

Existence of an Idea

SOME THOUGHTS

An idea exists by virtue of a symbol or image.

However, does it exist without physical representation? Can it? Generate any idea in your mind, like *goodness*, but do not say or sound out the word. Can you do this?

If not, why not?

In some science fiction stories, characters communicate through “mental telepathy.”

Does this involve the transmission of ideas and information which are without physical representation?

French mathematician and philosopher Rene Descartes tells us that doubting the existence of his own mind proved its existence because only a mind can doubt.

Can Descartes' *mind* have existence without a simple sequence of phonemes and graphemes: M-I-N-D?

How about D-O-U-B-T? P-R-O-O-F?