

# Nature of belief

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## Christian Beliefs about Human Nature

Dennett 1969; Stich 1979, 1983. By hypothesis, however, each inhabitant of Earth will have a molecularly identical counterpart on Twin Earth with exactly the same brain structures except, of course, that their brains will contain XYZ instead of H<sub>2</sub>O, but reflection on analogous examples regarding chemicals not contained in the brain suggests that this fact is irrelevant. They also broaden the range of dispositions considered relevant to the possession of a belief so as to include at least some dispositions to undergo private mental episodes that do not manifest in outwardly observable behavior—dispositions, for example, for the subject to feel and not just exhibit surprise should she discover the falsity of P, for her privately to draw conclusions from P, to feel confidence in the truth of P, to utter P silently to herself in inner speech, and so forth.

## The nature of belief

He may not know, for instance, that trees have roots and require water to grow. This is the only place where we can find and make our paradise, not in some imaginary world on the other side of the grave. Yet the three largest Western religions provide only feeble support.

## Basic Beliefs of Catholicism

Consider as an analogy: Is the equator real? With Søren Kierkegaard and his existentialist descendants the focus of interest was man's will rather than his intellect.

## The Nature of Religion

The first is psychological; a man cannot doubt a belief if he cannot, in fact, bring himself to suspend judgment about it. Such a grand minimum happened in the middle of the 17th century. The second standard objection to traditional dispositional accounts of belief is to note the loose connection between belief and behavior in some cases—for example, in a recently paralyzed person, or in someone who wants to keep a private opinion e.

## Nature Religions

The primary philosophical posture of Druidism is one of love and respect towards all of life — towards fellow human beings and animals, and all of

Nature. Even introspection, if it is held to convey information about the self as a continuing personality, goes beyond what is directly present to the mind. Throughout classical South Asia, the study of law consisted of concepts such as penance through piety and ceremonial and practical traditions.

### **The Nature of Religion**

Based on the amount of karma one accrues or loses in this life determines where one is slotted in the next life. He urges not so much that God be cut in half as that we recognise the two conflicting strands in the concept and do our level best to separate them. Asserted without qualification, it is highly unpalatable.

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