



PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL WORLDS CAN BOTH BE REAL

1 CHAPTER

IS THIS THE REAL LIFE?

- Real things need not be limited to physical matter.
- Virtual objects can persist, interact, and produce consequences.
- Virtual does not automatically mean imaginary.
- A digital tree can be a genuinely real digital tree.

WHAT MAKES SOMETHING REAL?

2 CHAPTER

WHAT IS THE SIMULATION HYPOTHESIS?

- Our universe might have a deeper computational foundation.
- Simulated objects could remain stable and interconnected.
- Different construction does not mean nonexistence.
- A simulated world can still be a genuine world.

COULD A SIMULATION BE REAL?

THE REALITY QUESTION: WHAT EXISTS?

VIRTUAL DOES NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN FAKE.

DISCUSS: DOES REALITY REQUIRE A PARTICULAR KIND OF MATTER?



WHAT CAN EXPERIENCE REALLY TELL US ABOUT THE WORLD?

3 CHAPTER

DO WE KNOW THINGS?

- Knowledge requires more than simply believing something.
- Dreams can feel as convincing as waking experience.
- Descartes asks what survives the strongest possible doubt.
- The same evidence can support different explanations.

WHAT CAN WE REALLY KNOW?

4 CHAPTER

CAN WE PROVE THERE IS AN EXTERNAL WORLD?

- Moore points to his hands as common-sense evidence.
- Russell favors the simpler explanation of experience.
- A perfect simulation might defeat conclusive proof.
- Uncertain foundations do not make our world unreal.

CAN WE EXCLUDE SIMULATION?

THE KNOWLEDGE QUESTION: WHAT CAN WE PROVE?

UNCERTAINTY DOES NOT ERASE REALITY.

DISCUSS: CAN ORDINARY KNOWLEDGE SURVIVE RADICAL DOUBT?