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Reading Questions for April 20

These questions cover Jack's presentation and an article by Robin Le Poidevin called "Stopped clocks, silent telephones and sense data: Some problems of time perception". 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 Jack Q and A. Next we'll start our discussion of the question: How are we conscious of time and space? Today we're focusing on time. Quite conveniently, Le Poidevin's article also engages with some of the other topics we've recently been discussing – in particular, he discusses both direct realism (another name for naive realism) and illusions.

Questions:

1. (*) What questions do you have for Jack?
2. In the first section (pages 241-2), Le Poidevin describes chronostasis. What is chronostasis? At the very beginning of the second section (page 242), he describes two approaches to perception: the direct realist view and the indirect realist view. What are these two views? In paragraph number 3 right near the end of the second section (page 243), Le Poidevin describes approach to perception: adverbialism. What is this view?
3. (*) In the third section (pages 243-5), Le Poidevin discusses the three approaches to perception (direct realism, indirect realism, and adverbialism) and how they handle time perception. Which does he think does the best job and why? Is he right and why?
4. (*) In the fourth section (pages 245-6), Le Poidevin describes some illusions. Which of the three approaches to perception (direct realism, indirect realism, and adverbialism) does he think does the best job handling these illusions and why? Is he right and why?