

Is Mind Identical with Brain?

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Linked to correspondence text for units 1 and 2,  
"Body and Mind". Open University Press 1973. Price

The programme begins with Professor Vesey who explains the purpose of the television programmes and then introduces the first debate, which is between Professor Charles Taylor, McGill University, Montreal, and Anthony Quinton, Fellow of New College, Oxford.

In the correspondence text for these units the nature of mind and the relation of mind and body are discussed. In the programme Charles Taylor challenges Anthony Quinton to defend his view that mental events are identical with brain processes.

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Contributors: Godfrey Vesey  
 Anthony Quinton  
 Charles Taylor

Summary: The problem of whether the mind is identified with the brain is discussed by Quinton and Taylor, introduced by Godfrey Vesey.

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Seq.	Time.	Footage.	Sequence List.	Sound Cue
1	1.38	26	Godfrey Vesey introduces the programme and the two philosophers who are to discuss the problem quoted in the programme title.	...McGill University Montreal.
2	3.50	59	Quinton and Taylor identify their respective positions.	Well my position..... ...for, even from...
3	6.56	103	The positions identified in the proceeding section are discussed and emphasis is placed upon the complexity of certain mental states and the difficulty of linking this complexity with a bodily, physical or chemical event.	Well I agree it's.... ...saw as lightning
4	9.50	143	Taylor reviews historical and contemporary philosophical as well as emotional reasons for the traditional split of mind and body. Quinton and Taylor discuss Descartes' understanding of the problem.	But a lot of..... ...order of nature
5	14.55	209	Taylor and Quinton continue their discussion and try to isolate what factor in the human mind has promoted a widespread traditional belief that mind and body (i.e. brain) are separate. Taylor closes one sequence by stressing the difficulty of localisation of mental state and related renewal activity.	But what is..... ...patterns of firing

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6	24.10	317	The difficulty of localisation and also the problems of terminology and the main points of discussion of the sequence. Quinton argues that these problems do not disprove his assumption; he also extends the argument to the idea of altered personality because of the administration of neuro-chemically active drugs. To close the discussion Taylor restates his position.	...language to do that.