

Panpsychism and Universal Becoming

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Panpsychism is being taken increasingly serious by contemporary philosophers of mind. If true, the doctrine has significant implications for the nature of time: given certain plausible assumptions, everything in the universe would have a dynamic temporal nature. Moreover, this form of "universal becoming" does not require time itself to be dynamic - it is perfectly compatible with eternalism. However, panpsychism is vulnerable on a number of fronts. Some of the assumptions panpsychists commonly make about the nature of matter are questionable. There may also be obstacles in reconciling panpsychism with quantum theory and special relativity.