

To understand myself in a certain way is to behave in a certain way. This is true not only in the sense that how I behave expresses how I understand myself, but also in the sense that understanding myself is itself already a form of behavior. It is, one may say, the primal, or transcendental, form of behavior in which all other categorial forms have both their point of origin and their abiding principle.

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