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Reading Questions for April 18

These questions cover Audrey's and Brian's presentations and a book chapter called "Minding the missing me" from a book by George Graham called *The Disordered Mind*. The answers do not have to be turned in. You will probably have to read more than once to get the answers.

Background:

We'll start with Audrey and Brian's Q and As. Next we'll continue our discussion of the question: What can mental disorders tell us about minds and their properties? Today we're looking at what research about people with the Cotard condition – a condition in which people tend to describe themselves as dead – tells us about minds and their properties.

Questions:

1. (*) What questions do you have for Audrey?
2. (*) What questions do you have for Brian?
3. In the first part of the section titled " 'I am dead' but don't mean it" (pages 239-40), Graham describes the Cotard condition. What are the key features of this condition?
4. (*) In the next part of this section (240-1), Graham describes Philip Gerrans's view of the Cotard condition and then criticizes it. What does Gerrans think and what is Graham's criticism? Who is right and why?
5. (*) Graham next offers another view of the Cotard condition (242-3). What is this view? Is it a good one? Why?