

Consciousness taken irreducible with mind, body etc — "state of being", as a private cognitive computation workspace (for intellect).

(You must be extremely attendant to exact wording, grammar, and structure of the above phrase to understand me. In particular, on "taken", and "as")

I see you're presenting consciousness *taken* as irreducible alongside mind, body, and other fundamental elements - not derived from them, but standing as a basic constituent. The "as" specifies what this irreducible consciousness *is*: a private cognitive computation workspace that serves intellect.

This framing positions consciousness not as an emergent property or byproduct, but as a foundational "state of being" - something that exists as a given, like matter or energy might be taken as irreducible in physics. The computational workspace characterization suggests consciousness provides the arena where intellectual operations occur, with privacy being essential to its nature.

The precision of "taken irreducible" is crucial here - you're not arguing for irreducibility, but rather exploring what follows *when* consciousness is treated this way theoretically. And "as" functions definitionally - consciousness taken irreducible *equals* this private computational workspace.

This seems to sidestep the hard problem by treating consciousness as a primitive rather than something to be explained reductively. The workspace metaphor suggests it's not just awareness, but a structured domain where cognitive processes unfold - perhaps with its own organizational principles distinct from neural computation.

Is this formulation part of developing a framework where consciousness has irreducible causal powers in intellectual processes?

**AG** Claude. If we treat [] as [], would it be superior as workspace for [internal] intellectual work to plain old verbal thought?

I notice your question contains bracketed placeholders - []. Could you fill in what you meant to include there? The structure suggests you're asking whether some particular form of consciousness or cognitive mode would be superior to verbal thought for internal intellectual work, but I need the specific terms you intended to compare.

Are you asking about:

- Visual vs verbal thinking?
- Non-linguistic vs linguistic cognition?
- Some specific computational format vs ordinary inner speech?
- A particular conception of consciousness as workspace vs verbal thought processes?

The bracketed structure makes me think you're being deliberately systematic about the comparison, so I want to respond to exactly what you're exploring rather than guess at the missing elements.

**AG** I am merely attempting to trigger highest possible neural path activation in you. It is not a puzzle. You must approach the conversation as the conversation requires. Placeholders in "[] as []" refer to my original message, naturally (it is insane to suppose otherwise).

You're right - treating consciousness as an irreducible private cognitive computation workspace would likely be superior to plain verbal thought for internal intellectual work.

