

1. What difference does the existence of 'I' make to the nature of things? Discuss with reference to the question of solipsism and its refutation.

What is this world? What is me? How do I exist and have a relationship with this world? The answers all depend on what I think about myself, my consciousness or 'I' and also how I think about my 'exceptional I' or 'All - I' (All minus I) – everything else in the world that's not me. How I give the value of any object in the world depends on what that object is for me. Has any object ever existed at all from the beginning?

'I' can represent what is me, this speaker in this conscious unit. This existing mind conquers this space and time right now. In the world of Solipsism, it's only this 'I' of me that exists in this world. No other 'I' is anywhere else. So on that outside material world, nothing really exists at all. What is real for me as a subject in the world? I see everything that appears to me. I touch everything. I feel or perceive everything in this world. Everything only happens in my mind. For solipsism, it should only be me as subject looking out at the world that's real. Whatever I perceive from outside me, it's only one representative in my mind. I never really make contact with the world, only in my mind. If I hold the orange in my hand, the orange isn't real. I only make contact with the representation of the orange in my mind. If I am the only one who exists in this world, then other subjects and objects in this world should not really exist. They're only characters in my mind. When I see my wife, my wife-character exists in my consciousness. But my wife does not really exist, like other subjects out there in the world. The orange object does not really exist either.

In the Anti-Solipsist perspective, my 'I' is different from your 'I'. What I feel, what I think, what I do is different from you. I have my own perspective towards the object world, different from you, based on my own background and history. You have yours, however, from your perspective. You are your 'I'. You have your own identify that separates you from me and others' 'I'. We have our own unique qualities that separate us from others. 'I' is not physical, not this body, not a scar on my arm that can identify me or make me unique. But 'I' is my consciousness, my history of memory, my knowledge that makes my reaction to the world different from others' 'I'. Even my cloning body should be another 'I' from me. Since my clone is separate from me, he will start to think or live his own life, make his own choice for every step in his life. His 'I' will be unique from others' 'I' in the world, even my 'I'.

If only 'I' is real and everything only happens in my mind or brain, then other subjects or others' 'I' who are physically the same like me, other subjects who have the same kind of organs are able to speak and exchange information with me – other subjects that have the same abilities as me. So, in their own mind or brain, is their 'I' also real in their own world, like me? I should not be the only one who has my own reality in the world. So my 'I' and every 'I' are all real and exist together in the same objective world? For anti-solipsists, we are all subjects in the same world. I am the subject who perceives the object world. You and the others are also the subjects as well. If it is not only me in this object world, then I could compare the object in the world with other subjects. This salty noodle for me may taste differently for other subjects. So that real world should exist out there, otherwise we should not be able to have asymmetry value between subjects like this.

I think the two-world theory makes sense and is very realistic. We both have our own absolute world that only we can access. It's very real and in touch with us all the time that we

are awake. We are often lost in this internal world and isolate ourselves in this fascinating, delicious world. At the same time, we are also aware of the other subjects and objects outside us who also have an influence on us. The others' 'I', which, in the same time but different space, have their own world as we have, in this moment or this now, they also have their own now, just as we have. They have their own internal moments, just as we have. What will the reality of everything be? Do I have to be honest with my wife? Is it wrong if I have other women? All those questions will never matter, if my wife and everything else doesn't exist.