Three Views of the Mind

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|  | **Naturalist**  (Secular Humanism, Marxism, Postmodernism) | **New Age** | **Christian** |
| **What is the mind?** | Purely physical processes—electrical impulses created by chemical reactions | The spiritual ability to connect to the cosmic life force/higher consciousness of the universe | The part of man that reflects the image of God; rooted in the physical but at the same time extending into the spiritual |
| **What is the purpose of the mind?** | No ultimate purpose; perpetuating the species | To connect with the cosmic life force through one’s own inner divinity; to tune into the frequency of the higher energy of the universe and harmonize with it | To fellowship with the Creator and to sub-create for His glory |
| **What happens to the mind at death?** | It ceases/disappears | It is freed to be joined with the cosmic life force | It continues to exist; it is held accountable for its choices; eventually rejoins the body |
| **A picture for “the mind”** | http://www.nih.gov/news/health/jan2011/images/nichd-28.jpghttp://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/sites/default/files/images/brain.jpg | http://www.hairhealthandheaven.com/attachments/Image/Meditation-e1335788502256.jpg | http://thirdeyeactivation.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/spirit-mind.jpg |