A philosophical theory of mind is a set of logically connected propositions that accounts for our considered intuitions about the mind and mental phenomena. Such a theory should support the development of a scientific theory of mind that would issue in explanations and predictions about mental phenomena in the world. (Perhaps these are the same project? Heil doesn't believe so…)

One of our jobs in here is to evaluate philosophical theories of mind, and perhaps pursue the construction of our own. To that end, it is good to have a list of desiderata for such a theory, i.e., phenomena that such a theory should either explain or explain away. These can function as conditions of adequacy on such a theory – any successful theory will address them, and any theory that fails to address them cannot be successful.

So far, here is our list:

1. The integrated relationship between minds (and mental agents) and the world
2. Our ability to see the world through another person’s eyes
3. Filters used in processing information about the world (e.g., language)
4. Difference between dreams and reality
5. Subjectivity of experience
6. Mental imagery
7. Pain
8. Qualia
9. Belief revision
10. Generation of meaning
11. The difference between the feeling of sensation and the content of perception
12. Answer the question: Can we survive our own death?
13. Memory
14. Concept of déjà vu
15. Phantom limb syndrome
16. Measurement of thinking
17. Difference between being merely alive and being alive and aware
18. AI
19. Difference between minds
20. Difference between perception and reality
21. Difference between people’s perceptual experiences (within a person/across people)
22. Objectivity of mental phenomena
23. Sensual sensitivity related to awareness