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Thread: [When does consciousness begin?](#)

????s? - February 16, 2017, 12:35 pm

Simple question.

When does consciousness begin?

bk randy - February 16, 2017, 12:48 pm

Define conscious?

Like, are we conscious when we're a fetus? I think so

?ndrew - February 16, 2017, 12:49 pm

I think it starts at birth mate

????s? - February 16, 2017, 1:06 pm

(Feb 16, 2017 01:49 PM)?ndrew Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I think it starts at birth mate

Do you remember coming out of the womb? You were alive but not conscious.

coolkoolguy - February 16, 2017, 1:18 pm

(Feb 16, 2017 02:06 PM)????s? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you remember coming out of the womb? You were alive but not conscious.

But you were. You are aware of what is around you, what is touching you, you can cry, you are basically responding to coming out of a pussy. If you don't remember than that is simply memory.

UltraBear - February 16, 2017, 1:42 pm

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Obli - February 16, 2017, 1:42 pm

The question is; when do we start remembering?

????s? - February 16, 2017, 1:43 pm

(Feb 16, 2017 02:42 PM)UltraBear Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Around 2 or 3 when you begin to remember things and understand

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UltraBear - February 16, 2017, 1:43 pm

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coolkoolguy - February 16, 2017, 1:57 pm

(Feb 16, 2017 02:43 PM)UltraBear Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) yeah for sure,

if you unconscious such as in an operation then you don't remember nor understand it.
But memory and unconsciousness are both different things. Consciousness is being aware of what is around you and being able to respond. Memory is remembering what happened. If you can feel it and respond then you are conscious. Nothing less, nothing more.

Top Potato - February 16, 2017, 1:59 pm

Well, I often get very vivid flashbacks of me playing NES in the womb while sipping on some mild beer, so I suppose it starts before you pop out.

bk randy - February 16, 2017, 2:07 pm

Like I said. Memory starts in the fetus
Although you might not remember it.

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(Feb 16, 2017 03:07 PM)bk randy Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Like I said. Memory starts in the fetus
How can you prove this?

Top Potato - February 16, 2017, 2:08 pm

(Feb 16, 2017 03:07 PM)?????s? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) How can you prove this?
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prenatal_memory

I still have the couch I used to chill out on during my time in the womb. It's still wet.

JustAnotherRandomDude - February 16, 2017, 2:11 pm

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Top Potato - February 16, 2017, 2:22 pm

(Feb 16, 2017 03:11 PM)JustAnotherRandomDude Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'd assume that it begins once you are able to react to the world around you.
But you are just another random dude, so why on earth would I take your word for it?

I'm joking, thanks for the feedback.

1314cK M4g1c - February 16, 2017, 2:27 pm

I don't know the answer to this question, I doubt many people can even get close.

But I can tell you a story. An encounter I had with ego death. I had an 1/8th ounce of psilocybin mushrooms (Specifically the popular cubensis strain).

I'll keep it short but sweet, when I peaked, I basically watched my entire body disappear into nothing, I effectively went blind. I experienced mind blowing astonishing 3D geometric just before I disappeared, it was organic and OUT OF THIS WORLD. Basically once I started disappearing it happened very drastically... Just like that.... I completely disappeared. I was basically an atom floating inside the vast cosmos. I had no identifiers, no name, no race, age, sex.... I was "Gone". I would say to this day of my limited 26 years of experience this was the single most strongest influence on what I believe is the word consciousness and life itself.

When I re-awoke from my heightened experience I basically was so happy, so peaceful you could of shoved a hot knife through my heart and killed me on the spot and I would of kept smiling at you. I effectively believe I died spiritually, mentally and psychologically that night. My girlfriend had a much lower dose but experienced similar effects.

This is just my little story, I'm happy to elaborate further if anyone is interested.

Kayoz - February 16, 2017, 2:49 pm

(Feb 16, 2017 02:06 PM)?????s? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you remember coming out of the womb? You were alive but not conscious.

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Top Potato - February 16, 2017, 2:53 pm

(Feb 16, 2017 03:49 PM)Kayoz Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Just because you don't have a memory of a certain moment doesn't mean you weren't conscious during it.

I mean, otherwise i'd be able to throw away all those blackout murder sprees I go on everytime I drink Budweiser Beer straight from the tap.

joehogan - February 16, 2017, 2:56 pm

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1314cK M4g1c - February 16, 2017, 3:11 pm

(Feb 16, 2017 03:59 PM)Yani Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Implying it begins somewhere. It is both the beginning and whatever came before it.

The argument that you exist now but cease to exist in the future requires that at some point infinitely in the future you are perceived as not having existed infinitely into the past. If you have not existed into the past from some future perspective and do not exist infinitely into the future from your current perspective then you never have and never will exist for all infinity. Obviously this is a logical paradox that can only be resolved by saying consciousness is external and infinite in nature.

LizardxSquadxNegroHatx - February 16, 2017, 3:13 pm

(Feb 16, 2017 02:06 PM)?????s? Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Do you remember coming out of the womb? You were alive but not conscious.

jsut because you cant remember it doesnt mean you weren't conscious... Can you remember 5 years ago what your math teacher asked you at 8:33 am? No you cant.. Does that mean you were not conscious?

1314cK M4g1c - February 16, 2017, 3:24 pm

A simple thing to point out would be illnesses of the brain, where the sense of self dies, or changes while the body is still alive. If there were a thing as permanent as a soul that defines our sense of self, disorders like depersonalise and degenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and dementia wouldn't exist. It's pretty clear that what ever consciousness and 'self' is, it is a natural part of the biological brain activity, because when the chemicals or the state of the brain changes, it's possible for the consciousness to change too. It's entirely possible that the self is more an illusion created by a sufficiently complex brain, and that's a deeply uncomfortable thought, but there it is.

Phire - February 16, 2017, 3:48 pm

(Feb 16, 2017 02:42 PM)Obli Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The question is; when do we start remembering? We're always remembering, a better question is; when do we start forgetting?

Johnny5698 - February 16, 2017, 6:14 pm

That's actually a really good question.

?????s? - February 17, 2017, 7:28 am

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fapninja - February 17, 2017, 7:30 am

You'll all think I'm nuts if I start talking about my crazy theories.

samsepi01 - February 17, 2017, 7:33 am

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Techmech - February 17, 2017, 7:40 am

When we where programed into world and were run for the first time.

Kinda like AI except we don't know who,what, and why.

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coolkoolguy - February 17, 2017, 8:14 am

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What do you mean? That could be the same for being comfortable inside a pussy and then being let out and start crying.

Ghost2c - March 18, 2017, 4:32 am

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Meterpreter - March 18, 2017, 4:42 am

Vogeley, K., Fink, G. (2003). Neural correlates of the first-person-perspective. Trends in Cognitive Science. Vol 7. 38-42. DOI: 10.1016/S1364-6613(02)00003-7

Self-consciousness can be defined as the ability to become aware of one's own mental and bodily states (e.g. perceptions, attitudes, opinions, intentions to act) as one's own mental and bodily states.

Rocky Balboa - March 18, 2017, 4:45 am

It always starts now, at this time.

Elite Hacker 69 - March 18, 2017, 4:46 am

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Curious if you identify as any religion?

Ghost2c - March 18, 2017, 5:58 am

Religion? I don't believe in what organized religion has come to mean. I believe that a man like entity name Ea created something called Annunaki (or perhaps Ea was their leader and referred back to a different entity named Anu. And two Annunaki created mankind in their image