

PREFACE to the Second Edition

This book is meant to be a review and to establish a point of view. As a review it is not complete. This would hardly be possible, considering the many different aspects of the subject. For instance, the book lacks a special chapter on language and thought. This matter would require a whole book, especially at the moment when it is arousing so much interest. I have decided to pay a lot of attention to various schools of thought.

For this translation - by Marleen Rozemond and Philip Clark - the text has been revised. This has led to what I hope will be an improvement in construction and clarity. A few additions have been made. I thank Juliette Shoenberg-Marres for her assistance.

Chapters 1, 3 and 4 have been somewhat altered and expanded, in order to explain and defend my idea of mentalism in greater detail. In chapter 1 the privacy of mental states and the status of the distinction between being and seeming have been brought into sharper focus. In chapter 3 the theory about one's knowledge of one's own mental states has been strengthened by a couple of additions. The next chapter on introspection and the unconscious now also deals with a phenomenon such as hypnosis, which indicates a possible split between consciousness and reflexive consciousness.

In the chapter about knowledge of other minds I deal with—and criticise—Strawson's objections to reasoning by analogy. In the discussion on materialism special attention is paid to the points of view of Armstrong and Davidson, and on functionalism Dennett's ideas are given wider coverage.

Finally, when I illustrate the text with examples and talk about 'he', this should usually be read as 'he or she'. It would have been too irritating to write down both words every time.

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