

# MINDWARE: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE

## UNLOCKING THE UNIVERSE OF YOUR MIND: A WHIMSICAL ADVENTURE AWAITS!

PREPARE YOURSELVES, DEAR READERS, FOR A JOURNEY SO UTTERLY DELIGHTFUL, SO PROFOUNDLY INSIGHTFUL, THAT YOU'LL WONDER HOW YOU EVER NAVIGATED THE WORLD WITHOUT IT! *MINDWARE: An INTRODUCTION TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE* ISN'T JUST A BOOK; IT'S A VIBRANT, PULSATING PORTAL TO UNDERSTANDING THE VERY ESSENCE OF WHAT MAKES YOU, \*YOU\*. FORGET DUSTY TEXTBOOKS AND DRY LECTURES – THIS IS COGNITIVE SCIENCE SERVED WITH A GENEROUS DOLLOP OF IMAGINATION AND A SPRINKLE OF PURE MAGIC!

FROM THE VERY FIRST PAGE, YOU'RE WHISKED AWAY TO A SETTING THAT FEELS BOTH IMPOSSIBLY GRAND AND INTIMATELY FAMILIAR. PICTURE THIS: YOUR OWN MIND, TRANSFORMED INTO A BUSTLING CITYSCAPE, A SPRAWLING LIBRARY, OR PERHAPS EVEN A COSMIC OBSERVATORY, DEPENDING ON THE FASCINATING CONCEPT BEING EXPLORED. THE AUTHORS, WITH THEIR EXTRAORDINARY TALENT, HAVE MANAGED TO PAINT SUCH VIVID PICTURES THAT YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF PAUSING, A SMILE PLAYING ON YOUR LIPS, AS YOU VISUALIZE THE INTRICATE DANCE OF NEURONS OR THE WHIMSICAL FLIGHT OF AN ABSTRACT THOUGHT. IT'S AN IMAGINATIVE SETTING THAT DOESN'T JUST ACCOMPANY THE IDEAS, BUT ACTIVELY BREATHES LIFE INTO THEM, MAKING COMPLEX PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPTS FEEL AS TANGIBLE AND ENGAGING AS YOUR FAVORITE STORYBOOK.

BUT DON'T LET THE WHIMSY FOOL YOU; *MINDWARE* POSSESSES A SURPRISING EMOTIONAL DEPTH THAT RESONATES ON A TRULY UNIVERSAL LEVEL. AS WE DELVE INTO THE HOWS AND WHYS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, MEMORY, AND PERCEPTION, THE BOOK GENTLY NUDGES US TO REFLECT ON OUR OWN EXPERIENCES. YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF NODDING ALONG, RECOGNIZING ECHOES OF YOUR OWN JOYS, ANXIETIES, AND MOMENTS OF PROFOUND UNDERSTANDING. IT'S A DEEPLY PERSONAL EXPLORATION, MADE ALL THE MORE POIGNANT BY THE AUTHORS' ABILITY TO CONNECT ABSTRACT PHILOSOPHY WITH THE VERY FABRIC OF HUMAN EMOTION. THIS ISN'T A BOOK TO BE PASSIVELY READ; IT'S AN INVITATION TO FEEL, TO QUESTION, AND ULTIMATELY, TO CONNECT WITH OURSELVES AND OTHERS ON A DEEPER PLANE.

WHAT TRULY SETS *MINDWARE* APART IS ITS UNCANNY ABILITY TO APPEAL TO READERS OF ALL AGES AND BACKGROUNDS. WHETHER YOU'RE A SEASONED ACADEMIC, A CURIOUS BOOK CLUB MEMBER, OR SIMPLY SOMEONE WHO'S EVER WONDERED "WHY DO I THINK THIS WAY?", THIS BOOK SPEAKS YOUR LANGUAGE. IT'S A CONVERSATIONAL MASTERPIECE, BREAKING DOWN INTRICATE IDEAS WITH CLARITY AND GRACE, ENSURING THAT NO ONE FEELS LEFT BEHIND. THE OPTIMISTIC TONE IS INFECTIOUS, FOSTERING A SENSE OF WONDER AND EMPOWERMENT THAT LEAVES YOU EAGER TO LEARN MORE. IT'S THE KIND OF BOOK THAT SPARKS LIVELY DISCUSSIONS, IGNITES CURIOSITY IN THE YOUNG, AND REKINDLES A CHILDLIKE AWE IN THE WISE.

SO, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? EMBARK ON THIS MAGICAL JOURNEY AND DISCOVER THE BOUNDLESS WONDERS WITHIN YOUR OWN MIND. *MINDWARE: An INTRODUCTION TO THE PHILOSOPHY OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE* IS MORE THAN A BOOK; IT'S A TIMELESS CLASSIC, A TREASURED COMPANION, AND A BEACON OF

INTELLECTUAL ADVENTURE. IT'S A BOOK THAT WILL EDUCATE YOU, INSPIRE YOU, AND LEAVE AN INDELIBLE MARK ON YOUR HEART.

OUR HEARTFELT RECOMMENDATION IS SIMPLE: THIS BOOK CONTINUES TO CAPTURE HEARTS WORLDWIDE BECAUSE IT CELEBRATES THE EXTRAORDINARY MAGIC OF BEING HUMAN. IT'S A TESTAMENT TO THE ENDURING POWER OF CURIOSITY AND THE BEAUTY OF SELF-DISCOVERY. DON'T JUST READ IT; EXPERIENCE IT. YOU'LL THANK YOURSELF FOR IT.

IN CONCLUSION, IF YOU'RE SEEKING A READ THAT IS SIMULTANEOUSLY ILLUMINATING, PROFOUNDLY MOVING, AND WONDERFULLY ENTERTAINING, THEN LOOK NO FURTHER. *Mindware* IS A STRONG RECOMMENDATION FOR ANYONE WHO CRAVES A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE. ITS LASTING IMPACT IS UNDENIABLE; IT'S A BOOK THAT WILL SHAPE HOW YOU SEE YOURSELF AND THE WORLD AROUND YOU FOR YEARS TO COME. A TRUE TREASURE!

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IN RECENT DECADES COGNITIVE SCIENCE HAS REVOLUTIONISED OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORKINGS OF THE HUMAN MIND. PHILOSOPHY HAS MADE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO COGNITIVE SCIENCE AND HAS ITSELF BEEN HUGELY INFLUENCED BY ITS DEVELOPMENT. THIS DYNAMIC BOOK EXPLORES THE PHILOSOPHICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE AND EXAMINES THE CENTRAL DEBATES THAT HAVE ENLIVENED ITS HISTORY. IN A WIDE RANGING AND COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNT OF THE TOPIC PHILOSOPHER M J CAIN DISCUSSES THE HISTORICAL ORIGINS OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE AND ITS PHILOSOPHICAL UNDERPINNINGS. THE NATURE AND ROLE OF REPRESENTATIONS IN COGNITION, THE ARCHITECTURE OF THE MIND AND THE MODULARITY THESIS. THE NATURE OF CONCEPTS, KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGE AND ITS ACQUISITION, PERCEPTION AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BRAIN AND COGNITION. CAIN DRAWS UPON AN EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE OF EMPIRICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND THEIR PHILOSOPHICAL INTERPRETATION. HE ARGUES THAT ALTHOUGH THE FIELD HAS GENERATED SOME CHALLENGING NEW VIEWS IN RECENT YEARS, MANY OF THE CORE IDEAS THAT INITIATED ITS BIRTH ARE STILL TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. CLEARLY WRITTEN AND INCISIVELY ARGUED, THE PHILOSOPHY OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE WILL APPEAL

TO ANY STUDENT OR RESEARCHER INTERESTED IN THE WORKINGS OF THE MIND

THE PHILOSOPHY OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE IS CONCERNED WITH FUNDAMENTAL PHILOSOPHICAL AND THEORETICAL QUESTIONS CONNECTED TO THE SCIENCES OF THE MIND HOW DOES THE BRAIN GIVE RISE TO CONSCIOUS EXPERIENCE DOES SPEAKING A LANGUAGE CHANGE HOW WE THINK IS A GENUINELY INTELLIGENT COMPUTER POSSIBLE WHAT FEATURES OF THE MIND ARE INNATE ADVANCES IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE HAVE GIVEN PHILOSOPHERS IMPORTANT TOOLS FOR ADDRESSING THESE SORTS OF QUESTIONS AND COGNITIVE SCIENTISTS HAVE IN TURN FOUND THEMSELVES DRAWING UPON INSIGHTS FROM PHILOSOPHY INSIGHTS THAT HAVE OFTEN TAKEN THEIR RESEARCH IN NOVEL DIRECTIONS THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF PHILOSOPHY OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE BRINGS TOGETHER TWENTY ONE NEWLY COMMISSIONED CHAPTERS BY LEADING RESEARCHERS IN THIS RICH AND FAST GROWING AREA OF PHILOSOPHY IT IS AN INDISPENSIBLE RESOURCE FOR ANYONE WHO SEEKS TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE FOR PHILOSOPHY AND THE ROLE OF PHILOSOPHY WITHIN COGNITIVE SCIENCE

SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO MAKE THE PHILOSOPHY OF MIND INTELLIGIBLE TO THOSE NOT TRAINED IN PHILOSOPHY THIS BOOK PROVIDES A CONCISE OVERVIEW FOR STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS IN THE COGNITIVE SCIENCES EMPHASIZING THE RELEVANCE OF PHILOSOPHICAL WORK TO INVESTIGATIONS IN OTHER COGNITIVE SCIENCES THIS UNIQUE TEXT EXAMINES SUCH ISSUES AS THE MEANING OF LANGUAGE THE MIND BODY PROBLEM THE FUNCTIONALIST THEORIES OF COGNITION AND INTENTIONALITY AS HE EXPLORES THE PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES BECHTEL DRAWS CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PHILOSOPHICAL VIEWS AND THEORETICAL AND EXPERIMENTAL WORK IN SUCH DISCIPLINES AS COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LINGUISTICS NEUROSCIENCE AND ANTHROPOLOGY

PHILOSOPHY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE CATEGORIES CONSCIOUSNESS AND REASONING THE INDIVIDUAL MAN SINCE HIS SEPARATE EXISTENCE IS MANIFESTED ONLY BY IGNORANCE AND ERROR SO FAR AS HE IS ANYTHING APART FROM HIS FELLOWS AND FROM WHAT HE AND THEY ARE TO BE IS ONLY A NEGATION PEIRCE SOME CONSEQUENCES OF FOUR INCAPACITIES 1868 FOR THE SECOND TIME THE INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON COGNITIVE SCIENCE GATHERED AT SAN SEBASTIAN FROM MAY 7 11 1991 TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING MAIN TOPICS KNOWLEDGE OF CATEGORIES CONSCIOUSNESS REASONING AND INTERPRETATION EVOLUTION BIOLOGY AND MIND IT IS NOT AN EASY TASK TO INTRODUCE IN A FEW WORDS THE CONTENT OF THIS VOLUME WE HAVE COLLECTED ELEVEN INVITED PAPERS PRESENTED AT THE COLLOQUIUM WHICH MEANS THE SUBSTANTIAL PART OF IT UNFORTUNATELY IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE ALL THE INVITED LECTURES OF THE MEETING BEFORE SKETCHING AND SHOWING THE RELEVANCE OF EACH PAPER LET US EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR HAVING ADOPTED THE DECISION TO ORGANIZE EACH TWO YEARS AN INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON COGNITIVE SCIENCE AT DONOSTIA SAN SEBASTIAN FIRST OF ALL COGNITIVE SCIENCE IS A VERY ACTIVE RESEARCH AREA IN THE WORLD LINKING MULTIDISCIPLINARY EFFORTS COMING MOSTLY FROM PSYCHOLOGY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THEORETICAL LINGUISTICS AND NEUROBIOLOGY AND USING MORE AND MORE FORMAL TOOLS WE THINK THAT THIS NEW DISCIPLINE LACKS SOLID FOUNDATIONS AND IN THIS SENSE PHILOSOPHY PARTICULARLY KNOWLEDGE THEORY AND LOGIC MUST BE CALLED FOR

CONSCIOUSNESS SEEMS TO BE AN ENIGMATIC PHENOMENON IT IS DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE HOW OUR PERCEPTIONS OF THE WORLD AND OUR INNER THOUGHTS SENSATIONS AND FEELINGS COULD BE RELATED TO THE IMMENSELY COMPLICATED BIOLOGICAL ORGAN WE CALL THE BRAIN THIS VOLUME PRESENTS THE THOUGHTS OF SOME OF THE LEADING PHILOSOPHERS AND COGNITIVE SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF CONSCIOUSNESS IN SCIENCE THE FOCUS OF INQUIRY IS THE QUESTION IS IT POSSIBLE TO INCORPORATE CONSCIOUSNESS INTO SCIENCE PHILOSOPHERS HAVE SUGGESTED DIFFERENT ALTERNATIVES SOME THINK THAT CONSCIOUSNESS SHOULD BE ALTOGETHER ELIMINATED FROM SCIENCE BECAUSE IT IS NOT A REAL PHENOMENON OTHERS THAT CONSCIOUSNESS IS A REAL HIGHER LEVEL PHYSICAL OR NEUROBIOLOGICAL PHENOMENON AND STILL OTHERS THAT CONSCIOUSNESS IS FUNDAMENTALLY MYSTERIOUS AND BEYOND THE REACH OF SCIENCE AT THE SAME TIME HOWEVER SEVERAL MODELS OR THEORIES OF THE ROLE

OF CONSCIOUS PROCESSING IN THE BRAIN HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE MORE EMPIRICAL COGNITIVE SCIENCES IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT NON CONSCIOUS PROCESSES MUST BE SHARPLY SEPARATED FROM CONSCIOUS ONES AND THAT THE NECESSITY OF THIS DISTINCTION IS MANIFESTED IN THE CURIOUS BEHAVIOR OF CERTAIN BRAIN DAMAGED PATIENTS THIS BOOK DEMONSTRATES THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN PHILOSOPHICAL AND EMPIRICAL POINTS OF VIEW THE WRITERS PRESENT ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE BRAIN CONSCIOUSNESS PROBLEM AND THEY DISCUSS HOW THE UNIFICATION OF BIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCES COULD THUS BECOME FEASIBLE COVERING A LARGE GROUND THIS BOOK SHOWS HOW THE PHILOSOPHICAL AND EMPIRICAL PROBLEMS ARE CLOSELY INTERCONNECTED FROM THIS INTERDISCIPLINARY EXPLORATION EMERGES THE CONVICTION THAT CONSCIOUSNESS CAN AND SHOULD BE A NATURAL PART OF OUR SCIENTIFIC WORLD VIEW

THE BOOK SHOWS HOW EASTERN AND WESTERN PERSPECTIVES AND CONCEPTIONS CAN BE USED TO ADDRESSES RECENT TOPICS LAYING AT THE CROSSROAD BETWEEN PHILOSOPHY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE IT REPORTS ON NEW POINTS OF VIEW AND CONCEPTIONS DISCUSSED DURING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PHILOSOPHY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE PCS2013 HELD AT THE SUN YAT SEN UNIVERSITY IN GUANGZHOU CHINA AND THE 2013 WORKSHOP ON ABDUCTIVE VISUAL COGNITION WHICH TOOK PLACE AT KAIST IN DAEJEON SOUTH KOREA THE BOOK EMPHASIZES AN EVER GROWING CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN ACADEMICS AND INTELLECTUALS COMING FROM DIFFERENT FIELDS IT JUXTAPOSES RESEARCH WORKS INVESTIGATING NEW FACETS ON KEY ISSUES BETWEEN PHILOSOPHY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE SUCH AS THE ROLE OF MODELS AND CAUSAL REPRESENTATIONS IN SCIENCE THE STATUS OF THEORETICAL CONCEPTS AND QUANTUM PRINCIPLES ABDUCTIVE COGNITION VISION AND VISUALIZATION IN SCIENCE FROM AN ECO COGNITIVE PERSPECTIVE FURTHER TOPICS ARE IGNORANCE IMMUNIZATION IN REASONING MORAL COGNITION VIOLENCE AND EPISTEMOLOGY AND MODELS AND BIOMORPHISM THE BOOK WHICH PRESENTS A UNIQUE AND TIMELY ACCOUNT OF THE CURRENT STATE OF THE ART ON VARIOUS ASPECTS IN PHILOSOPHY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE IS EXPECTED TO INSPIRE PHILOSOPHERS COGNITIVE SCIENTISTS AND SOCIAL SCIENTISTS AND TO GENERATE FRUITFUL EXCHANGES AND COLLABORATION AMONG THEM

COGNITIVE SCIENCE IS THE STUDY OF MINDS AND MENTAL PROCESSES PSYCHOLOGY NEUROSCIENCE COMPUTER SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY AMONG OTHER SUBDISCIPLINES CONTRIBUTE TO THIS STUDY IN THIS VOLUME LEADING RESEARCHERS DEBATE FIVE CORE QUESTIONS IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE IS AN INNATE UNIVERSAL GRAMMAR REQUIRED TO EXPLAIN OUR LINGUISTIC CAPACITIES ARE CONCEPTS INNATE OR LEARNED WHAT ROLE DO OUR BODIES PLAY IN COGNITION CAN NEUROSCIENCE HELP US UNDERSTAND THE MIND CAN COGNITIVE SCIENCE HELP US UNDERSTAND HUMAN MORALITY FOR EACH TOPIC THE VOLUME PROVIDES TWO ESSAYS EACH ADVOCATING FOR AN OPPOSING APPROACH THE EDITORS PROVIDE STUDY QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTED READINGS FOR EACH TOPIC HELPING TO MAKE THE VOLUME ACCESSIBLE TO READERS WHO ARE NEW TO THE DEBATES

THIS COLLECTION OF READINGS SHOWS HOW COGNITIVE SCIENCE CAN INFLUENCE MOST OF THE PRIMARY BRANCHES OF PHILOSOPHY AS WELL AS HOW PHILOSOPHY CRITICALLY EXAMINES THE FOUNDATIONS OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE ITS BROAD COVERAGE EXTENDS BEYOND CURRENT TEXTS THAT FOCUS MAINLY ON THE IMPACT OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE ON PHILOSOPHY OF MIND AND PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY TO INCLUDE MATERIALS THAT ARE RELEVANT TO FIVE OTHER BRANCHES OF PHILOSOPHY EPISTEMOLOGY PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS METAPHYSICS LANGUAGE AND ETHICS THE READINGS ARE ORGANIZED BY PHILOSOPHICAL FIELDS WITH SELECTIONS EVENLY DIVIDED BETWEEN PHILOSOPHERS AND COGNITIVE SCIENTISTS THEY DRAW ON RESEARCH IN NUMEROUS AREAS OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE INCLUDING COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY PSYCHOLOGY OF REASONING AND JUDGMENT ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LINGUISTICS AND NEUROPSYCHOLOGY THERE ARE TIMELY TREATMENTS OF CURRENT TOPICS AND DEBATES SUCH AS THE INNATE UNDERSTANDING OF NUMBER CHILDREN S THEORY OF MIND SELF KNOWLEDGE CONSCIOUSNESS CONNECTIONISM AND ETHICS AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE

THE PLACE OF PHILOSOPHY IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE DURING THE LAST FEW YEARS MANY BOOKS HAVE BEEN

PUBLISHED AND MANY MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD ON COGNITIVE SCIENCE A CURSORY REVIEW OF THEIR CONTENTS SHOWS SUCH A DIVERSITY OF TOPICS AND APPROACHES THAT ONE MIGHT WELL INFER THAT THERE ARE NO GENUINE CRITERIA FOR CLASSIFYING A PAPER OR A LECTURE AS A CONTRIBUTION TO COGNITIVE SCIENCE IT IS AS THOUGH THE ONLY CRITERION IS TO HAVE APPEARED IN A BOOK OR IN THE PROGRAMME OF A MEETING OR TITLE WE CAN FIND THE EXPRESSION COGNITIVE SCIENCE IN WHOSE NAME OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT PERHAPS THIS SITUATION IS DUE TO THE RELATIVE YOUTH OF THE FIELD WHICH IS SEEKING ITS OWN IDENTITY STILL INVOLVED IN A PROCESS OF FORMATION AND CONSOLIDATION WITHIN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY BUT THERE ARE ACTUALLY DEEP DISAGREEMENTS ABOUT HOW A SCIENCE OF THE MIND SHOULD BE WORKED OUT INCLUDING HOW TO UNDERSTAND ITS OWN SUBJECT THAT IS THE MIND WHILE FOR SOME THE TERM MAKES REFERENCE TO A SET OF PHENOMENA IMPOSSIBLE TO GRASP BY ANY SCIENTIFIC APPROACH FOR OTHERS THE MIND WOULD BE A SORT OF MYTH AND THE MENTAL TERMS AWAIT ELIMINATION BY OTHER MORE HANDY AND EMPIRICALLY TRACTABLE TERMS

THE BOOK ADDRESSES A NUMBER OF RECENT TOPICS AT THE CROSSROAD OF PHILOSOPHY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF BOTH THE WESTERN AND THE EASTERN PERSPECTIVES AND CONCEPTIONS THAT EMERGED AND WERE DISCUSSED AT THE PCS2011 CONFERENCE RECENTLY HELD IN GUANGZHOU THE EVER GROWING CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN ACADEMICS AND INTELLECTUAL BELONGING TO DIFFERENT CULTURES IS REVERBERATED BY THE JUXTAPOSITION OF PAPERS WHICH AIM AT INVESTIGATING NEW FACETS OF CRUCIAL PROBLEMS IN PHILOSOPHY THE ROLE OF MODELS IN SCIENCE AND THE FICTIONAL APPROACH CHANCE SEEKING DYNAMICS AND HOW AFFORDANCES WORK ABDUCTIVE COGNITION VISUALIZATION IN SCIENCE THE COGNITIVE STRUCTURE OF SCIENTIFIC THEORIES SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATION MATHEMATICAL REPRESENTATION IN SCIENCE MODEL BASED REASONING ANALOGICAL REASONING MORAL COGNITION COGNITIVE NICHES AND EVOLUTION

PSYCHOLOGY IS THE STUDY OF THINKING AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE IS THE INTERDISCIPLINARY INVESTIGATION OF MIND AND INTELLIGENCE THAT ALSO INCLUDES PHILOSOPHY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE NEUROSCIENCE LINGUISTICS AND ANTHROPOLOGY IN THESE INVESTIGATIONS MANY PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES ARISE CONCERNING METHODS AND CENTRAL CONCEPTS THE HANDBOOK OF PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE CONTAINS 16 ESSAYS BY LEADING PHILOSOPHERS OF SCIENCE THAT ILLUMINATE THE NATURE OF THE THEORIES AND EXPLANATIONS USED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF MINDS TOPICS DISCUSSED INCLUDE REPRESENTATION MECHANISMS REDUCTION PERCEPTION CONSCIOUSNESS LANGUAGE EMOTIONS NEUROSCIENCE AND EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE SCIENCE DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTORS LEADING PHILOSOPHERS IN THIS AREA CONTRIBUTIONS CLOSELY TIED TO RELEVANT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

THIS TEXT FOCUSES ON TWO MAJOR ISSUES THE NATURE OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE THE BASIC ISSUES AND CONCEPTS IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE BECHTEL WRITES FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH LITTLE OR NO PHILOSOPHICAL BACKGROUND THE FIRST PART OF THE BOOK EXPLORES THE LEGACY OF LOGICAL POSITIVISM AND THE SUBSEQUENT POST POSITIVISTIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE THE SECOND SECTION EXAMINES ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST USING A MODEL OF THEORY REDUCTION TO INTEGRATE SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES THE BOOK CONCLUDES WITH A CHAPTER DESCRIBING NON REDUCTIONIST APPROACHES FOR RELATING SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES USING PSYCHOLINGUISTIC AND COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE MODELS

THIS SERIES WILL INCLUDE MONOGRAPHS AND COLLECTIONS OF STUDIES DEVOTED TO THE INVESTIGATION AND EXPLORATION OF KNOWLEDGE INFORMATION AND DATA PROCESSING SYSTEMS OF ALL KINDS NO MATTER WHETHER HUMAN OTHER ANIMAL OR MACHINE ITS SCOPE IS INTENDED TO SPAN THE FULL RANGE OF INTERESTS FROM CLASSICAL PROBLEMS IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF MIND AND PHILOSOPHICAL PSYCHOLOGY THROUGH ISSUES IN COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOBIOLOGY CONCERNING THE MENTAL CAPABILITIES OF OTHER SPECIES TO IDEAS RELATED TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND COMPUTER SCIENCE WHILE PRIMARY EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED UPON THEORETICAL CONCEPTUAL AND EPISTEMOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THESE PROBLEMS AND DOMAINS

EMPIRICAL EXPERIMENTAL AND METHODOLOGICAL STUDIES WILL ALSO APPEAR FROM TIME TO TIME NO PROBLEM WITHIN THE FIELD OF COGNITIVE INQUIRY IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN THAT OF DEVELOPING AN ADEQUATE CONCEPTION OF THE NATURE OF MIND AND OF ITS MODE OF OPERATION OUR PURPOSE IN COMPILING THE PRESENT VOLUME HAS BEEN TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PURSUIT OF THIS OBJECTIVE BY BRINGING TOGETHER A REPRESENTATIVE CROSS SECTION OF THE PRINCIPAL APPROACHES AND THE PRIMARY PLAYERS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN CONTEMPORARY DEBATE ON THESE CRUCIAL ISSUES THE BOOK BEGINS WITH A COMPREHENSIVE INTRODUCTION COMPOSED BY DAVID COLE THE SENIOR EDITOR OF THIS WORK WHICH PROVIDES A BACKGROUND FOR UNDERSTANDING THE MAJOR PROBLEMS AND ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS AND ENDS WITH A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY INTENDED TO PROMOTE FURTHER RESEARCH IF OUR EFFORTS ASSIST OTHERS IN DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES THEY WILL HAVE BEEN WORTHWHILE J H F DAVID J COLE ET AL EDS PHILOSOPHY MIND AND COGNITIVE INQUIRY IX

THE PHILOSOPHY OF MIND AND COGNITION HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED BY RECENT ADVANCES IN WHAT IS LOOSELY CALLED COGNITIVE SCIENCE THIS BOOK IS A THOROUGHLY UP TO DATE INTRODUCTION TO AND ACCOUNT OF THAT TRANSFORMATION IN WHICH THE MANY STRANDS IN CONTEMPORARY COGNITIVE SCIENCE ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER INTO A COHERENT PHILOSOPHICAL PICTURE OF THE MIND THE BOOK BEGINS WITH DISCUSSIONS OF THE PRE HISTORY OF CONTEMPORARY PHILOSOPHY OF MIND DUALISM BEHAVIOURISM AND EARLY VERSIONS OF THE IDENTITY THEORY OF MIND AND MOVES THROUGH DISCUSSIONS OF FUNCTIONALISM IN AUTONOMY OF PSYCHOLOGY TO TOPICS SUCH AS ELIMINATIVE MATERIALISM INDIVIDUALISM AND THE PROBLEMS OF CONTENT AND REPRESENTATION THE SYNOPTIC NATURE OF THE DISCUSSION MAKES IT IDEAL AS THE FOUNDATION OF AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF MIND

THIS WORK RESULTED FROM A WORKSHOP ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE COGNITIVE SCIENCES FOR THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE MINNESOTA CENTER FOR PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE THE WORKSHOP'S THEME WAS THAT THE COGNITIVE SCIENCES IDENTIFIED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PROJECT WITH THREE DISCIPLINARY CLUSTERS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY AND COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE HAVE REACHED SUFFICIENT MATURITY THAT THEY ARE NOW A VALUABLE RESOURCE FOR PHILOSOPHERS OF SCIENCE WHO ARE DEVELOPING GENERAL THEORIES OF SCIENCE AS A HUMAN ACTIVITY THE EMERGENCE OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE HAS BY NO MEANS ESCAPED THE NOTICE OF PHILOSOPHERS OR PHILOSOPHERS OF SCIENCE WITHIN THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE ONE CAN DETECT AN EMERGING SPECIALITY THE PHILOSOPHY OF COGNITIVE SCIENCE WHICH WOULD BE PARALLEL TO SUCH SPECIALITIES AS THE PHILOSOPHY OF PHYSICS OR THE PHILOSOPHY OF BIOLOGY BUT THE REVERSE IS ALSO HAPPENING THAT IS THE COGNITIVE SCIENCES ARE BEGINNING TO HAVE A CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON THE CONTENT AND METHODS OF PHILOSOPHY PARTICULARLY THE PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE AND THE PHILOSOPHY OF MIND BUT ALSO ON EPISTEMOLOGY THE UNDERLYING HOPE IS THAT THE COGNITIVE SCIENCES MIGHT NOW COME TO PLAY THE SORT OF ROLE WITHIN THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE THAT FORMAL LOGIC PLAYED FOR LOGICAL EMPIRICISM OR THAT HISTORY OF SCIENCE PLAYED FOR THE HISTORICAL SCHOOL THIS DEVELOPMENT MIGHT PERMIT THE PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AS A WHOLE FINALLY TO MOVE BEYOND THE OPPOSITION BETWEEN LOGICAL AND HISTORICAL APPROACHES THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED THE FIELD SINCE THE 1960s RONALD N GIERE IS PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AND DIRECTOR OF THE MINNESOTA CENTER FOR PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

THESE ESSAYS WILL SHAPE DISCUSSION IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF PSYCHOLOGY FOR YEARS TO COME A COLLECTION OF ELEVEN ESSAYS DEALING WITH METHODOLOGICAL AND EMPIRICAL ISSUES IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE AND IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF MIND REPRESENTATIONS CONVINCINGLY CONNECTS PHILOSOPHICAL SPECULATION TO CONCRETE EMPIRICAL RESEARCH ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING METHODOLOGICAL ISSUES DEALT WITH IS THE STATUS OF FUNCTIONALISM CONSIDERED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO BEHAVIORISTIC AND PHYSICALISTIC ACCOUNTS OF MENTAL STATES AND PROPERTIES THE OTHER ISSUE IS THE STATUS OF REDUCTIONISM CONSIDERED AS AN ACCOUNT OF THE RELATION BETWEEN THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES THE FIRST CHAPTERS PRESENT THE MAIN LINES OF ARGUMENT WHICH HAVE MADE FUNCTIONALISM THE CURRENTLY

FAVORED PHILOSOPHICAL APPROACH TO ONTOLOGY OF THE MENTAL THE OUTLINES OF A PSYCHOLOGY OF PROPOSITIONAL ATTITUDES WHICH EMERGES FROM CONSIDERATION OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE ARE CONTAINED IN THE REMAINING ESSAYS NOT ALL OF THESE ESSAYS ARE PRESENTATIONS THE NEW INTRODUCTORY ESSAY SEEKS TO PRESENT AN OVERVIEW AND GIVES SOME DETAILED PROPOSALS ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTION THAT FUNCTIONALISM MAKES TO THE SOLUTIONS OF PROBLEMS ABOUT INTENTIONALITY THE CONCLUDING ESSAY ALSO NOT PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED IS A SUSTAINED EXAMINATION OF THE RELATION BETWEEN THEORIES ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF CONCEPTS AND THEORIES ABOUT HOW THEY ARE LEARNED FINALLY THE ESSAY THREE CHEERS FOR PROPOSITIONAL ATTITUDES A CRITICAL EXAMINATION OF SOME OF D C DENNETT'S IDEAS HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REWRITTEN FOR THIS VOLUME A BRADFORD BOOK

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THIS VOLUME PROVIDES AN UP TO DATE AND COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF THE PHILOSOPHY AND NEUROSCIENCE MOVEMENT WHICH APPLIES THE METHODS OF NEUROSCIENCE TO TRADITIONAL PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEMS AND USES PHILOSOPHICAL METHODS TO ILLUMINATE ISSUES IN NEUROSCIENCE AT THE HEART OF THE MOVEMENT IS THE CONVICTION THAT BASIC QUESTIONS ABOUT HUMAN COGNITION MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN STUDIED FOR MILLENNIA CAN BE ANSWERED ONLY BY A PHILOSOPHICALLY SOPHISTICATED GRASP OF NEUROSCIENCE'S INSIGHTS INTO THE PROCESSING OF INFORMATION BY THE HUMAN BRAIN ESSAYS IN THIS VOLUME ARE CLUSTERED AROUND FIVE MAJOR THEMES DATA AND THEORY IN NEUROSCIENCE NEURAL REPRESENTATION AND COMPUTATION VISUOMOTOR TRANSFORMATIONS COLOR VISION AND CONSCIOUSNESS

THIS BOOK DEVELOPS A THEORY OF THE NATURE OF THE CINEMATIC MEDIUM OF THE PSYCHOLOGY OF FILM VIEWING AND OF FILM NARRATIVE

THIS CAREFULLY DESIGNED MULTI AUTHORED TEXTBOOK COVERS A BROAD RANGE OF THEORETICAL ISSUES IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE WITH ACCESSIBLE LANGUAGE A UNIFORM STRUCTURE AND MANY PEDAGOGICAL FEATURES MIND COGNITION AND NEUROSCIENCE A PHILOSOPHICAL INTRODUCTION IS THE BEST HIGH LEVEL OVERVIEW OF THIS AREA FOR AN INTERDISCIPLINARY READERSHIP OF STUDENTS WRITTEN

SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS VOLUME BY EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELDS WHO ARE ALSO EXPERIENCED TEACHERS THE BOOK S THIRTY CHAPTERS ARE ORGANIZED INTO THE FOLLOWING PARTS I BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE II CLASSICAL DEBATES III CONSCIOUSNESS IV CROSSING BOUNDARIES EACH CHAPTER STARTS WITH RELEVANT KEY WORDS AND DEFINITIONS AND A CHAPTER OVERVIEW THEN PRESENTS HISTORICAL COVERAGE OF THE TOPIC EXPLAINS AND ANALYZES CONTEMPORARY DEBATES AND ENDS WITH A SKETCH OF CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH A LIST OF SUGGESTED READINGS AND HELPFUL DISCUSSION TOPICS CONCLUDE EACH CHAPTER THIS UNIFORM STUDENT FRIENDLY DESIGN MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO TEACH A COHORT OF BOTH PHILOSOPHY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDENTS WITHOUT ASSUMING PRIOR UNDERSTANDING OF PHILOSOPHICAL CONCEPTS COGNITIVE SCIENCE OR NEUROSCIENCE KEY FEATURES SYNTHESIZES THE NOW DECADES LONG EXPLOSION OF SCIENTIFICALLY INFORMED PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH IN THE STUDY OF MIND EXPANDS ON THE OFFERINGS OF OTHER TEXTBOOKS BY INCLUDING CHAPTERS ON LANGUAGE CONCEPTS AND NON CONCEPTUAL CONTENT AND ANIMAL COGNITION OFFERS THE SAME STRUCTURE IN EACH CHAPTER MOVING THE READER THROUGH AN OVERVIEW HISTORICAL COVERAGE CONTEMPORARY DEBATES AND FINALLY CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH PACKED WITH PEDAGOGICAL FEATURES LIKE DEFINED KEY TERMS SUGGESTED READINGS AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR EACH CHAPTER AS WELL AS A GENERAL GLOSSARY PROVIDES READERS WITH CLEAR CHAPTER LONG INTRODUCTIONS TO COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR COGNITION EXPERIMENTAL METHODS IN COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE PHILOSOPHY OF MIND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE METAPHYSICAL ISSUES AND EPISTEMIC ISSUES

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## CONCLUSION

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