



وحدت آگاهی و مبانی آن

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Abstract: It is common to hold that our conscious experiences are often unified. But when consciousness is unified, what are the fundamental facts in virtue of which it is unified? On some accounts, the most fundamental fact that grounds unity is a form of singularity or oneness. These accounts are similar to Newtonian views of space according to which the most fundamental fact that grounds relations of co-spatiality between various points (or regions) of a space is the fact that these points (or regions) are parts of the *same single space*. In this paper, I sketch and defend an alternative. Very roughly, the view holds that experiences are unified when they are connected in the right way. In this respect, the view is analogous to Leibnizian views of space according to which the oneness of space emerges from certain conditions over spatial relations. The Leibnizian alternative has significant implications for our understanding of the metaphysics of conscious experience, the cognitive architecture of the mind and our assessment of the conditions under which unity of consciousness breaks.

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