

Some Alleged Advantages of CD

1. Allows for literal interpretation of mindful sentences.
2. Allows for possibility of survival of (bodily) death.
3. Allows for possibility of reincarnation.
4. Provides basis for account of meaning of 'alive'

Some Arguments against CD

The Problem of Other Minds (Ryle, 71)

1. If CD is true, then it is impossible to tell whether there are any other people.
2. It's not impossible to tell whether there are any other people.
3. Therefore, CD is not true. 1,2 MT

The Argument from Causal Interaction (Armstrong, 78-79)

1. Mind-body causal interaction is inconceivable.
2. If (1), then mind-body causal interaction does not occur.
3. If mind-body causal interaction does not occur, then CD is false.
4. Therefore, CD is false. 1,2,3 MMP

The Problem of Origin (Armstrong 77-78)

1. We cannot conceive of the manner in which minds come into existence.
2. If we cannot conceive of the manner in which minds come into existence, then minds do not come into existence.
3. If minds do not come into existence, then CD is false.
4. Therefore, CD is false. 1,2,3 MMP