

Speech and Phenomena – Chapter 2 “The Reduction of Indication”

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I. Scope of the problem:

- A. reduction of indication is necessary, yet infinite, and so
- B. threatening to entire project of phenomenology if irreducible

II. What is an indicative sign?

A. examples

- 1. natural
- 2. artificial

B. unity of the function

- 1. motivation of passage of thought
- 2. linking actual knowledge to nonactual
 - a. *Sein, bestehen, Bestand Dasein, existieren, Realität*
 - b. very broad categories: any object, ideal as well as real

C. beyond *Anzeigen* in strict sense

- 1. to simple "because" which covers
 - a. *Hinweis* = indicative allusion
 - b. *Beweis* = apodictic demonstration
- 2. consequences of this distinction
 - a. linking A and B w/ highest probability = indication
 - b. linking acts grasping idealities may be nonevident indication [= psychic motivation of belief]
 - c. linking contents of ideal objects in demonstrations indications

III. question of the *Weisen* [showing] in general

A. not merely analogous, but also sharpens question of the interweaving

- 1. whole of psychic experience in signification is indicative
- 2. exteriority of indication through eidetic and trans reduction
 - a. origin in association
 - b. covers empiricity, etc, whatever will be excluded in reductions

B. problematic of reductions forecast in distinction of sign function

- 1. reduction
 - a. of fact to reach essence
 - b. or empiricity to reach transcendental
- 2. depends upon this distinction of indication / expression
 - a. because these are the markers of the two realms
 - b. indication = world / expression = interior life
- 3. same with parallelism of psychic and transcendental ego

C. yet EH will try to separate signification from self-presence of T life

- 1. in isolating pre-indicative pure expression
- 2. in isolating pre-expressive pure sense

D. if we allow language distinction to ground reductions,

- 1. then reduction is at work in expression, prior to being a method
- 2. contradiction of EH's intention:
 - a. contaminate purity of sense
 - b. totality of discourse caught up in indicative web