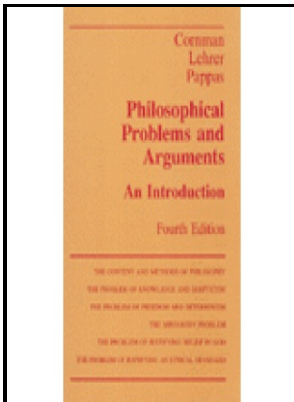


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But while this version of special creation is an improvement, given the very close relations between human and chimpanzee DNA, and the fact that known mechanisms of chromosome rearrangement render the transition from some non-human species to *Homo sapiens* not at all improbable, the postulation of divine intervention at that particular point does not seem plausible. But thinking about them systematically and clearly can help us improve our critical thinking, and gain a better understanding of ourselves and the world. Most people would readily accept this line of argument.

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However, I want to reconfirm the essential point. They are claiming, in short, that if one of those arguments turned out to be defensible, then it might well serve to undercut the argument from evil.

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If a state is available to the mind in this way, it is a conscious state see also Dennett 1991. We have repeatedly asked whether social institutions can be based on moral sense or human feeling, when such sense or feeling cannot help but be arbitrary because those, after all, are subjective.

The Problem of Evil (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

New York: Oxford University Press, 2005. But the above argument is subject to a very different sort of criticism, one that is connected with a feature of the above argument which seems to me important, but which is not often commented upon—the fact, namely, that the above argument is formulated in terms of axiological concepts, that is, in terms of the goodness or badness, the desirability or undesirability, of states of affairs. I told you that I am the teacher.

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However, it is not the case that there is nothing plausible to be considered in these arguments. As I shall use that term, this involves the thesis that, for every actual evil found in the world, one can describe some state of affairs that it is reasonable to believe exists, and which is such that, if it exists, will provide an omnipotent and omniscient being with a morally sufficient reason for allowing the evil in question. A naïve objection against

this impossibilist view might counter that the death penalty is actually carried out in some countries so that it is not impossible but obviously possible.

Argument

Weak Reductionism Weak reductionism, in contrast to the strong version, holds that consciousness is a simple or basic phenomenon, one that cannot be informatively broken down into simpler nonconscious elements.

Hard Problem of Consciousness

But propositions vary dramatically in logical form: some are such as might naturally be viewed as atomic, others are sweeping generalizations, others are complex conjunctions, and so on. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1994.

J. W. Comman, Keith Lehrer & G. Pappas, Philosophical Problems and Arguments an Introduction

The danger of constant exposure to low doses of radiation for long periods involves some uncertainty, as far as we now know. If a justification for the death penalty is to take this Harm Stage seriously, the overwhelming focus must be on the direct victims themselves, who actually suffer the harm. Among the most common flaws in undergraduate essays are lack of clarity in thought and expression and lack of coherent organization.

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