

Questions for Symbol and Analogy seminar, 2/3/76

1. The distinction between operators and operations in human consciousness might suggest that the operators are extrinsic to consciousness itself insofar as they activate the operations and move the whole process from one level to another. Yet some reflection reveals that the operators and operations are but different aspects of the same dynamic human consciousness, different points of view on the same reality. For while understanding depends on questioning for its beginning, would one be a questioning being if one were not at the same time an intelligent being? So, what is the precise difference between operators and operations? Is there any sense in which the operators are also operations, for questioning is a conscious activity?
2. Re. the terms "symbol" and "analogy," "heart" and "mind." Do these relate to particular levels of consciousness such that "mind" and "analogy" would pertain to the first three levels while "heart" and "symbol" would pertain to the fourth level? Or to put this another way: assuming that symbol is the currency of religious consciousness and analogy, that of theoretic consciousness, with which levels of consciousness are religious consciousness and theoretic consciousness respectively involved?
3. Please explain the notion of heuristic notions/structures. How does this notion relate to Meno's paradox and stand in the face of it?

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Operators and operations

actum	causal	looking up down around
act	perpetration	feeling

compused : both expressed by verb in active voice
 | intelligere est pati peractum
 | intelletus agens

empused : to cause presupposes some perpetration / intelligent
 perpetration that is caused is cause of further perpetration

why (a priori), understanding why, explaining why

is that so (a priori), grasping suff. cond., judging

is it worth while

supposes

: cognitive & intentional feeling, apprehension

judgement of value, decision, expression

faculty of : benevolentia from metaphysics → sense intellect
 appetite (sensitive rational)

intentional analysis

operations, levels, operators

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Heart & Mind : symbol & analogy

Heart : le coeur a ses raisons que le raisonnement ne connaît pas

1 la raison qui ne connaît pas

blind

just
under
open

2 les raisons que le coeur a

apprehension of value

3 le coeur / delict even decide - theme

in intentional feeling

Symbol : affective value of an expression, number, relationship

deities, words
 repetition
 expressive / awful

flag

mother

Thase-Thiememann

Undifferentiated

4 levels function together
none specialised

heart - as much as 4th is strong ^{with} in polyphony

mind - " as 1, 2, 3 " |

mind not specialised

common sense

not math, sc. hum. hist.

heart not specialised

highly specialised

eclectic / eclectic tradition

→ wordless apophatic

symbol, analogy - difference with thematic

analogy of experience

vs word meanings

Prodigal son
with holders of the yard
no father in the world

Difference Thematization

by examples

Moses: light from light

applied to immort infinite,
merely vanishes

Augustine: evidence → judgement

imago trinitatis

ex scientia verbum verum

in theory

merely symbolic - going to limit, vanish

analogical

"

vanishes, remains

$$\sum_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{nx}$$

Heuristic notion

pic Ar one of 4 elements
by Lavoisier phlogiston
after " oxidation
pram Aug what there are 34
Brothius
Richard St Victor
Agrippa
Descartes
Bacon

Heuristic structure

Let the unknown number be x

information about $x \rightarrow$ equations

also equations $x = n$

Let the unknown law be $f(x, y) = 0$

$$f(PVT) = 0$$

$$PV = RT$$

Metaphysics = integral heuristic structure

Memo's slave

heuristic structure in Memo - set of leads 99
discovery of a slave

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1 Operators = operations

ambiguity of active voice

denotative action
act

causal: looking sending
propition: seeing finding

all causing presupposes some proposition

intelligent agents

grounded
in it

a priori

irrational agents

deliberative

really dependent from what is caused

why → understanding why
is it? → sufficient reason

caused is a proposition that can cause

understanding → conceiving
sufficient reason → judging

major trinitaries

light / no light: Nicea: hypostasis / is only material
Ray of time / need not be material, finite

2 Heart & mind

Symbol & analogy

Rg consciousness

undifferentiated
differentiation

ascetic - mystic

Heart

Le cœur a ses raisons
apprehension of values

feelings
Stewart, Plato, Foucault

valuation - 4th level activity

judgment of value
decision

Rg differentiation

→ mystic words - apophatic
expression

expression of undifferentiated will use "symbols"

which may contain analogies

but are not thematized as analogies