

# Review of: "Hard problems in the philosophy of mind"

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This paper is a very good and exhaustive summary of the state of the contemporary philosophy of mind, and it argues with precision all the criticisms concerning physicalism, functionalism, incompatibilism, supervenience, epiphenomenalism and other theories of mind. The author makes his point asserting by his position, i.e., the mind is not something that comes from pure physics, but must be understood through introspection, from the first-person perspective. This is closely related to the concept of God, as the author believes that the most important reason for believing in God should be «the acknowledgment of the singular value of persons, of the miracle of being alive». Furthermore, according to the author, this should also be a compelling reason for believing that God values life/people above all else.

I have just two general concerns. On the one hand, since the paper is very long and structured, it might be better to make the goal of the work clear from the beginning so that the reader understands what s/he is getting into. Hence, where possible, it might be effective for the flow of the paper to shorten some passages. On the other hand, the reasoning leading to God as some sort of final solution is not very clear to me. In order to avoid the feeling that the concept of God appears as a kind of *deus ex machina*, or is taken for granted without adequate justification, it would be useful to deepen this question and to link more strongly the different parts of the papers that converge on this topic.