Videogames, Fiction, and Reality

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Videogames v. Traditional Art

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Problems With Philosophical Approaches

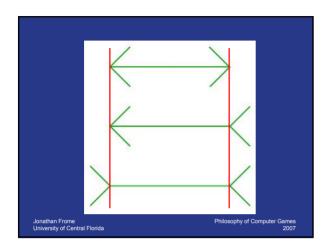
- Based on introspection
- Monolithic mind
- Black and white concepts

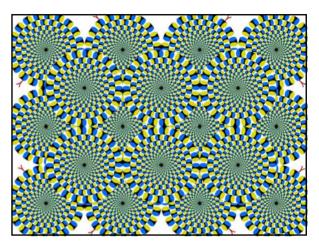
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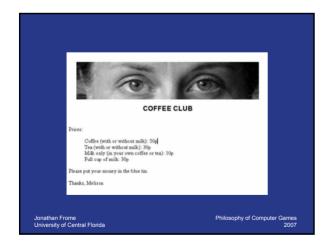
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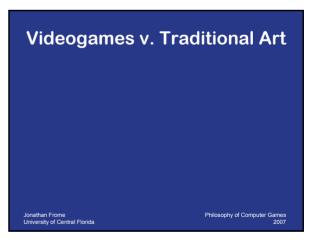
- Multi-level mind
- Internal contradictions

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Thank you! Jonathan Frome University of Central Florida Philosophy of Computer Games 2007

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