

# THEOREMS ON THE GOOD NEWS<sup>†</sup>

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## **Theorem 0 or the Transcendental Theorem, On Nontransferable Identity**

Nothing can, except through illusion, substitute itself for man and for his identity. And man cannot, except through illusion, substitute himself for philosophy, for the Other, etc. Man is an inalienable reality. There is no reversibility between man and philosophy.

## **Theorem 00, On the Proof, as Transcendental or By Way of 0**

The previous theorem is demonstrated (for) itself, that is, non-thetically. The present theorem and those that follow derive from the previous.

## **Theorem 000 On the Hallucinated Murder**

Since nothing can be substituted for man, and man substituted for nothing, he can be the killer of nothing, much less of himself. Those who pretend to kill God and the Subject--to kill "man" even--are disabused by such an announcement.

## **Theorem 0000 On the Identity of the Killer**

The identity of the killer is obtained before any kind of identification: if man is not the killer of man, then philosophy must be the killer. Philosophy is what constructs God and the Subject, and philosophy fells them in the same motion.

## **Theorem 00000 On the Suicide of the Other**

There is no death of man. There is only a suicide of philosophy (of God and of the Subject, etc.). And the suicide is always that of the Other.

## **Theorem 000000 On the Suicide Disguised as Murder**

Philosophy has but one goal: to make man believe that he must identify himself with philosophy; to make man assume this suicide, a suicide disguised as murder charged against man.

## **Theorem 0000000 On Philosophical Servitude or on the Statute**

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To primitive Myth and to Jewish Law is added the Decision or the Ontological Statute. To poetic authority and to ethical authority is added philosophical authority.

**Theorem 00000000**

**On the Principle of Sufficient Philosophy**

The Statute refers to the domination of philosophy over man, the point when the Decision takes the form of the Principle of Sufficient Philosophy or All-Philosophy, when it professes to consume the entire essence of man.

**Theorem 000000000**

**On the Colonization of Man**

Following on from the primitive Myth and Jewish Law that it tries to incorporate into itself, the Philosophical Decision is the third great power, alien to thought, that has risen up from the abysses of the World and made its assault on Human Identity. It is not man who colonizes the planet, but the planet and the cosmos who transgress the lonely threshold of man.

**Theorem 0000000000**

**On the Enchantment of the Greeks**

In being sufficient, philosophy acts on man through a kind of causality resembling enchantment; *logos* imprisons man within a magic circle, and it closes around him a second time just as he strives to exit the circle.

**Theorem 00000000000**

**On the Advent of Impotence**

As long as man lives under the Decision or the Principle of Sufficient Philosophy, he lives also within an impotence of thought and within an infinite culpability.

**Theorem 000000000000**

**On Seduction Played by Innocence**

Man is too innocent to avoid being seduced by the notion that there are no more traps, when (as is the case in philosophy) this conceit lets itself be taken as man's own entrapment. Inversely, man does not take on the Statute without having played or evaded it beforehand.

**Theorem 0000000000000**

**On the Abolition of the Statute**

The abolition of the Statute or of the Decision is an event without remainder, more radical than the abolition of the Law (because it lacks reversal, consummation, or interiorization, etc.).

**Theorem 00000000000000**

**On the Radical Origin of Man**

Man is neither Greek nor Jew, nor the difference between Greek and Jew. He is the innumerable and solitary son of man.

**Theorem 0000000000000000**

**On the Announcement Made to Men**

Man is the only announcement that can really be made to man, and the announcement is identical to the Abolition of the Statute.

**Theorem 0000000000000000**

**On Non-thetic Gospel [*Kérygme*]**

The announcement announces nothing if not itself. The man-who-is-accounced is the only content of the announcement made to men.

**Theorem 0000000000000000**

**On the Daughter of Man**

Philosophy is the daughter of man: man is no more a historical product of philosophy than philosophy his product. Philosophy is already made, but made for him and for him to rejoice in beholding it.

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