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this volume brings together the vital contributions of distinguished past and contemporary philosophers to the important topic of personal identity the first part sets forth the attempts by john locke anthony quinton and h p grice to analyze personal identity in terms of memory the eleven other selections are largely critical of this approach and provide alternative perspectives part ii contains classic contributions by joseph butler thomas reid and sydney s shoemaker and a new paper by john perry personal identity memory and the problem of circularity in which he defends some of the central features of the locke grice quinton approach part iii contains three sections from david hume s treatise of human nature our idea of identity of personal identity and an appendix which the editor has entitled second thoughts in the fourth part of the volume bernard williams discusses the self and the future and derek parfit contributes his view of personal identity a recurring theme throughout the work is the possibility of body transfer of a single person having at different times different bodies in the final section of the volume brian bisection and the unity of consciousness thomas nagel examines the philosophical implications of recent scientific research on split brain patients he discusses the possibility entertained by some researchers that such cases involve two persons simultaneously inhabiting a

single body in his long introduction to this unique anthology on a topic of prime interest to the philosophical community mr perry scrutinizes the differing approaches and vocabularies of the various authors the editor also includes suggestions for further reading

this volume collects a number of perry s classic works on personal identity as well as four new pieces the two faces of identity persons and information self notions and the self and the sense of identity perry s introduction puts his own work and that of others on the issues of identity and personal identity in the context of philosophical studies of mind and language over the past thirty years

who am i what is a person what does it take for a person to persist from one time to another what is the relation between the mind and the body these are just some of the questions that constitute the problem of personal identity one of the oldest and most fundamental of philosophical questions personal identity third edition is a clear and comprehensive introduction to these questions and more harold noonan places the problem of personal identity in the context of more general puzzles about identity discussing the major historical theories and more recent debates the book also includes essential historical and philosophical background to the problem of personal identity as found in the arguments of locke reid and hume among others the third edition of personal identity has been thoroughly reviewed in light of advances in the latest literature and research this includes significant revision to the important problems of the simple and complex distinction and its relation to reductionism temporal parts and the distinction between perdurance and endurance theorists noonan also includes an up to date examination of personal identity and memory and personal identity and animalism particularly the work of shoemaker parfit olson and hybrid theorists including helpful chapter summaries and annotated further reading at the end of each chapter personal identity third edition is essential reading for all students of philosophy of mind and metaphysics as well as students interested in ethics

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identity in terms of memory to twentieth century defenses and criticisms of the lockean view by anthony quinton h p grice sydney shoemaker david hume joseph butler thomas reid and bernard williams new to the second edition are shoemaker s seminal essay persons and their pasts selections from the important and previously unpublished clark collins correspondence and a new paper by perry discussing williams

perry s excellent dialogue makes a complicated topic stimulating and accessible without any sacrifice of scholarly accuracy or thoroughness professionals will appreciate the work s command of the issues and depth of argument while students will find that it excites interest and imagination david m rosenthal cuny lehman college

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this book brings together a team of international scholars to attempt to understand david hume s conception of the self the standard interpretation is that he holds a no self view we are just bundles of conscious experiences thoughts and emotions there is nothing deeper to us no core no essence no soul in the appendix to a treatise of human nature though hume admits to being dissatisfied with such an account and part one of this book explores why this might be so part two turns to books 2 and 3 of the treatise where hume moves away from the fiction of a simple self to the complex idea we have of our flesh and blood selves those with emotional lives practical goals and social relations with others in part three connections are traced between hume and madhyamaka buddhism husserl and the phenomenological tradition and contemporary cognitive science

offers a new way of thinking about the relation between personal identity and practical interests seeing persons as unified loci of practical interaction and defining the identity of a person in terms of the unity of a characteristic kind of life

personal identity and self consciousness is about persons and personal identity what are we and why does personal identity matter brian garrett using jargon free language addresses questions in the metaphysics of personal identity questions in value theory and discusses questions about the first person singular brian garrett makes an important contribution to the philosophy of personal identity and mind and to epistemology

soul self substance and person are just four of the terms often used to describe the human person cutting across metaphysics ethics and religion the nature of personal identity and the self is a fundamental and long standing puzzle in philosophy personal identity and applied ethics introduces and examines different conceptions of the self and personal identity and considers the implications of these for applied ethics a key feature of the book is that it considers a range of different views of the self philosophical religious and cross cultural including perspectives from non western traditions within this comparative framework andrea sauchelli examines the following topics early views of the soul in plato christianity and descartes the buddhist no self and the self as a fiction and hume on the self confucian ideas of the self and the importance of self cultivation as constitutive of the self locke s theory of personal identity as continuity of consciousness and memory and objections to locke s argument by butler and reid as well as contemporary critics the theory of animalism and arguments concerning embodied concepts of personal identity narrative theories of personal identity and moral agency personal identity and self knowledge personal identity and important issues in applied ethics including abortion euthanasia and the idea of life after death implications of life extending technologies for the self and personal identity throughout the book andrea sauchelli also considers the views of important recent philosophers of personal identity such as sidney shoemaker bernard williams david wiggins derek parfit galen strawson and christine korsgaard placing these in helpful historical context the addition of chapter summaries and annotated further reading make this a refreshing approachable introduction to personal identity and applied ethics it is an ideal text for courses on personal identity that consider both western and non western approaches and that apply theories of personal identity to applied ethics it will also be of interest to those in related subjects such as religious studies and history of ideas

how can you understand yourself where do your views attitudes and values come from and why do they change this accessible and illuminating book provides a reliable guide to these questions the book demonstrates that personal identity is formed around basic needs for security and self esteem and the personal desires that flow from them shows the role of the emotions in personal life explores the limits of approaches that deny the existence of individuals and personal experience demonstrates how we build on everyday problems and dilemmas of life to shape our moods attitudes and feelings shrewd and compelling the book will be of interest to anyone studying social psychology and sociology

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chapter on animalism and a new section on vagueness

the diachronic mind makes an original contribution to current philosophical debates on the nature of personal identity and the reducibility of the mind it traces traditional problems facing psychological continuity theories of personal identity to the ease with which theorists of personal identity adopt and apply a sometimes naive physicalism about the mind this novel diagnosis opens that way to new solutions to traditional problems in the debate on the psychological criterion of personal identity through these solutions an unorthodox version of nonreductive physicalism about the mind brain relation is developed that avoids the recurrent epiphenomenalism objection to such positions the book is written in a crisp style that presupposes no more than an elementary knowledge of philosophy it is intended for students and professional philosophers alike

exploring issues ranging from the metaphysical to the moral and legal a team of esteemed contributors bring together some of the most important and cutting edge findings in experimental philosophy of the self to address longstanding philosophical questions about personal identity such as what makes us today the same person as our childhood and future selves can certain changes transform us into a different person do our everyday moral practices presuppose a false account of who we are chapters offer a survey of recent empirical work and foster dialogue between experimental and traditional philosophical approaches to identity covering the moral self dual character concepts true self transformative experience and the identity conditions collective entities with novel experiments and thought provoking applications to practical concerns including law immigration bioethics and politics this collection highlights the value and implications of empirical work on personal identity

in this volume geoffrey madell develops a revised account of the self making a compelling case for why the simple or anti criterial view of personal identity warrants a robust defense madell critiques recent discussions of the self for focusing on features which are common to all selves and which therefore fail to capture the uniqueness of each self in establishing his own view of personal identity madell proposes a that there is always a gap between a is f and g and i am f and g b that a complete description of the world offered without recourse to indexicals will fail to account for the contingent truth that i am one of the persons described and c that an account of conscious perspectives on the world must take into account what it means for an apparently arbitrary one of these perspectives to be mine engaging with contemporary positions on the first person embodiment psychological continuity and other ongoing arguments madell contends that there can be no such thing as a criterion of personal identity through time that no bodily or psychological continuity approach to the issue can succeed and that personal identity through time must be absolute not a matter of degree madell s view that the nature of the self is substantively different from that of objects in the world will generate significant discussion and debate among philosophers of mind

what constitutes personhood how are persons and their bodies related what is the relationship between personhood and value the unity of a person philosophical perspectives explores the current debates surrounding the philosophy of personal

identity and offers a fresh approach to this important topic it is original in bringing together three approaches to personal identity that are traditionally treated separately the metaphysical the phenomenological and the social by examining these three areas this volume establishes connections between the underlying metaphysical issues surrounding personal identity and the specific forms of personal existence such as self consciousness action and normativity topics discussed include personhood and animalism process ontology self identity over time sociality and personhood and the normative status of personhood with chapters by an outstanding international roster of contributors this collection will be of great interest to those studying personal identity and the nature of the self in metaphysics philosophy of mind and phenomenology

we take it for granted that a person persists over time when we make plans we assume that we will carry them out when we punish someone for a crime we assume that she is the same person as the one who committed it metaphysical questions underlying these assumptions point towards an area of deep existential and philosophical interest in this volume leading metaphysicians discuss key questions about personal identity including what are we how do we persist and which conditions guarantee our identity over time they discuss whether personal identity is complex whereby it is analyzable in terms of simpler relations such as physical or psychological features or whether it is simple namely something that cannot be analyzed in terms of more fundamental relations their essays offer an innovative discussion of this topic and will be of interest to a wide readership in metaphysics

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