

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 strong psychic phenomena.
4. Provides basis for account of meaning of 'alive'

Some Arguments against CD

The Problem of Individuation (Armstrong, 251-2)

1. If CD is true, then there are minds.
2. If there are minds, then it is possible to individuate minds.
3. It is not possible to individuate minds.
4. Therefore, CD is not true. 1,2,3 MMT

The Problem of Other Minds (Ryle, 20-21)

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, 253-256)

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