ABSTRACT

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The concept of content and consciousness has figured prominently in the history of philosophy, and is probably more important now than it has ever been before. Yet the question, what are content and consciousness? How to explain content and consciousness by Dennett’s thought and some philosopher notable ideas? How to apply Dennett’s thought and some philosopher notable ideas on content and consciousness? has received surprisingly little attention. The purpose of the thesis is to address this question. The author considers several attempts at answering the question, and gives several reasons for preferring one of them over its rivals. The thesis comprises four chapters on content and consciousness, philosophical observation, theoretical and empirical on epistemology of philosophy with analysis by Dennett. Including its phenomenology, methodology and causality. The chapters consider three limitations of content and consciousness, as follows (1.) Lack of a precisely-defined, well-understood terminology. (2.) Difficulties of empirical research. (3.) Lack of discourse concerning the philosophy of human, particularly in contemporary Indonesian philosophy studies. The thesis presents an introduction and an extensive review of definitions of content and consciousness, basis on Dennett through evolution research. It is addresses a proposal for understanding an epistemology of Dennett’s thought. The thesis explained a comparison of these perspectives and theories responses, by Dennett’s and some philosopher notable ideas on understanding of topic as real patterns discernible from Dennett’s tools for thinking and improvised through the primary obstacles. Which could produces an explanation and application by Dennett’s thought more be accurately defined. The thesis addresses a conclusion of content and consciousness on study in philosophy of human, by Dennett framework and demonstrates his importance of tools for thinking. The method used is descriptive-qualitative.

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