

Hume's assumptions about the self present us with a puzzle: On the one hand, Hume's official account famously presents the self as a mere "bundle or collection of different perceptions" (T 1.4.6.4; SBN 252). On the other hand, various assumptions Hume makes about the self in other contexts suggest that the self is in fact *more* than this bundle. Specifically, he assumes that the self has "qualities of our mind *and body*" (T 2.1.9.1; SBN 303; emphasis added). The challenge in solving the puzzle is to put such assumptions concerning embodiment into a satisfying relation to Hume's official bundle account. In my paper, I part from the popular multiple-concept reading, and instead propose to solve the puzzle by assuming just one concept of the self throughout Hume's philosophy. I show that Hume's assumptions about an embodied self can be incorporated into the bundle view by showing that these assumptions can be spelled out as perceptions. My argument traces six main steps: First, there are two bundles within the bundle account: a bundle of ideas that is the *idea* of the self, and a bundle of objects of these ideas that is the self. Second, given that our ideas change with the context of the investigator, we can explain Hume's varying assumptions in terms of a context-dependent thickening and thinning of the self. Third, given the limits set by the bundle account: the self needs to be a bundle of *perceptions* throughout. Fourth, sympathy implies beliefs in my own embodiment and the embodiment of others. Fifth, given the two-bundle bundle account, spelling out what the embodied self is demands inquiring what the *objects* of such beliefs are. Sixth, the object of such beliefs are *specific* impressions; namely succeeding impressions that give rise to a tendency to confuse them with a continued and distinct existence of objects due to (a) the resemblance of their ideas, on account of which they (b) feel the same to us as actual diachronic identity would. Therefore, despite seeming thicker than the bundle account permits, assumptions concerning embodiment are in fact just part of the bundle account.