

The existentialist thinking of philosophy originates in the self-understanding, or understanding of existence, that is given with existence itself; and it is nothing other than the clear and methodical development of that self-understanding.

In somewhat the same way, the objectifying thinking of the special sciences originates in the "work-thinking" by which we take possession of the world; and it is the consistent and methodical development of such thinking (*NTM*: 103).

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