

Abstract

Presented dissertation concerns the possibility of solve the mind-body problem. Presented are the different concepts to solve this problem, in particular widely discussed is the thesis Colin McGinn, telling about the impossibility of solving this problem. The study analyzed the concept of cognitive closure, and the assumptions of the New Mysterianism.

The main goal of this work is to analyze the possible solutions to the problem of a mind body, and to present arguments for the confirmation of the thesis proclaiming that McGinn's concept is right. In addition, the concept of McGinn has been subjected to a thorough and comprehensive analysis and the conclusions drawn from it transferred a philosophy of language. The study showed that even carrying out a conceptual reduction of mental states to individuals not solve the mind-body problem, as assumed McGinn.

The structure of the work has been designed that following chapters were based on findings from previous ones. The first chapter is devoted to, the analysis of the basic philosophical terms, such as the mind, mental states, mental phenomena, physical states, consciousness, qualia. These terms, though basic, are very rarely defined and analyzed by philosophers. McGinn also does not pay them sufficient attention in his works, while their accurate analysis helps to avoid many misunderstandings and mistakes. The study presents three ways to recognize these concepts: by philosophy, by McGinn's and by widely interpreted science.

The second chapter is devoted to the problem of mind-body. It has been presented its role in the philosophy of mind, its origins and essence, and above all there is shown an McGinn's opinion on this issue. McGinn's given arguments in favor of his thesis about the closure of cognitive and subjected to a thorough analysis.

The third chapter is devoted to the analysis of the possibility of solving the problem of a mind body. Much attention was devoted to the analysis of the wider expressiveness of linguistic thought and its consequences to the problem.

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