

The soul is just a function* - 28/01/2020

Putman talks about the contribution of Computer Science to Philosophy of Mind in terms of thinking the mind as a kind of function rather than physical or chemistry.

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He says that the rise of computers could result in everything being explained in terms of machines but the paradox is that it didn't contribute for this kind of **reductionism**.

Generally, according to Putman, when we work with computer we think in its programs, instructions, rules, etc., and we ignore the hardware.

Ironically, he says that there is an **emergency** (not violating the laws of physics) where we work in a high level of the organization, in the program level. So we can think in the mind the same way: instead of thinking we are spirit inboded would be better think in the relation between the mind and the body in terms of functions.

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* Short digest of short interisting vídeo: <<https://youtu.be/m0YIm8p30aU>>. Acessed in Jan, 28th. Hilary Putnam on Functionalism.

