

ASSIGNMENT 1

METAPHYSICS

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Metaphysics is a traditional branch of philosophy concerned with explaining the fundamental nature of being and the world [source: **wiki**]. It is named because of the work of Aristotle and it means “after the physics”.

Metaphysics attempts to answer two basic questions in the broadest possible terms: What *is there?*, What is it *like?*, what is soul?, what is mind?....etc. Aristotle named it as first philosophy and he tried to answer questions like is there something called basic or fundamental and what are those fundamental entities?, what is causality? .. etc.

Mind

when someone questions about its (mind) existence, there are many views about it....

1) Mind can interact with body and cause a **physical effect** which violates the **Law of conservation of energy**. So, according to it Law of conservation of energy violates the existence of the mind.

2) Some support the existence of the mind by the **shyness effect**. According to which it is just the nature of souls to shield themselves from experimental detection, is, needless to say, not going to fool anybody. Since there is no independent evidence for a shyness effect, postulating shyness is a blatant cheat to avoid facing the implications of the absence of positive evidence.

3) Some people talk of the dualism because some functions and behaviour of the person depends on some particular portion of the brain. To give some strong support they give several brain patient behaviour as an example to convince.

Concepts with the **causality** has some similar issues.

Note that most explanations are lacking the positive characterizations and they are based only on the negative characterizations like this not physical, not heat, not electromagnetic ...etc.

Both Science and Metaphysics are accepted with some certainty though the threshold for their acceptance may vary. Even science has some topics built on the bases of the metaphysics. When someone says that science is the base for everything,

then one cannot prove that statement through the science. This statement cannot be supported by the science alone . Moreover science keeps changing and some of the laws which are followed for a long time can change with some new observation or due to new discovery. Science takes the help of the metaphysics and take the ideas from it . With these ideas it tries to validate and question. For example science often uses concept of “**time**” , which is metaphysics concept. Science could not give some correct explanation of what time is ?.

Science often takes some of the hypothesis and if they fit for that point of time they accept it and if any exception comes they try to modify the model. Science completely depends on these practises. For example: For the structure of the atom many theories are proposed and many changes are done to them to fit. Coming up with some hypothesis may deals with metaphysics which are the bases for the science.

Though metaphysics may not say what exactly it is says what exactly it is not like it is not physical,not electromagnetic...etc.Though it does not have the positive support , it should be considered because it may bring more value to the science and our thinking .