

Staying alive

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Teleporter vs. spaceship

- Is your body essential?
- Is a replicated “you” really “you”?

Silicon vs. Loss of memory (“virus”)

- Is memory essential?
- If your “identity” is a “replicated” identity, is it you?
- Is a clone of you “You”?

Reincarnation of soul vs. continuity of body

- If you are reincarnated in another being (human or animal), is it “you”?
- Do you have the same “soul” if you lack the “personality”?

Survival 1: Bodily existence

- you risk death on the *spaceship*
- allow your mind to be changed by a *virus*
- allow your soul to be lost so that your body can survive

Survival 2: “psychological reductionism”

- Teleporter
- Silicon replacement (to keep identity)
- Freeze (to allow body to survive)
- Suppose we change final option (“soul” instead of body)

Psychological continuity is not continuity of soul

- Continue “psychological continuity”
 - Teleporter
 - Synthetic parts of brain
- In final step, continue “soul” instead of body
 - Lose psychological continuity

Survival 3: soul

- Spaceship (keep body alive)
- Allow virus to change personality (body)
- Soul (allow body to die)
- “... presumably, you only valued the continued existence of your body because you thought it housed the soul.”