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Proseminar in philosophy I

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The Blue and Brown Books

1. “Compare ‘I expect him’ and ‘I shoot him’”. This leads to a puzzle: “How can we expect something that is not the case?” Is our difficulty due to “an unclarity in the grammar of words”?
2. “‘I can only know that *I* have personal experiences, not that anyone else has’. – Shall we then call it an unnecessary hypothesis that anyone else has personal experiences? – But is it an hypothesis at all?”
3. What is the distinction between ‘I’ used “as object” and “as subject”? Evaluate the attached criticism of Wittgenstein (from Evans’ *The Varieties of Reference*).