

Thomas Metzinger

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Retribution is really a stone age concept.

~Thomas Metzinger

At 19, I basically held the position that if you were intellectually honest and really wanted to get in touch with political reality then you had to smell tear-gas.

~Thomas Metzinger

Subjectivity means to catch yourself in the act.

~Thomas Metzinger

The self is not a thing, but a process.

~Thomas Metzinger

The conscious experience of being a subject arises when a single organism learns to enslave itself.

~Thomas Metzinger

Whoever loses the capability for inner silence, loses contact to himself and soon won't be able to think clearly any more.

~Thomas Metzinger

Subjective time flows forward, the phenomenal self is embedded into this flow, an inner history unfolds. That is why it is not a bubble, but a tunnel: There is movement in time.

~Thomas Metzinger

Conscious experience as such is an exclusively internal affair: Once all functional properties of your brain are fixed, the character of subjective experience is determined as well.

~Thomas Metzinger

Consciousness is phenomenologically subjective whenever there is a stable, consciously experienced first-person perspective.

~Thomas Metzinger

I believe that gut feelings, the sense of balance, and spatial self-perception are so firmly coupled to our biological body that we will never be able to leave it experientially on a permanent basis.

~Thomas Metzinger

Subjectivity is an ability, the capacity to use a new inner mode of presenting the fact that you currently know something to yourself.

~Thomas Metzinger

I could never understand how someone would embark on their life without having first confronted and clarified the truly fundamental questions.

~Thomas Metzinger

If we lose the ability in question for a single moment only, we are immediately being hijacked by an aggressive little "Think me!" and our mind begins to wander.

~Thomas Metzinger

You cannot be a rational subject without veto-control on the level of mental action.

~Thomas Metzinger

All attention is introspection.

~Thomas Metzinger

Someone who cannot stop his outer flow of words will soon be unable to communicate with other human beings at all.

~Thomas Metzinger

As a philosopher, you define constraints for any good theory explaining what you are interested in, then you go out and search for help in other

disciplines.

~Thomas Metzinger

The Ego is a transparent mental image: You, the physical person as a whole, look right through it. You do not see it. But you see with it.

~Thomas Metzinger

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