

Procedure in this Seminar

1. Go through book on Method, one chapter at a time.
 - a Each day except first day
 - answer questions from previous day
 - 1 qq written out
 - handed in to assistant director
 - preferably, clarified, narrowed down to precise issue, and so apt to be of general interest and concern on previous Tuesday, so that respondent will not be talking off the top of his head
 - b sketch of main points in next chapter
2. First day
 - Why method?
 - sketch of first chapter.

1 Method/Logic/Existenz

Logic is concerned with i) terms, ii) propositions, and
iii) inferences

Method goes beyond concerns of deductive logic; adds
further operations (observation, description, problem-
formulation, discovery, formulation of discovery, adding
implications and presuppositions of hypothesis, devising
research program (observations, experiments), confirming
or invalidating hypothesis, in that case review and new
discovery, modification of hypothesis.

Existenz: the existential moment arises when one finds out
for oneself that one has to decide for oneself what one
proposes to do with oneself and one's life

Response to the existential moment puts an end to drifting:
A drifter does what everyone else is doing, says what
everyone else is saying, thinks what everyone else is
thinking, and commonly everyone else includes the whole
local or regional class of drifters.

2 Method in Theology

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