

Quantum Consciousness: Gazing Away from Chalmers Hard Problem

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Abstract : In modern cognitive science and philosophy, the study of consciousness continues to be one of the most profound and mysterious fields. The aim of this study is to attempt a move away from David Chalmers' "hard problem" of consciousness, which is a theory that focuses on the question of how subjective experience results from physical processes and instead offers a framework for comprehending consciousness from a quantum mechanical perspective. Though informative, classical models of the brain and cognition might not have adequately captured the intricacies of conscious experience. Therefore, by invoking quantum consciousness, the study aims to investigate how phenomena such as superposition, entanglement, and non-locality may offer a more nuanced explanation of consciousness beyond classical constraints, which could also potentially serve as a new diversion from the hard problem. Relying on textual and contextual analysis, the study contends that Chalmers's hard problem only arises when consciousness is limited to personal subjective experiences. In contrast, when viewed through a quantum lens, individual experiences, including emotions, feelings, and even pain, are only a small portion of a greater pool of consciousness that permeates reality as a whole. This further suggests that a quantum perspective on consciousness could provide a fresh framework that looks beyond the conventional limitations of Chalmers' hard problem in the direction of a more comprehensive explanation of conscious experience.

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