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INNER SPEECH-BASED MODELS OF AUDITORY VERBAL HALLUCINATIONS: WHAT CAN THEY EXPLAIN?

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The term auditory verbal hallucination (AVH) covers a diverse phenomenological experience. One model of AVHs proposes they result from self-monitoring deficits causing inner speech to be experienced as alien. The experimental evidence for such a model is briefly summarised. The fit of inner speech models with the phenomenology of AVHs is then critically examined. The form, function, and development of private and inner speech is discussed, and contrasted with the phenomenology of a range of AVHs. It is argued that only a subset of AVHs are phenomenologically consistent with inner speech models. Implications for the study of AVHs are discussed.