

Summer 2020 McDowell's Mind and World Reading Group

Objective: To complete McDowell's Mind and World & to dig into "The Myth of the Mental"

Meetings: We will meet **on WEDNESDAYS at 11am** Over zoom at first (I will distribute weekly links), and when quarantine ends, in person at a local coffee shop. Prepare for ~2hour sessions.

Meeting Goals: Our plan is to get through all of Mind and World. This means that if we don't sufficiently finish a discussion in its due week, we will *not* continue on in the following week.

Requirements: *Do the reading!* Ideally, come with prepared with questions & outlined arguments of interest. The latter is purely optional, but the more prepared you come, the better discussion will be!

Req. Materials (Hyperlinked): [Mind and World](#), (*Optional: [Mind](#), [Reason](#), [Being in the World](#) – I will provide pdf's for the two chapters from this book.*) Please purchase the linked version of the text for accurate assignments and page numbers. I can provide PDF's of the full text *upon request*.

Week 1, 5-13-20: Concepts and Intuitions

Assigned: *Preface; Introduction;* Lecture I

Week 8, 07-01-20: The Myth Begins

Assigned: Overcoming the Myth of the Mental

Week 2, 5-20-20: The Unboundedness of the Conceptual

Assigned: Lecture II

Week 9, 7-8-20: The Clash of Titans – A Battle of Myths

Assigned: The Myth of the Pervasiveness of the Mental; The Myth of the Mind as Detached

Week 3, 5-27-20: Non-Conceptual Content

Assigned: Lecture III
Optional: Postscript to Lecture III

Week 4, 6-3-20: Reason and Nature

Assigned: Lecture IV

Week 5, 6-10-20: Action, Meaning, and the Self

Assigned: Lecture V
Optional: Postscript to Lecture V

Week 6, 6-17-20: Rational and Other Animals

Assigned: Lecture VI
Optional: Postscript to Lecture VI

Week 7, 6-24-20: THE END

Assigned: Afterword (pt1)
Quine, Two Dogmas of Empiricism

Note: Readings not present in M&W will be distributed by me through email.