

Philosophical Hermeneutics.

Philosophical hermeneutics is the theory and practice of interpretation. How to interpret and understand “understanding”. Understanding isn’t something that can be controlled. It’s something that happens without the actual intent to understand. The whole idea of coming to an “understanding” of something has so many factors, it’s hard to know why and study comprehension. True hermeneutical understanding happens without knowledge; it’s like an epiphany. It surprises you and confounds you. There are many limits and habits we all have that hinder the “true understanding” of things. Being hermeneutically aware of these limitations [THAT MAKE ONES POINT OF VIEW POSSIBLE AT ALL] allows one to overcome prejudices and to retain some humility. BUT MORE DEEPLY, Philosophical hermeneutics means to think outside the box, to push away your inappropriate way of thinking, to understand feelings of empathy and understanding.

- Comment [dp1]:** Finish this sentence with something informative
- Comment [dp2]:** NO. Requires knowledge but is not the same thing as knowledge, an already interpreted “known” world
- Comment [dp3]:** Explain. Because it is contrary to expectation? Changes things in an unexpected way?
- Comment [dp4]:** Be careful with such locutions. What would “true” understanding be?
- Comment [dp5]:** Why? Retain or engender?
- Comment [dp6]:** Is a way of reflecting on the conditions of the possibility of any point of view at all, not just seeing into the conditions of one’s own particular prejudices, but seeing into the conditions that make any understanding possible.
- Comment [dp7]:** What does this mean? Outside the box of meaning? Outside common habits of thought...?
- Comment [dp8]:** How can we tell something is “inappropriate”?

Phenomenology.

Phenomenology is the science of phenomena as distinct from that of the nature of being. It is the study of consciousness through first-person, how consciousness and experience can be directed towards specific objects. The meanings things have in our experiences are very important to allowing hermeneutical understanding of ourselves. The significance of objects, tools, the flow of time, and self are connected to the basic structure of consciousness. How or what we find in reflection or analysis, how it shapes our experiences. We experience things and intend on forming an understanding of them through perception, memory, emotion, etc. These make up the meaning or content of a given experience, and are distinct from the things they present or mean.

Phenomenology:

- Comment [dp9]:** Seems circular. Needs clarification. If you mean understand feelings of empathy and understand understanding itself, then you need to change the syntax here.
- Comment [dp10]:** Ontology? The science of the nature of being, and metaphysics the being of beings, reality? That would be correct. Make it more clear.
- Comment [dp11]:** Right. Say more
- Comment [dp12]:** Show how this helps you clarify phenomenology
- Comment [dp13]:** Not sure how this advances your line of thought here.
- Comment [dp14]:** What is this basic structure?
- Comment [dp15]:** So there are meanings that shape how we experience things, and there is phenomenology that can bracket those meanings so that phenomena can be present to us without that meaning obscuring what we experience. Is that what you are trying to say? If so, go ahead and say it. If not, then make it clear what you are trying to say.
- Comment [dp16]:** This is too quick and general, uses unexamined psychological jargon
- Comment [dp17]:** This definitely moves in the right direction. Do more with it.
- Comment [dp18]:** the careful noticing of the actual phenomena of consciousness apart from, but not independent from our interpretations by “bracketing” our concepts or meanings.

Bildung.

There are a couple forms of Bildung. Intellectual Bildung is when a person is skilled and with knowledge of something specific and can use his knowledge, like a doctor or an accountant. Another form, the form we are most concerned with is philosophical Bildung. It is self-formation, coming forward as a human being. It is not something that happens and is over, it is something that is continuous. It is learning from ones experiences, whether pleasant or not, and becoming one's "true-self". You are not the events in your life, rather how you handled the events, your growth as a humane human being.

Comment [dp19]: Explain. Is the next sentence an explanation? If so that needs further explication

Comment [dp20]: Bildung is the process of becoming increasingly aware of an already interpreted world, making it our own (at least integrating it into our "world view") and continually going beyond horizons of meaning to new understanding. Bildung is a constant process of self-formation and self-overcoming.

Linguisticity.

"All meaningfulness arises in the context of language." What this means is that language never fully translates an experience to the fullest description. Language can be used to describe everything, but that doesn't necessarily mean it can provide an understanding of something "experienced". Language is always up for interpretation and can take on significance for us beyond their mere status as facts. Language cannot be reduced to phonemes; language is any understanding and meaningfulness at all in philosophy, or common sense understandings of the world. Through language, you can develop a self-awareness and understanding, just like Helen Keller. Before language, she had no value for time or "self". Language makes it possible to understand what is meaningful to oneself, and to use this to become self-aware.

Comment [dp21]: That is a good start, but not enough. Before you go on to the next statements, you might say it is the basic condition of being already situated in a language and its already interpreted meaningful context that makes possible and shapes how we experience things. All consciousness arises in the context of being a language user, and is thus *linguistical*. No meaningful sense of self and world arises without language.

Comment [dp22]: Need to say more about what linguisticity means then show how these things you say are related

Comment [dp23]: Odd way of putting it. She had no aware experience at all, including valuing.

Comment [dp24]: Anything at all. We come to a sense of self through language

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