

How do you explain consciousness? David Chalmers

I

1. How does Chalmers describe consciousness as like a movie that's playing before you?
2. Why does consciousness make life worth living?
3. What's his answer concerning why we need consciousness?
4. What do scientists researching consciousness attempt to correlate, and why?
5. Why is this "science of correlations" not a "science of explanations"?
6. What are "emergent phenomena"?
7. What is a "scientific materialist".
8. What is the "hard problem" of consciousness?
9. What is Daniel Dennett's "crazy idea" and why does Chalmers disagree with him?

II

1. What are Chalmers' two crazy ideas?
2. Why in some cultures might Chalmers' second crazy idea not seem so crazy?
3. What might the connection between information-processing and consciousness, according to Chalmers?
4. What is Φ ?
5. Why does Chalmers contend that consciousness "puts the fire into the equations" of physics?
6. What is a "pan psychist"?

Noam Chomsky on AI and Consciousness

1. What is a "substrate"?
2. How does Chomsky define the mind?
3. Why then, given the above, does he say the mind might be "emulated in other substances".
4. What are our "two brains"?
5. What role does the preconscious mind play in decision-making?
6. Why does Chomsky not believe that consciousness is a "hard problem", but that preconscious decisioning could be?

II

1. What for Chomsky are the two categories of AI?
2. What does Chomsky have to say about the Turing Test?
3. Why is the question "do machines think" a terminological one, according to Chomsky?
4. Explain the example that Chomsky uses to illustrate that machines can produce more accurate results than human beings by "thinking" differently.