

I wonder whether "categorical" may not be used in two senses.

In a strict (or proper) sense, it may be used simply as the adjectival cognate of "category," understood as distinct not only from "transcendental," on the one side, but also from "genus," "species," and "individuality (or individual essence)," on the other.

But in a broad sense, may it not be used to include all concepts and terms less abstract than transcendentals (and, in their way, existentials), i.e., genera, species, and individualities as well as categories proper?

If it may, "categorical" designates all determinables or properties less abstract than "transcendentals," whether "genera," "species," "individualities," or "categories" proper.

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