

BECAUSE

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There is a natural philosophical impulse (and, correspondingly, a great deal of pressure) to always ask for explanations, for example, explanations of why we act as we do. Kevin has gone a very long way in disentangling the many different because's, and the many senses of 'because', that tend to clutter our efforts to manage that impulse. This short dialogue is meant as a humble, derisory tribute to his work in this area, and to the unique pleasure that we all feel when we engage with him in actual philosophical debating (on any topic).