

# Course Introduction & The Mind-Body Problem

**PHIL 101**  
**Self, World, & God**  
**Lecture One**

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## Getting Started

- **Welcome to on-campus students**
- **Welcome to distance students**
- **Caution to distance to distance students**
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## “Means of Assessment”

- Grades
- Three essay exams – two midterms & final
- 20% each
- Analytical paper – 30%
- Movie portfolio – 10%
- Monday movies
  - Required
  - Very special circumstances



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## Self, World, & God

- Self
  - Philosophical psychology
  - Main focus of Mondays
- World
  - Epistemology
  - Evidence
  - Inference to the best explanation
- God
  - Philosophical theology
  - Evidence?



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## *The Sixth Sense*

- Ghost story
- Commercial and critical success
- Philosophical significance
  - Dualism
  - Personal identity
  - Life after death
  - Evidence for any of this?



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## Dualism

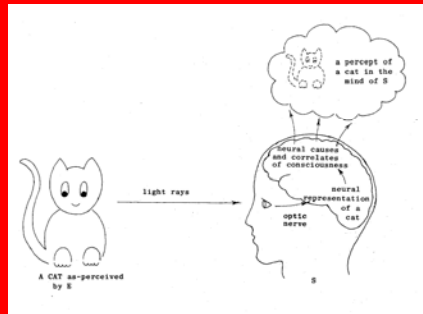
- My little game
- **Two** completely different things
- Interaction between
- Descartes
  - Methodological doubt
    - Unreliability of the senses
    - Dream hypothesis
    - Evil genius
  - Total skepticism?
  - *Cogito*
  - Evidence for dualism?



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## Problems for Dualism

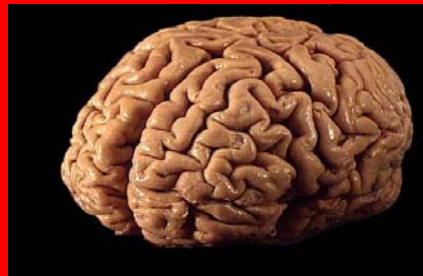
- Cartesian mechanism
- Mystery of interaction
  - Location?
  - Energy?
  - Mechanism?
  - Miracle
- Secular world view
- Science of the mind?



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## Materialism

- Monism
- Mind as machine
- Cognitive science
- Free will?
- Life after death?
- Problem of consciousness



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