

Trinity 2007

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Our Knowledge of the Internal World

Lecture Three (Wednesday 16th May): *Locating ourselves in the world*

One strategy for responding to the knowledge argument exploits an analogy between knowledge of phenomenal experience and essentially indexical or self-locating knowledge. I think this is a promising analogy, but I will argue that before we apply it, we need to get clearer about the contents of self-locating belief and knowledge, and their relation to the contents of belief and knowledge about the objective world. I will defend a modification of David Lewis's "centered worlds" account, and apply it to some examples, including the notorious case of Sleeping Beauty.