

# PERSPECTIVAL PHENOMENALISM

## 1

There-being (“Dasein”) is time is the “Concept” (“soft-where”) existing empirically. Kojève was already Hegel fused with Heidegger. But then so was Heidegger.

Hegel would remind us here of the emptiness of such summations — as delivery systems. Once you’ve put in the sweat and blood, such summarizings are finally meaningful.

## 2

My pet theory is 95% inherited. Though I hope I can claim a few phine phrasings. As well as credit for gluing together a hint from Leibniz with what is mostly already in a distillation of Heidegger. Which distillation takes us back to Mach, Mill, and James. And also to early Wittgenstein.

## 3

Elsewhere I’ve spelled out this theory in an academic style. Tame and polite and impersonal. And I’ve also tried informal approaches. And this’ll be another of those.

Ontology is unlike poetry in that it aims at being translatable. The content is more independent of its syringe than poetry. But “phonemes” matter to the

dominant irrational part of the reader. Cute labels matter. If I thought the academic system mattered much, I might be more cautious in this regard. Cling to the faux-impersonal trappings thereof. The false modesty heaved as a shield against that vanity which is most offended by its mirror image.

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*Perspectival* phenomenality. Aspect metaphor front and center. From aspect to moment. Moment as more appropriate generalization of aspect. As the proper way to decode that metaphor. But the aspect metaphor is the ladder that helped me get to the more appropriate concept/term of *moment*. Husserl's analysis of the spatial object was a key influence. The theory can be seen as a double generalization of this analysis.

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Phenomenality is a nondual anti-representational understanding of our existence. Put crudely, it holds that reality is "made of" experience. And James is happy enough with "experience" to use this term. Personally I think it suggests a bias toward subjectivity. Which misses the "Hegelian" realization of the centrality of software. Logic is a virus is a distributed tribal operating system. Semantic and logical norms. Being in language together. Ontology's necessary object is the ontological forum itself. The ontology hori-

zon. The background against which this or that thesis has sense. This awareness of the forum we get from German Idealism. And not from Berkeley or Mill. Or even from Mach.

## 6

The phenomenal stream is time is “the Concept existing empirically.” The stream is structured by software, by an evolving concept system. Brandom’s work on the normative temporal subject is helpful here. Along with inferentialism generally. Normative structure of reality. Apparently irreducible, for any such reduction presupposes normativity – if it is presented as justified.