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 dichotomies of mind versus body and inner self versus external
 world are still ubiquitous in Western spontaneous philosophy (in
 Gramsci's sense), science and education. However, they cannot
 be empirically testified. On the contrary, more than thirty years
 of rich evidence from interdisciplinary cognitive science leave no
 doubt that the human mind is embodied in our entire organism
 and embedded in the world. The nature of our everyday sensory
 (i.e. visual, auditory, haptic, olfactory, gustatory, vestibular) and
 motoric experience, which is interactive and could be described
 as organism-environment co-ordination (Johnson & Rohrer 10),
 constitutes our species-specific view of the world (Evans & Green
 45). Moreover it serves as information on the opportunities and
 costs of acting in the environment (Proffitt 110) and thereby at
 least indirectly (i.e. via our individual conceptual structures
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