

**Thinking Like Jesus**  
**The Ultimate in Critical Thinking**

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Thoughts/Thinking

The mind is different from anything else in the world.

1. Subjectivity – each mind has a unique point of view. Your thoughts, pain is unique.
2. Intentionality – we can think about objects beside ourselves. We can plan, have goals. Imagine. We can think about future objects, like vacations; abstract objects, like numbers; nonexistent objects, like unicorns.  
How can there be a physical relationship with abstract or nonexistent objects?
3. Unity of conscious life – thoughts are not related to the brain in the same way physical parts are related to a machine. Unlike a piston in an engine, that could potentially put in another motor. “I’m in pain.” Thoughts tied uniquely to the thinker.

Thinking about the natural machine, is like nothing else in nature. Thinking about thinking.

Reason – the power to direct our thoughts to a conclusion.

Theoretical Reason – Arrive at a reasonable belief. What is the most reasonable conclusion?

Practical Reason – Goal oriented, decision making. Consider how to get to a location.

Materialism is the doctrine that the physical world is all there is, described by ideal, complete sciences. The many mysteries lead to scientific IOUs by faith. Thinking “emerges” from the brain, from evolution. There is no need to look beyond the physical world to explain the physical world.

Materialist philosophy, and methodological naturalism, only recognizes undirected and passive causation. Every event must be reduced to a physical cause or be eliminated (it never happened).

Physical causes have no goals or purposes. Either necessary or statistical.

Lightning → avalanche → skiers → intends to survive, (intentionally alter behavior)

Physical causes (physics) vs mental causes (nonphysical, intentionality).