us through the evolving definitions philosophies and scientific findings that probe our limited understanding of consciousness where does it reside and what gives rise to it could it be an illusion or a universal property of all matter as we try to understand consciousness we must grapple with how to define it and in the age of artificial intelligence who or what might possess it conscious offers lively and challenging arguments that alter our ideas about consciousness allowing us to think freely about it for ourselves if indeed we can

consciousness the last great mystery for science has now become a hot topic how can a physical brain create our experience of the world what creates our identity do we really have free will could consciousness itself be an illusion exciting new developments in brain science are opening up

debates on these issues and the field has now expanded to include biologists neuroscientists psychologists and philosophers this controversial book clarifies the potentially confusing arguments and the major theories using illustrations lively cartoons and experiments topics include vision and attention theories of self and will experiments on action and awareness altered states of consciousness and the effects of brain damage and drugs about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable

despite recent strides in neuroscience and psychology that have deepened understanding of the brain consciousness remains one of the greatest philosophical and scientific puzzles the second edition of theories of consciousness an introduction and assessment provides a fresh and up to date introduction to a variety of approaches to consciousness and contributes to the current lively debate about the nature of consciousness and whether a scientific understanding of it is possible after an initial overview of the status and prospects of physicalism in the face of the problem of consciousness william seager explores key themes from descartes the founder of the modern problem of consciousness he then turns to the most important theories of consciousness identity theories and the generation problem higher order thought theories of consciousness self representational theories of consciousness daniel dennett s theory of consciousness attention based theories of consciousness representational theories of consciousness conscious intentionality panpsychism neutral monism thoroughly revised and expanded throughout this second edition includes new chapters on animal consciousness reflexive consciousness combinatorial forms of panpsychism and neutral monism as well as a significant new chapter on physicalism emergence and consciousness the book s broad scope depth of coverage and focus on key philosophical positions and arguments make it an indispensable text for those teaching or studying philosophy of mind and psychology it is also an excellent resource for those working in related fields such as cognitive science and the neuroscience of consciousness

is there a theory that explains the essence of consciousness or is consciousness itself just an illusion the last great mystery of science consciousness is a topic that was banned from serious research for most of the last century but is now an area of increasing popular interest as well

as a rapidly expanding area of study for students of psychology philosophy and neuroscience this ground breaking textbook by best selling author susan blackmore was the first of its kind to bring together all the major theories of consciousness studies from those based on neuroscience to those based on quantum theory or eastern philosophy the book examines topics such as how subjective experiences arise from objective brain processes the basic neuroscience of consciousness altered states of consciousness out of body and near death experiences and the effects of drugs dreams and meditation it also explores the nature of self the possibility of artificial consciousness in robots and the question of whether animals are conscious the new edition has been fully revised to include the latest developments in neuroscience brain scanning techniques and artificial consciousness and robotics the new website includes self assessment exercises advanced further reading flashcards and mcqs for all those intrigued by what it means to be to exist this book could radically transform your understanding of your own consciousness

consciousness has long been a subject of interest in philosophy and religion but only relatively recently has it become subject to scientific investigation now more than ever before we are beginning to understand this mental state developmental psychologists understand when we first develop a sense of self neuropsychologists see which parts of the brain activate when we think about ourselves and which parts of the brain control that awareness cognitive scientists have mapped the circuitry that allows machines to have some form of self awareness and neuroscientists investigate similar circuitry in the human brain research that once was separate inquiries in discreet disciplines is converging list serves and small conferences focused on consciousness are proliferating new journals have emerged in this field a huge number of monographs and edited treatises have recently been published on consciousness but there is no recognized entry point to the field no comprehensive summary this encyclopedia is that reference organized alphabetically by topic coverage encompasses a summary of major research and scientific thought regarding the nature of consciousness the neural circuitry involved how the brain body and world interact and our understanding of subjective states the work includes contributions covering neuroscience psychology philosophy and artificial intelligence to provide a comprehensive backdrop to recent and ongoing investigations into the nature of conscious experience from a philosophical psychological and biological perspective

this new research topic is in part a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the game changing neural correlates of consciousness concept first

proposed as part of crick and koch s 1990 neurobiological theory of consciousness after thirty years of research and theory building scholars in the science of consciousness are perhaps not much closer to a widely accepted theory of consciousness

this interdisciplinary work contains the most sustained attempt at developing and defending one of the few genuine theories of consciousness following the lead of david rosenthal the author argues for the so called higher order thought theory of consciousness this theory holds that what makes a mental state conscious is the presence of a suitable higher order thought directed at the mental state in addition the somewhat controversial claim that consciousness entails self consciousness is vigorously defended the approach is mostly analytic in style and draws on important recent work in cognitive science perception artificial intelligence neuropsychology and psychopathology however the book also makes extensive use of numerous kantian insights in arguing for its main theses and in turn sheds historical light on kant s theory of mind a detailed analysis of the relationships between self consciousness behavior memory intentionality and de se attitudes are examples of the central topics to be found in this work series a

the most remarkable fact about the universe is that certain parts of it are conscious somehow nature has managed to pull the rabbit of experience out of a hat made of mere matter making its own contribution to the current lively debate about the nature of consciousness theories of consciousness introduces variety of approaches to consciousness and explores to what extent scientific understanding of consciousness is possible including discussion of key figures such as descartes foder dennett and chalmers the book covers identity theories representational theories intentionality externalism and the new information based theories

the natural problem of consciousness is the problem of understanding why there are presently conscious beings at all given a non reductive naturalist framework taking consciousness as an ontologically subjective biological phenomenon how can we rationally explain the fact that the actual world has turned out to be one where there are presently living beings that can feel rather than having developed as a zombie world in which there would be no conscious experiences of any kind this book introduces the natural problem by relating it to central problems in the philosophy of mind metaphysical mind body problem hard problem of consciousness and emphasizing the distinctive interest of its diachronic dimension ranging from philosophy to biology and neuroscience it offers a thorough analysis

aimed at better understanding what could explain why phenomenal consciousness has been preserved throughout evolution by natural selection this is an original engaging and thought provoking philosophical study of a neglected but fundamental question regarding the nature and origin of consciousness

summary light of consciousness metaphysics is a controversial subject because its concepts are not the same as and do not follow the same process of thinking as in other subjects to think metaphysically one must think out of the box one must think independently of object and objective experiences and this has to be learned in metaphysics one separates experiences due to objects from experiences occurring independently of objects such thinking is unusual different from everyday thinking processes otherwise one does not for example separate characterization one ascribes to god or absolute intelligence from ground of such characterization empiricists often insist that there is no such thing as an experience independent of an object yet they do not explain the objects if any that one perceives conceive and represents as corresponding to experiences of time space self consciousness and so on in critic of pure reason kant 1781 1787 sees nature as subject to necessary law these laws kant would say are accessible to us because cognition of these laws depends on the subject of thinking who characterizes its perceptions of nature according to rules thinking and characterizing the problem that arises from this way of framing subjective and objective relationship is answering the question what and how must the subject be in order to operate as a part of or apart from nature and still be said to determine it kant s answer to this dilemma is to split nature into sensuous objects and intelligible things as they are in themselves realm however he does not explain how the intelligible connects with the objective realm independent of thinking that is how one an object can determines an object in view of these problems light of consciousness is intended to achieve two main goals 1 in chapter one we attempt to point out the cognition with its elements in virtue of which metaphysics may also ascend its throne as a legitimate subject matter here just as cognition of external object is cognition of objective relations or physics the object of cognition in metaphysics consist of objects of inner sense of which a subject of inner sense has been repeatedly identified as the aspect of inner sense saddled with the task of thinking and therefore not objective however the controversy in metaphysics is that a subject of inner sense is objective or empirical therefore to say that without experience there is no self light of consciousness is intended to address these problem not by merely laying claims to its existence but also by pointing out its instances of and in

occurrence in the other chapters of the book we seek to point out some of the important topics of metaphysics and to show how these topics help to further simply the subject matter we describe these various aspects of the subject matter of metaphysics and their various elements and how these relate to self we attempt to show that the operation of standing away from thinking is a real activity unique to the human being in the chapter of time and space we attempt to explicate its constituents as they relate to self in the chapter on monad we went further to establish the natures of primary elements of nature by explicating a process of development of pure and objective consciousness and their processes finally in the chapters on consciousness and thought we attempt to describe and explicate elements constitution and process of operations of pure and objective consciousness here we explain what consciousness is what it consists of most important we attempt to identify the nature of a consciousness in virtue of which one determine a representation of time and space and to differentiate this from a consciousness in virtue of which one determines and represents an object in time and space

an exciting introduction to consciousness research and its applications to our waking and sleeping moments once the domain of philosophers the study of consciousness is now an exciting branch of science author anthony freeman managing editor of the journal of consciousness studies opens consciousness with a history of mind study from the ancient greeks to the present and provides a multidisciplinary review of cognitive science freeman untangles the conflicting theories on the working of the brain analyzing the techniques developed for its study over the years seeing v believing mind body connections zombies and assembly line robots are just the beginning even chaos theory and quantum physics are relevant with opposing approaches inciting disciplinary battles this illustrated and accessible volume introduces key researchers like wilder penfield who talked with his conscious sister while operating on her brain tumor

this historic book may have numerous typos and missing text purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book without typos from the publisher not indexed not illustrated 1918 edition excerpt chapter xii the nature of memory 1 the great self and the little selves what is memory and how does it work by what means do we recover the past whether near or remote for after all whether the past be near or remote belonging to this or to any anterior life the means which govern its recovery must be similar and we require a theory which will include all cases of memory and at the same time will enable us to understand each particular case the first step towards obtaining a definite and intelligible

theory is a comprehension of our own composition of the self with its sheaths and their inter relation and we may here briefly restate the main facts in the foregoing chapters which directly bear on the problem of memory we must bear constantly in mind the facts that our consciousness is a unit and that this unit of consciousness works through various sheaths which impose upon it a false appearance of multiplicity the innermost or most tenuous of these sheaths is inseparable from the unit of consciousness in fact it is this sheath which makes it a unit this unit is the monad dwelling on the anupadaka plane but for all practical purposes we may take it as the familiar inner man the tri atom atma buddhi manas thought of as apart from the atmic buddhic and manasic sheaths this unit of consciousness manifests through abides in sheaths belonging to the five planes of its activity and we call it the self working in its sheaths we must think then of a conscious self dwelling in vehicles that vibrate the vibrations of these vehicles correspond on the side of matter with the changes in consciousness on the side of the self we cannot accurately speak of vibrations of consciousness because vibrations

what is consciousness how does the subjective character of consciousness fit into an objective world how can there be a science of consciousness in this sequel to his groundbreaking and controversial the conscious mind david chalmers develops a unified framework that addresses these questions and many others starting with a statement of the hard problem of consciousness chalmers builds a positive framework for the science of consciousness and a nonreductive vision of the metaphysics of consciousness he replies to many critics of the conscious mind and then develops a positive theory in new directions the book includes original accounts of how we think and know about consciousness of the unity of consciousness and of how consciousness relates to the external world along the way chalmers develops many provocative ideas the consciousness meter the garden of eden as a model of perceptual experience and the matrix as a guide to the deepest philosophical problems about consciousness and the external world

in this anthology of its groundbreaking articles science news brings us a riveting look at the mystery of human consciousness despite advances in neuroscience that have allowed us to peer into the inner workings of the brain a deeper understanding of the mind remains elusive from early attempts to pinpoint the exact location of consciousness to today s ongoing explorations of communications between nerve cells scientists have wrestled with how to define such a nebulous concept the articles in this book curated from the extensive science news archive explore the

ways science attempts to explain consciousness studies of perception both normal and altered contribute to our understanding and research on nonhuman consciousness offer insights and depth the collection leaves us with profound and poignant questions is the concept of conscious decision making an illusion and do humans truly possess free will since 1921 society for science the public has facilitated global understanding of important scientific discoveries and issues since the first publication of the science news letter in 1922 they have grown their audience to millions of readers each year now science news exposes new readers to thrilling concepts and innovative theories in consciousness

annotation this engaging and readable book provides an introduction to consciousness that does justice both to the science and to the philosophy of consciousness that is the mechanics of the mind and the experience of awareness the book opens with a general discussion of the brain and of consciousness itself then exploring the areas of brain science most likely to illuminate the basis of awareness zeman focuses on the science of sleep and waking and on the science of vision he describes healthy states and disorders epilepsy narcolepsy blindsight and hallucinations after stroke that provide insights into the capacity for consciousness and into its contents and he tracks the evolution of the brain the human species and human culture and surveys the main current scientific theories of awareness pioneering attempts to explain how the brain gives rise to experience zeman concludes by examining philosophical arguments about the nature of consciousness a practicing neurologist he animates his text with examples from the behavioral and neurological disorders of his patients and from the expanding mental worlds of young children including his own his book is an accessible and enlightening explanation of why we are conscious

a thought provoking argument that consciousness more widespread than previously assumed is the feeling of being alive not a type of computation or a clever hack in the feeling of life itself christof koch offers a straightforward definition of consciousness as any subjective experience from the most mundane to the most exalted the feeling of being alive psychologists study which cognitive operations underpin a given conscious perception neuroscientists track the neural correlates of consciousness in the brain the organ of the mind but why the brain and not say the liver how can the brain three pounds of highly excitable matter a piece of furniture in the universe subject to the same laws of physics as any other piece give rise to subjective experience koch argues that what is needed to answer these questions is a quantitative theory that starts with

experience and proceeds to the brain in the feeling of life itself koch outlines such a theory based on integrated information koch describes how the theory explains many facts about the neurology of consciousness and how it has been used to build a clinically useful consciousness meter the theory predicts that many and perhaps all animals experience the sights and sounds of life consciousness is much more widespread than conventionally assumed contrary to received wisdom however koch argues that programmable computers will not have consciousness even a perfect software model of the brain is not conscious its simulation is fake consciousness consciousness is not a special type of computation it is not a clever hack consciousness is about being

is there a theory that explains the essence of consciousness or is consciousness itself just an illusion the last great mystery of science consciousness was excluded from serious research for most of the last century but is now a rapidly expanding area of study for students of psychology philosophy and neuroscience designed for upper level undergraduate courses on consciousness this groundbreaking text is the first volume to bring together all the major theories of consciousness studies from those rooted in neuroscience to those based on quantum theory or eastern philosophy broadly interdisciplinary consciousness an introduction is divided into nine sections that examine such topics as how subjective experiences arise from objective brain processes the basic neuroscience and neuropathology of consciousness altered states of consciousness mystical experiences and dreams and the effects of drugs and meditation it also discusses the nature of self the possibility of artificial consciousness in robots and the question of whether or not animals are conscious enhanced by numerous illustrations and profiles of important researchers the text is also supported by many pedagogical aids including classroom exercises self assessment questions further reading suggestions and practical exercises that help bring the subject to life

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