## **CONSCIOUSNESS STUDIES**

is consciousness a blobby thing that happens to be

attached to my body is consciousness like pixie dust

that God sprinkled over the atoms when he made

the world is consciousness a special fact that can

only be known by experiencing it then if that's

the criterion why are you surprised that science can't

explain it and anyway what do you mean by

explanation when I regain consciousness after being knocked out

by heavy drugs is that really something we can't

explain not if consciousness is some fuzzy blob that

happens to be attached to a body or fairy

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dust that God sprinkled over the atoms when he

made the world yes indeed it's true biology won't

make a bat out of you is this science

is this fantasy if you have to ask you'll

never know said Louis Armstrong and that's pretty convincing

to me but it recommends listening to jazz more

than theorizing over it and clearly jazz is not

a goopy cloud attached to a body or sparkle

dust scattered across the atoms in God's creation but

can't you imagine zombies no I can't or I

have no idea if I can or what I am supposed to imagine but surely you know what

I mean by subjective experience and all I can

say is that replacing one word with two does

not really change things for me I guess we're

just stuck with this mystery aren't we I'd like

to go chat with poor Mary abused since birth

forced to study optics in her colorless bedroom and

ask what she thinks about all these consciousness studies