



PHIL/PSY 470

Philosophical Psychology





DID THIS BRAIN CONTAIN THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF U.T. PLACE?

Ullin T. Place (1924 - 2000) was a lecturer in Philosophy and Psychology at the University of Adelaide from (1951 - 1954). Together with his Adelaide professor, J. J. C. Smart, he was responsible for a revolutionary change in how philosophers view the nature of mind and consciousness. Place's famous 1956 British journal of Psychology paper "Is Consciousness a Brain Process?" argued against the major theories of the time, behaviourism and dualism, and contended that consciousness should be seen as a brain process and nothing more. In defending this position, Place and Smart entirely changed the methodology of the philosophy of mind. Their position is now known internationally as "The Identity Theory of Mind" or 'Australian materialism'.

Place died on 2. 1. 2000, bequeathing his brain to the University of Adelaide, to be displayed with the above message to be seen.

**Substance
Dualism**

Problems

**Mental
Properties**

Property Dualism

Epiphenomenalism

**David
Chalmers**

**Something
I want to get
clear about**

Monism

Idealism

Berkeley

Materialism

**Ontology of
Physics**

Empiricism

**Orthodoxy in
Cognitive
Science**

Methodological

Ontological?

**John
Watson**

Behaviorism

B. F. Skinner

**Thinking as
talking**

***Johnny Got
His Gun***

**Analytic
Philosophy**

**Words &
meaning**

Gilbert Ryle

Analytical Behaviorism

***The Concept
Of Mind
1949***

**Meaning of
“mental”
terms**

**Ontology of
Minds?**