



BIG QUESTION

Are we just moist robots?



Haldane wrote in 1927 that if his thoughts were only atoms moving in his brain, he had no reason to think his beliefs were true. In 1954 he took it back: a computing machine follows physics and still keeps the rules of logic. But Karl Popper, an agnostic, answered him: a computer works by logic because minds built it to.

John's Gospel opens, "In the beginning was the Word," and John's word, logos, also means reason. Before there was a single molecule, there was a Mind. Robots don't do wrong; people do, because people choose. And the Word who made your mind became flesh to set you free.



Think it through

Follow the argument from reason. Fill in each blank from the word bank.

Word bank:

Mind

branch

chemistry

reason

1. If there's no God, your thoughts are only _____ , pushed along by physics.
2. Then you couldn't trust your _____ , not even to argue that there's no God.
3. Haldane said believing that is like sawing away the _____ you sit on.
4. But you can trust it, so the best answer is that your mind comes from a _____ .

Memory verse

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

Fill it in: "If we _____ our sins, he is _____ and just and will _____ us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

I can say it! ☆ ☆ ☆ Color a star each time you say it.

Talk about it

1. Why does a working calculator point back to a mind?
2. Haldane took his argument back. Was Popper's answer good?
3. Jesus said to love God with all your mind. What would that look like for you?



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