

History

1. Relatively fixed object

- Research on sources; analysis of texts; determination of facts
- What was known by contemporary common sense and can be settled by common historical research

2. Relatively fluid object

- What was going forward in and through contemporary common sense; beyond its intentions; beyond its effective powers
- What was brought to light subsequently: drama, tukhe and anagkhe, fata, providence, die List der Vernunft, the unseen hand of the laws of supply and demand, the materialist dialectic
- By subsequent events: the end of the battle, war, series of wars; the end of a people, state, type of government, art, style, culture
- By subsequent understanding:
- Nietzsche: past events are pulled out of their shadows by the present sun of great men
- NT latet in VT; VT patet in NT
Plato in light of Aristotle; Aristotle in light of Aquinas; etc.
- By subsequent science: Rostovtzeff, Social and Economic History of the Roman Empire; Max Veber, Protestantism and the Rise of Capitalism
- By shift of Weltanschauung: Butterfield, The Whig Interpretation of History

3. The mediation of tradition; parallel to the transition from consciousness of self to knowledge of self

- The mediation that constitutes a meeting with the past;
- Ebeling on Catholicism as Begegnung with past, ZfThK 47(1950), 16-22.