

## Mind Body Problem 2

### Week 2

Topic; Difficulties for Dualism. What are the main difficulties for dualism? Do they show that dualism is wrong? Of particular importance are difficulties related to causation – what are they? Are they decisive?

### Reading.

#### Essential

Ryle G. 'Descartes's Myth' in (ed) Chalmers D *Philosophy of Mind* (OUP), - expounds Ryle's idea that Cartesian dualism is a 'category mistake'.

Strawson P. F. ; 'Self, Mind and Body' in Strawson *Freedom and Resentment and Other Essays*, - suggests that there are problems about making sense of the theory.

Armstrong D., *A Materialist Theory of Mind* (Routledge) ch. 2, - usefully lists a range of problems.

#### Secondary

Kirk R. *Mind and Body* ch. 2 – thoughtful criticisms

Kim J., *Physicalism or Something Near Enough* (Princeton) ch 3., - argues that there are severe problems to do with causation.