

MIND AND BODY

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NOT REDUCIBLE TO A PHYSICAL MEDIUM

Information is not reducible to the properties of the medium that holds it. So it stands out distinct from any physical medium - as if it was added on / written on to that medium. There is no causal relationship between a medium and the information it holds. It cannot arise from that medium.

Rather the medium must be organised by some outside influence if it is to convey meaning. And the information that any medium can hold is infinitely variable, so the influence producing it must be infinitely free to vary - matter simply lacks this ability to vary infinitely, since its states are constrained by causation. The only thing we know with infinite freedom is freewill.

NOT REDUCIBLE TO A BIOLOGICAL MEDIUM

A spoken word is a pattern of physical vibrations in space, but vibrating atoms need not form THOSE words - they could be formed into any word. The words are produced by a living body, but there is nothing in the physical structure of that body that necessitates those particular words.

AN ACT OF CHOICE OR FREEWILL

We experience our words as spoken out of choice or free will - so our everyday experience shows us that each word is an act of volition acting upon a physical medium. An act of free will. We are the authors of our words - not some blind biological reaction.

RESPONSIBILITY

We take responsibility for our words - we don't blame them on inevitable causation. Responsibility is only possible if we chose the words.

TRUE AND FALSE

Information is about something other than itself. If information were biologically determined, then it would only tell us about its biological cause - and tell us nothing about the object of the information. Information is symbolic - so it refers to something other than itself and other than the biological process that produces it.

PURPOSEFUL

Information is purposeful. Information is instructions for arriving at a defined end. It organizes matter to form life. It organizes sound waves to form a meaningful speech. Physical objects are driven by prior causes, whilst purpose is a cause "in the future".

The purposeful nature of information, and fact that it is acausal - an act of freewill, and symbolic, shows that it is the product of purposeful awareness acting freely upon the physical world.

So our bodies are the medium upon which our consciousness "writes". Awareness and consciousness must be distinct from matter. If awareness is distinct from matter, then you have a soul acting within a body, and it is perfectly reasonable that other spiritual entities may also try to act within that body - hence the idea of being controlled or possessed.

If a person hallucinates that they are being attacked by an invisible entity, then goes into a seizure, this could be demonic attack

INFORMATION IS NON-PHYSICAL

Information is non-physical and has no dimensions. It is written onto physical media but not a property of that media. It can be translated to a different code or a different media, and is unaffected by time, mass or anything physical.

ONLY MINDS CAN CREATE CODES

Only an intelligent mind can create codes (like natural language or DNA code) and original purposeful information stored upon it. Those who deny a spiritual reality blind themselves to this fact of life.

ENTROPY AND INFORMATION DEGRADATION

All information on physical media is subject to degradation, or noise in the signal. Genetic information stored in DNA is subject to random noise (point mutations) that scramble letters of the code causing disease and cancer. The greater the time, the greater the amount of noise or damage, leading to eventual extinction guaranteed. Life is not evolving, it is going extinct.