Trinity 2007

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Our Knowledge of the Internal World

Lecture Two (Wednesday 9th May): Epistemic possibilities and the knowledge argument

The second lecture will begin with Frank Jackson's knowledge argument. The argument and the responses to it turn on assumptions about the nature of the contents of belief and the objects of knowledge, and my main concern in this lecture will be to assess those assumptions. I will argue that one cannot escape the anti-materialist conclusion of the knowledge argument by adopting a fine-grained conception of content.