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## Chapter 28: Networked Frames & Screens since 1970

### 28.4a: Out of Our Heads (Alva Noë, 2009)

#### 1. According to Noë where are our “minds”?

Consciousness is something that we do or enact or perform in our dynamic involvement with the world around us. You are your brain, you your personality, Your emotions, your memory, your feelings are nothing but the actions of your brain cells and their associated molecules.

#### 2. Why is this book called “Out of Our Heads”?

Noë’s book is part of a movement in the philosophy of mind called *enacted mind*, or *extended cognition*. He argues that the mind is not the brain or part of the brain. He believes that the mind cannot be understood except in terms of the interaction of a whole organism with the external environment, especially the social environment.

1. Noë quotes Merleau-Ponty, who argues that living creatures are “intervolved in a definite environment “ describe an instance of how you are (and have been) **intervolved** with your world.

There are many ways I can describe of how I am intervolved with the world around me, 1. I grew up in a single parent home and learned that way of living, today I’m a single parent of only one child because of the hardship of being a single parent. Being a Christian has been the best world around me today “ Today actually makes 14 years I’m baptized and it’s been the best decision I’ve ever made with that I’ve built a world of constant communion with Christ and fellowship with other people of God and in doing so I’ve become more like Christ!