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James focused on the structure of consciousness physically. He theorized that consciousness is independent from the observer and it does not exist as a one element. This differs from one's for you because he had a more simple and narrow definition of consciousness. He also theorized that the trained observer can see the difference of a conscious experience but an untrained observer cannot point out the specific conscious experience. Meaning that they cannot analyze between all the different elements of consciousness unlike the trained observer. James also believed that sensations are nonexistent but instead there is a stream of consciousness that is continuous. He viewed consciousness as a detailed structure, and as a process that is changing and dependent on the stimuli. The purpose of the consciousness was to reflect evolutionary theory, that it is biological whereas the mind is continuous.