**Monist Panpsychism vs. Dualist Panpsychism**

**and Their Relation to Quantum Mechanics**

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ABSTRACT

Panpsychism is an old doctrine, according to which mind is everywhere and is a fundamental feature of the world. In this thesis, I will examine two main approaches to panpsychism. The first is the dualistic approach, held by contemporary philosopher David Chalmers. The other approach is monistic, held by contemporary philosopher Galen Strawson. After discussing these two approaches, I will also present arguments against and for each, focusing especially on Strawson’s monistic view.

While the dualist approach is more widely accepted, I will show that Strawsonian panpsychism is defensible and plausible, if modified by the proposal I offer in the thesis. With my proposal, Strawson’s view can avoid one of its most difficult challenges, the so-called combination problem, which confronts most versions of panpsychism. Specifically, my proposal is to adopt Nagasawa and Wager's (2016) suggestion in solving the combination problem. They point out that most panpsychistic views, including Strawson’s, are bottom-up models, starting with phenomenal properties of physical ultimates and building ordinary phenomenal properties from them (microexperiences connect to form macroexpeiences). This logically leads to the combination problem. However, a panpsychistic view that adopts a top-down model can, as I will show, bypass this difficulty altogether. Hence, I will apply the top-down model to arrive at a modified Strawsonian view.

In addition, I suggest that at the basis of all the physical ultimates that Strawson refers to as possessing mind, there exists a cosmic collective consciousness from which all consciousnesses derive. Thus, in my top-down model, all physical ultimates possess mind, as Strawson suggests.

Lastly, since quantum physics is often discussed in relation to consciousness, I will use it as a case study of panpsychism. I will focus in particular on the way in which the two panpsychistic theories, the monistic and the dualistic, may be related to the interpretations of quantum mechanics in the context of the attempts at solving the measurement problem.