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Naive questions on consciousness from a psychiatrist to non-psychiatrists

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In the beginning we present some of the usual definitions of conscience and we locate their defects, as well as the way those defects reflect on the discovery of a correct method for the studying conscience.

Consequently, we present some of the characteristics of conscience, such as e.g. that conscience is not “general” but always pertaining to something specific, that conscience belongs to someone and separates Ego from a non-Ego world, that the limits between the self and the environment are established gradually and are -to a certain extent- a product of learning. We also mention the special example of self-conscience.

Based on all of the above, “naive” questions are made to the other scientists of the round table (biologist, computer scientist, and mathematician), such as e.g. about whether the content of conscience is being influenced by non-conscious factors, about how conscience is organized according to the first and the second system of reality markers, from which point in evolution we can speak of conscience, what are the time limits of conscience, about whether an intact conscience is a prerequisite of the freedom of individuals, and finally, about whether a mathematical model of conscience could be suggested.