

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
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
much 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