

Methodical Consideration for Fundamental Ontology: Based on the Ideas of Authenticity, Hermeneutic Repetition and Being-with-others

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Abstract

In this paper, I present some methodical consideration for Heidegger's fundamental ontology. Its way to the truth, namely method, is known as hermeneutics. I suggest three ideas for the justification of hermeneutics. (1) The investigator of fundamental ontology initiates interpretation of Being from authenticity, which is led by resoluteness, the distinctive and most primordial truth. (2) The interpretation goes through an internal confirmation process by the repetitive rounds of the hermeneutic circle. (3) The hermeneutic circle is extended outwardly in the authentic co-existence, which means that the interpretation goes into the external confirmation process. Though they cannot give an absolute foundation, these ideas make the results of hermeneutic exploration reliable enough to continue to study based on them, until discovering horizons for alternative interpretations. The second and third ideas give a response to some existing criticisms of Heidegger's method.