

Some forms of dualism:  
interactionism, epiphenomenalism,  
and parallelism

Day 2 – Nature of Mind

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Also, it does not clarify how an immaterial mind can derive sensations and perceptions from the body.

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The advocate of parallelism needs to explain this amazing harmony between events in the mind and events in the body.