

The Notion of Being

A. The Subject

| | <u>Conscious dynamism</u> | | <u>Conscious events</u> | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| | <u>Upward</u> | <u>Across</u> | <u>Operation</u> | <u>Product</u> | <u>Miscarriage</u> |
| 5 | Be free | Relate | Being in love | Decision | Evil sin |
| 4 | Deliberate | Be responsible | Evaluate | Jugm value | Bias |
| 3 | Reflect | Be reasonable | Reflective insight | Jugm fact | Error mistake |
| 2 | Inquire | Be intelligent | Insight | Formulat- ion | Mere bright idea |
| 1 | Waking dreaming | Be spontaneous | Imagination Memory Sensation Feeling | Perception Behavior Dream | Illusion Hallucination Neurosis Psychosis Nightmare Delirium |

Self-appropriation

Adverting to conscious events

acts of attention distinction differentiation naming

Understanding conscious dynamism

from conscious operation or state to product or miscarriage

from underlying unconscious to each higher conscious level

Affirming existence of whole process

Accepting normativeness of conscious dynamism

and in principle rejecting miscarriages

N. B. Self-appropriation stands to conscious events and
conscious dynamism, as science stands to data of sense

Notion

The term, notion, may be used loosely to denote an
idea, a concept, an object of thought, a personal opinion,

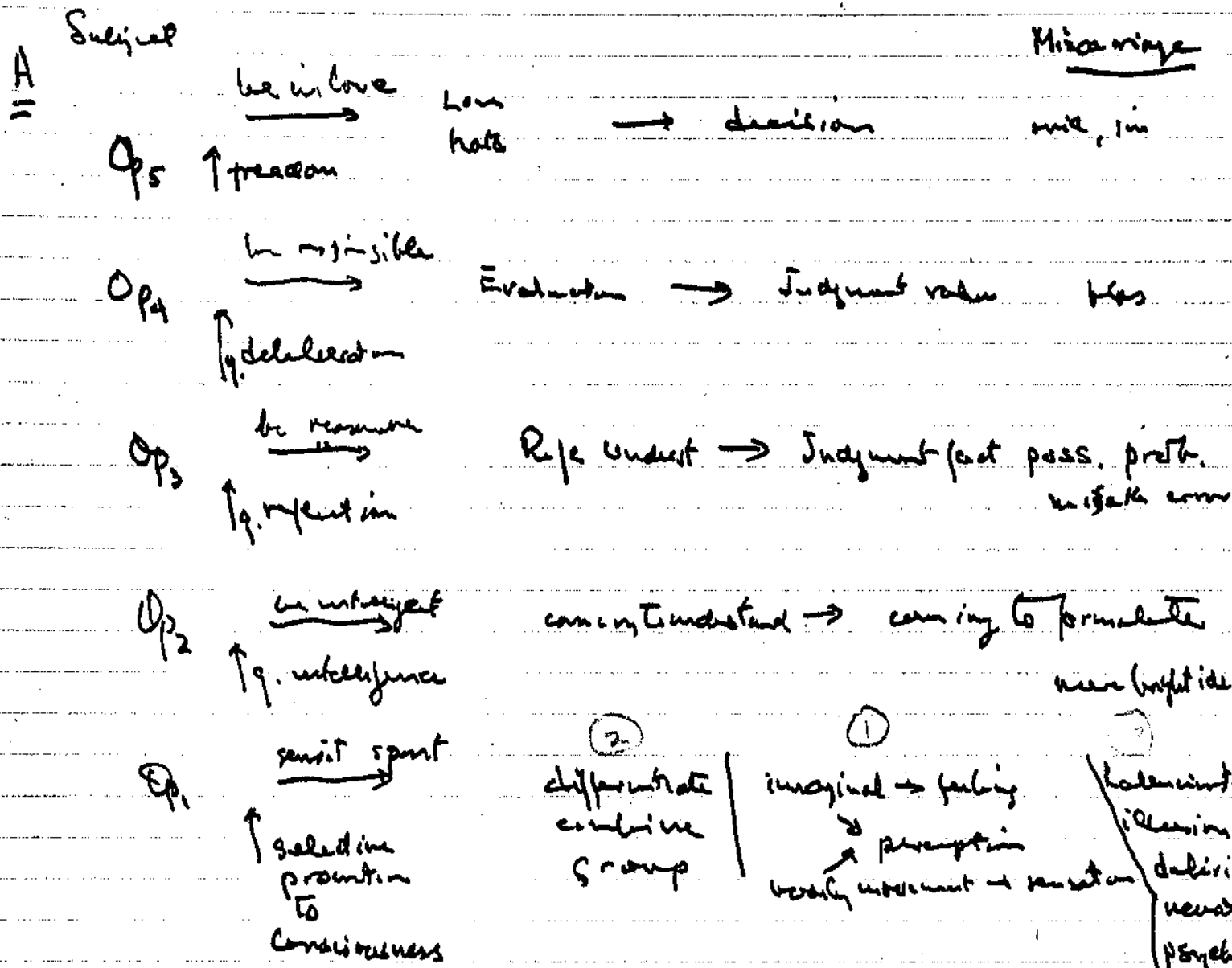
More precisely, an idea will mean the content of an
act of understanding; a concept or an object of thought will
mean the content of a formulation; an opinion will mean the
judgment or vote of Mr X; but notion will refer to the origin-
ating upward dynamism of consciousness.

Each stage of this upward dynamism reveals its immediate character by the criterion it imposes and, then, more concretely by the product it approves and the miscarriage it wants rejected.

Again, each stage reveals its mediate character by the next stage which takes over and sublates its product (or miscarriage)

Now since notion is employed to denote the upward dynamism of consciousness, and since this upward dynamism has many stages each with its own appropriate product and possible miscarriage, the self-appropriation of the subject brings to light many notions.

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B

above questions upward dynamism / dynamics across

consciousness attended to, named, identified, testing, understood, affirmed

C

Intention actuality | promotion, insight, truth, good, miscarriage

intended is | with miscarriage but goal set by intention

exp. transcendence ↔ being, values

C mind

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| object of right decision | found as justified |
| " | approved |
| " | real as known by true |
| " | thought - thought |
| " | intention |

D intention is prior to | miscarriage
successful operation

hence prior to insight, to thought, to judgment

E intention goes beyond
image to insight
insight to thought
thought to judgment
judgment to still further questions

F not abstract but comprehensive

abstract abstracts from | empirical evidence
comprehension regards every aspect of everything
incidental irrelevant

every aspect → concrete
everything → unrestricted

G being as understood thought knowledge | human potentialities
as understood - unrestricted understanding

Objectivity

d Spatial when I already see them how real
part of world of immediacy

p Subject in his/her conscious operations
another part of world of immediacy / already in his now
correlative spatial metaphor

y Objectivity in world mediated by meaning

meaning

potential : source of meaning : any cognitive act
formal : object of thought | qua content
actual : object of affirmation, negation | qua conditions

objectivity of meaning

absolute : virtually unconditional
facts are stubborn things

principles : combination of particular instances
of one thing
This is a type water
I am not a type water

N.B. horizon to see that there is implicit in 3 judgments

normative criteria of / be intelligent
/ be reasonable

experiential fulfillment of conditions

5 Ambiguity in "objectivity" is not
experiencing it is normal, not abnormal
having difficulty about it

- Born into world of immediacy
- live exclusively in it for many months
- gradually move out of it
as we learn to speak
become more + more articulate
- but this process is spontaneous
new criteria added to old - both function w/ confusion
difficulty arises when philosophic reflection begins

hence

| | | |
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| | practical. materialism - empiricism | naive |
| | theoretical. idealism - rationalism | |
| | practical ambiguous realism | |

Rant's unknowable Ding-an-sich

immediate knowing is Anschauung
it is of phenomena
further activities are Verstand | referred to things
Verunft | only thru' Anschauung

Creation p 208

Heidegger

Su 2 #44, b pp 221f, 223, 226

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| | communicative <u>Verstehen</u> | priority of authenticity openness truth of Existenz exp-discovery | | entdeckend 2nd DEID ENTDECKTSEIN |
| | derivative | truth of judgments, propositions or falsity | | |

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|--|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | existence is | truth of existence | exp-discovery |
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definition: in world mediated by meaning
what is meant is what is so

Method in Metaphysics

The Underlying Problem

I prior to propositions
in the process of moving

from world of immediacy
into world mediated by meaning
to retaining both
& alternating between them
without incoherence

E. Voegelin "History"
"equivalence"
Economic Age

II Basic positions & counterpositions

in knowledge

position if compatible is
counterposition if incompatible is

real universe of being
already out there now
subject "knows" when understood as intended
as given
objectivity consequent to intellectual inquiry
rather
critical reflection
prior to
in vital anticipation extraneous
interpretation

derived
in epistemology, metaphysics, (existential ethics)

III positions inate development

abstract is operations that bring about development
counterpositions inate reversal
inherent is operations that bring about development

IV history of philosophy -

development of positions | reversal of positions
reversal of c-p's | through
superlatives of cp

2 Definition of Metaphysics 390

I As notion of being
so department of metaphysics | underlies penetrates goes beyond
all other | activities experiments

Underlies: its principles neither terms nor propositions
neither concepts nor judgments

but pure desire to know
its unfolding in exp
nt consciousness
rat

Penetrates other departments
take source as met.
particular via restriction v.p.
unified

metaphys reduction to common source
seems compatibility absence unity

Transpires other involved in polyomorphic case of man

CS Unis
be share case of CS
res counts to know of CS
divided by this opposition

metaphys look is positions / grounds
c.p. in part fields

unifies up of whole needed to relate particular v.p.

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Medieval Theology Queen of Sciences via metaphysics
Modern Theology sublates because
practically via religion
theoretically via interdisciplinary phil

II Stages of Met

content : pure desire as operative
but not theoretic

problematic : lack of unity
relatedness
coherence

explicit : being - proportional - known by $\left| \begin{array}{l} \text{emp} \\ \text{int} \\ \text{rat} \end{array} \right|$ / operation
- transcendent - beyond proportionate
as XXIX, XX

NB

cosmological v.p.

precritical : person of $\left| \begin{array}{l} \text{spatial} \\ \text{intentional} \end{array} \right|$ / objectivity
relation

Gilson : being perceived
Metaphysics as horizon

God's in his heaven

scientific method : $\left| \begin{array}{l} \text{unlight} \\ \text{rationality} \end{array} \right|$
| just this world

critical / state from proportionate
further go whether any meaning to
ultimately \square transcendent

Heidegger : onto-theological

role as criticism of ontical ontological

metaphysics is integral heuristic structure of proportional being

classical
statistical
genetic
scientific

emergent probability

spontaneous / nature
insight etc : historical

intensity of $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{constitutive} \\ \text{interpretive} \\ \text{epistemic} \end{array} \right\}$ \rightarrow : know $\hat{=}$ one's own reality
 \rightarrow : epistemic reality

historical view: meaning as constitutive

of one's individuality, | Knowledge
values
orientation
character

ultrapersonal realm: social/cultural reality

practical realm: transformation of nature
city vs virgin forest

epistemological notion: regards an unknown content
specified by | act / process | by which it becomes known

hermeneutic structure: set of hermeneutic notions
method

integral hermeneutic structure:

dynamic unity of ^{emp} int cond. as rat | underlying
penetration
transforming
animating | all other
expressions

≡ interdisciplinary idea and program | Theology p. 6

progressive: w/ progress of sciences

uncertain: w/ part certain, or probable, or hypothetical, or doubtful

partial: all human knowledge, esp. prob. being, is of contingent being

dependent: not as cause or effect of sth
but as underlying penetrating transforming working principle

stable: no radical revision w/ radical change of human cond.

primary: being explained: hermeneutic structure regards explanation