

Sense Qualities
A paper dedicated to Ronnie DeSousa
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Abstract Sense qualities are known completely and infallibly in the act of perceiving. This principle is well-established in philosophy and presupposed by the methodology of psychophysics. But if sense qualities are known in the same way as other perceptual objects, i.e., by causation from the outside, this would be impossible. Clearly, then, sense qualities are known in perceptual acts, but not by causation from the outside. In this paper, I offer a model inspired by Kant's doctrine regarding space. We know sense qualities because they are parts of the representational scheme employed by the senses.