

Plan for Week 8
Reconciling the Manifest and Scientific Images

- I. Related but Distinguishable Metaphysical Divisions (Potential Dualisms):
 - a) Space of Reasons Nonnaturalism (§36) vs. Scientific Naturalism (§42).
 - b) Antidescriptivist Bifurcation (Huw Price): Prescription vs. Description.
 - c) Norms vs. Causes.
 - d) “The World” in Wide vs. Narrow Sense, dependence/independence w/res to discursive activities.
 - e) World of facts vs. World of Particulars (ontological realism vs. nominalism).
 - f) Manifest vs. Scientific Images.
 - g) Appearance vs. Reality in Kantian sense of phenomena/noumena.

- II. The Manifest Image (MI):
 - a) Traditional world of common sense. Life-world. *Zuhandensein* vs. *Vorhandensein*.
 - b) Correlational-observable vs. postulational-theoretical methods.
 - c) Framework of *persons* (normative space).
 - d) Internal development of MI, on the way to modern natural science, is *de-anthropomorphizing* (disenchantment, Weber’s *Entzauberung*).
 - e) Sellars is putting forward a theory of *modernity*, in terms of the rise of science.
Compare Hegel on modernity: from the status-dependence of normative attitudes to the attitude-dependence of normative statuses.
 - f) Two kinds of philosophy: perennial and modern.
 - Perennial philosophy explicates and systematizes the MI.
 - Modern philosophy’s central question is how to understand the *relations between* the MI and the SI. PSIM and SM are Sellars’s contribution.

- III. The Clash of Images:
 - a) *Parity* of Manifest Image (MI) and Scientific Image (SI):
 - Each image aspires and purports to be *complete*, and to *include* the other as a proper part.
 - Further, for us moderns, each is *indispensable*.
 - b) *Primacy* of SI over MI in dimension of describing and explaining what there (really) is.
 - Eddington’s Table.
 - *Scientia mensura* (note preamble and nominalist subtext).
 - c) Biggest issue is reconciling: the *indispensability* of MI framework of norms-and-persons with the *primacy* of SI as descriptively, and so ontologically, authoritative.
 - d) Sellars also raises an idiosyncratic version of the “hard problem” of consciousness, focusing on the *homogeneity* of visual sense impressions.

- IV. Three Strategies for Reconciling *Parity* of Images with *Primacy* of Scientific Image:
 - a) Conceptual irreducibility and causal reducibility (O’Shea, based on SSMB).
 - b) Ideology vs. Ontology (Cf. sense vs. reference), in a nominalist, world-of-particulars framework.
 - c) Fusion of Images: Replacing descriptive/explanatory conceptual resources of Manifest Image with those of the Scientific Image, within the vocabulary of norms and persons.