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FROM SUBJECTIVE
PHYSICALISM TO
PANPSYCHISM

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How Deep Does Subjectivity Go?

According to Subjective Physicalism, the world is completely made of physical stuff, but certain parts of the world can only be fully understood by subjects who instantiate certain physical states.

One challenge for this approach to the mind/body problem is that subjective physicalism might collapse into a form of panpsychism, according to which consciousness is everywhere, even in sticks, stones and electrons.

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