

Love and Simulations

What is Philosophy?

Philosophers ask questions like these and attempt to find answers to them.

How should I live?

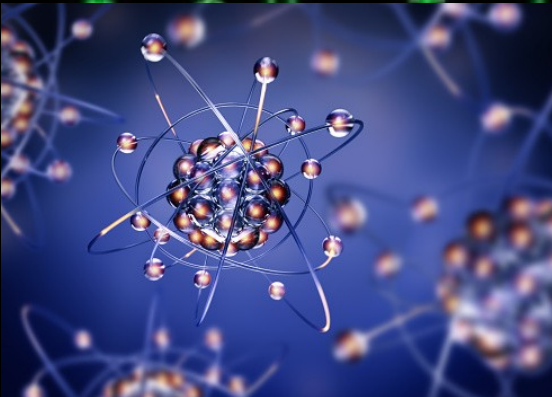


What should I believe?



Examples of topics philosophers study:
Consciousness,
Freewill, Identity,
Time, and Justice

What exists?



Kinds of Simulations

Are we in a MATRIX?



What Makes Something a Simulation?

Simulations involve some element of illusion.

Example: The pencil in the picture appears bent. We don't think the pencil is bent because we know that water tends to distort our visual perceptions.



When, if ever, do simulations make the appearance of love illusory as opposed to real?

By testing different simulation cases, we gather observational evidence about what undermines the appearance of love.

Simulation Case: Striking Vipers



How might the simulation be responsible for Karl and Danny's love for one another?

In your experience, do people act differently in virtual environments (social media, video games)? How so?

Do you get the same "version" of people in virtual environments as you would in real life? If not which version do you think is more authentic?



Simulation Case: WandaVision



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Is Wanda better off in her
simulated world?

Would the world be better if we
provided simulated relationships
for those who don't have close
relationships?

Friend's simulated lover scenario.

Simulation Case: Westworld (Bernard/Maeve)



Simulation Case: Westworld (Maeve)



Simulation Case: Westworld (Bernard)



Simulation Case:
Westworld (Maeve)



Westworld Simulation Cases

Both Bernard's and Maeve's identities as parents are simulated. However, only Maeve has non-simulated experiences of being a parent (actual interactions with her daughter).

Are lived experiences necessary to having certain identities?

Are lived experiences necessary for love?

Simulated lover

Is your friend better off in their new
relationship?

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relationships?