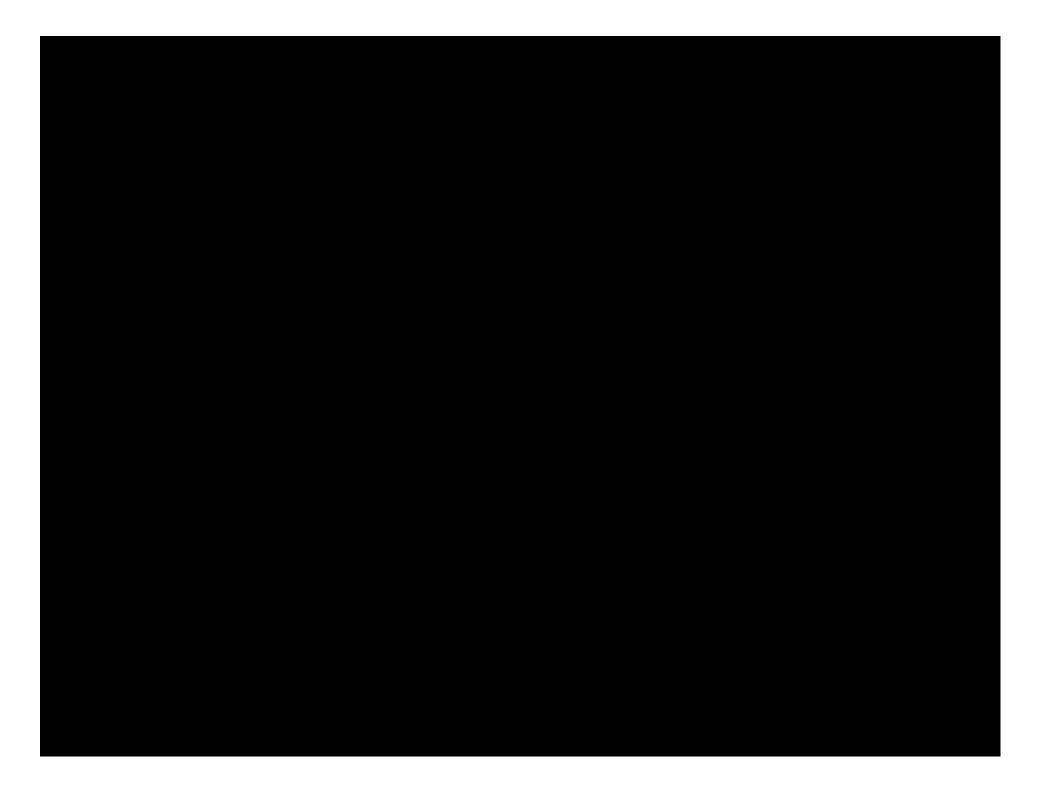
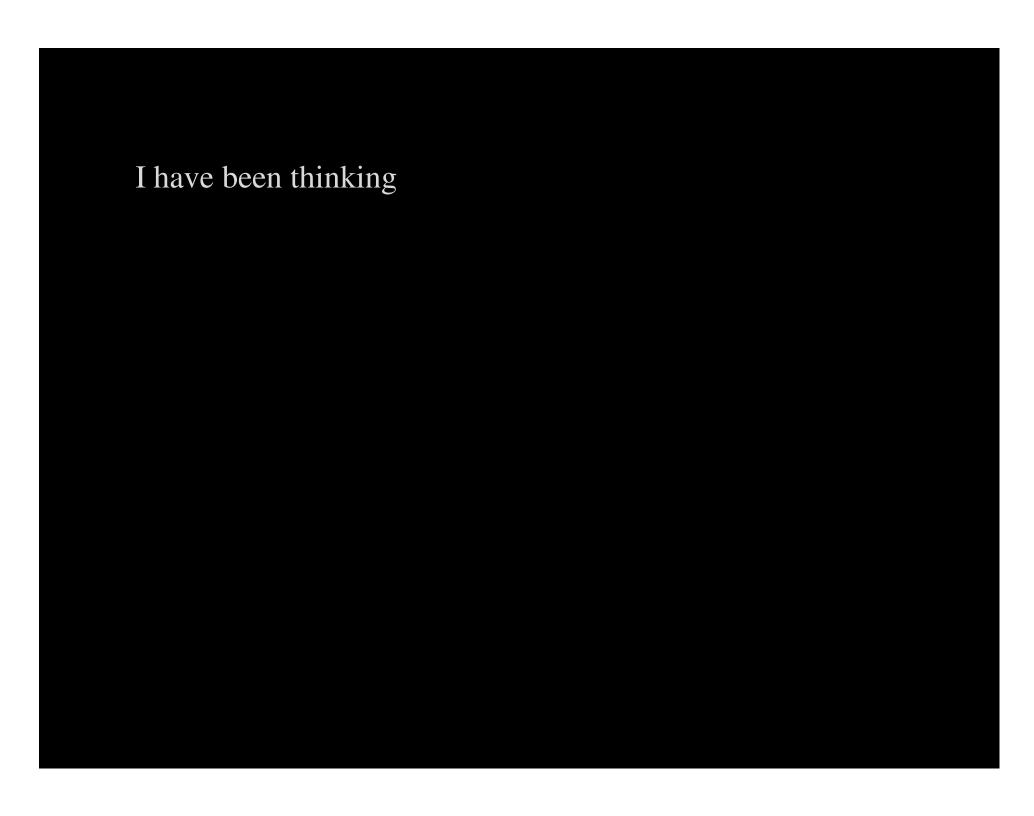
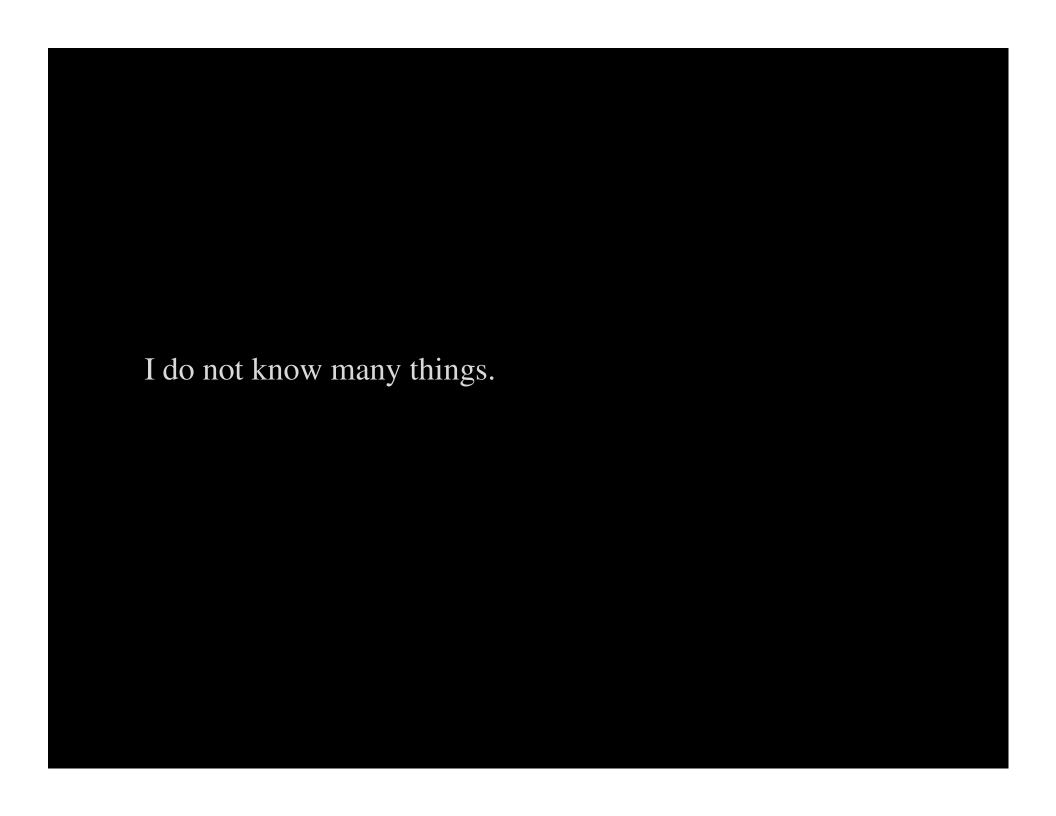


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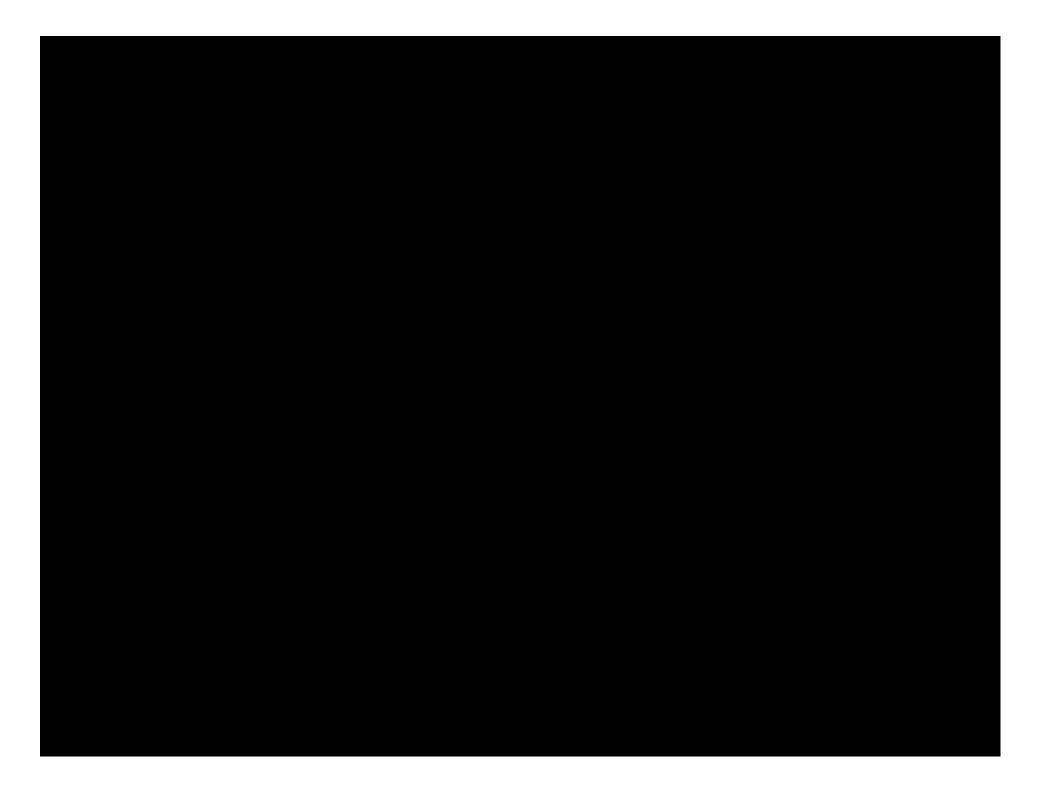
yesterday, today and maybe before.



I think,

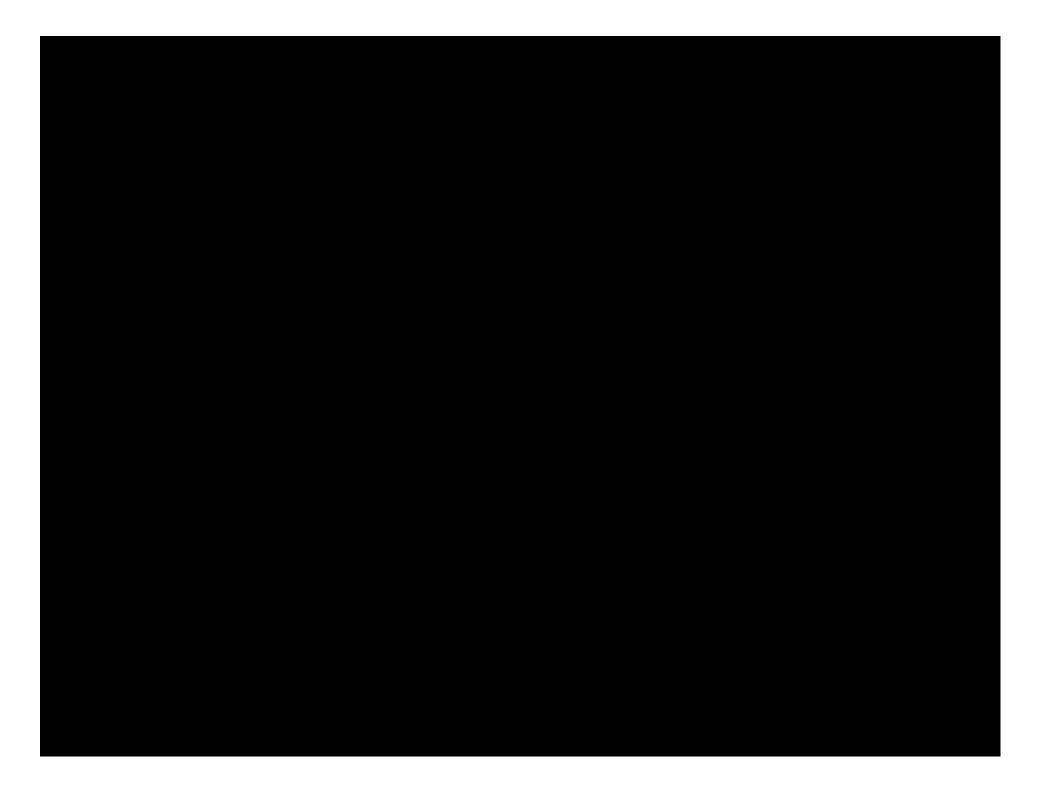


I can name very few of them

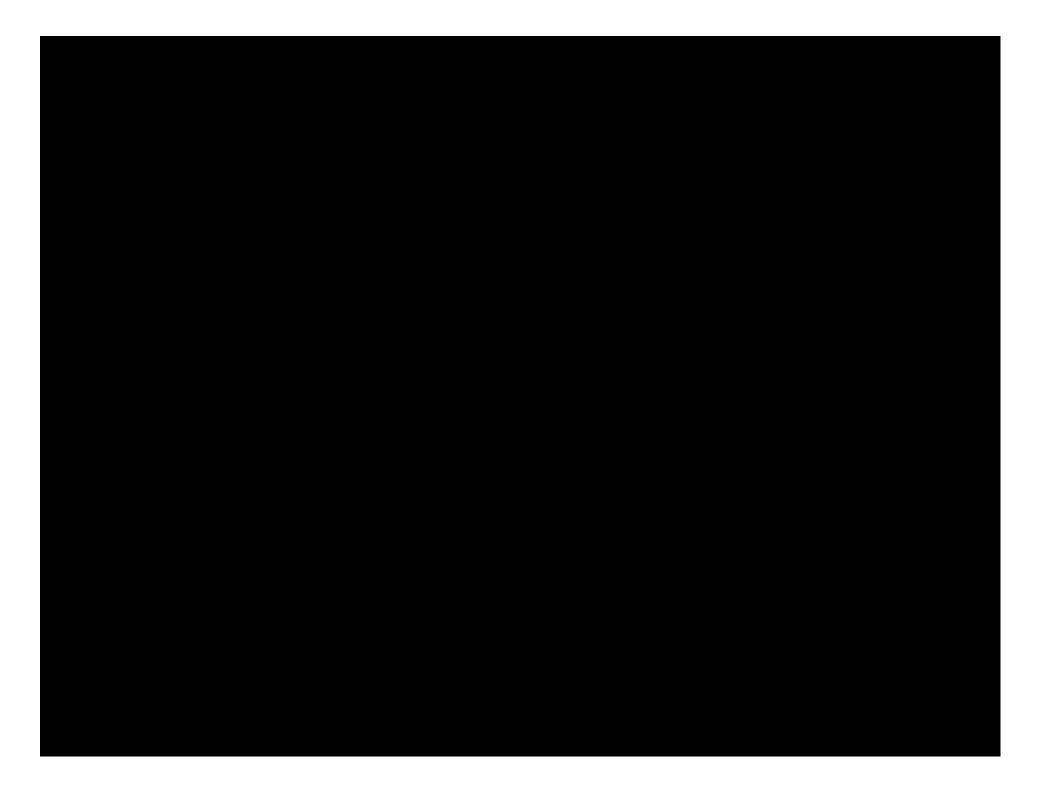


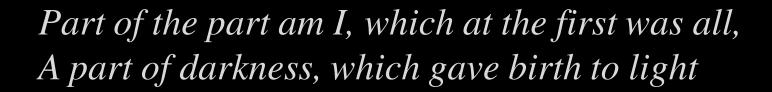
Cogito, ergo sum. (I think, therefore I am.)

Descartes, 1644

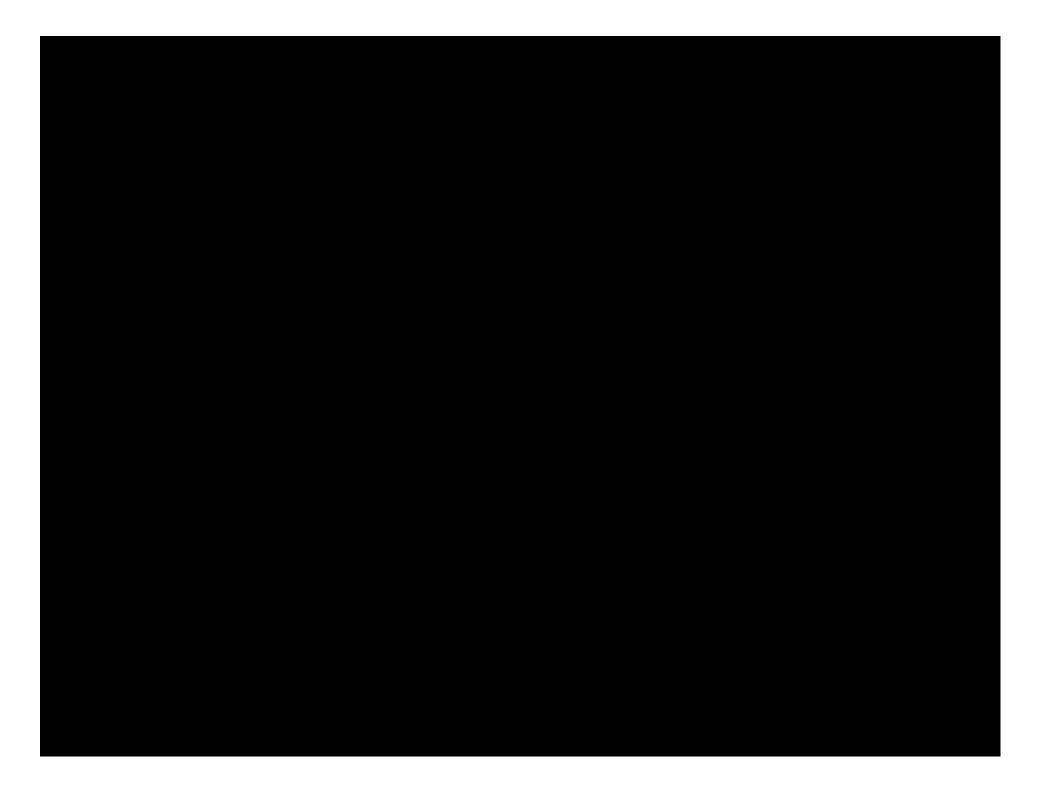


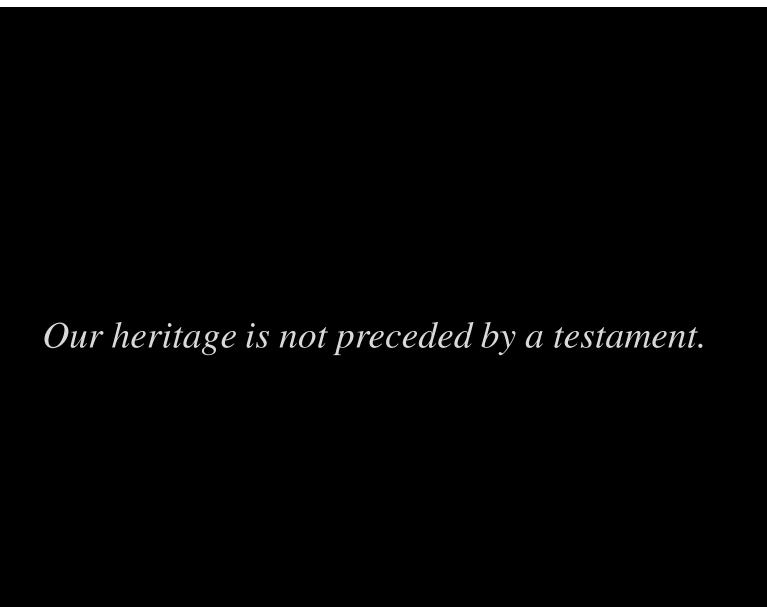
...we have got three elements once the subjectivity has set itself free from its self abandon and from the originally direct tie with Being. We have got firstly the representational existence of Being with the objects, in which it (Being) steps out as "World". We have got secondly the Cartesian ego that — in the act of reflexion — pulls itself out of the world onto itself. And thirdly we have got . . .



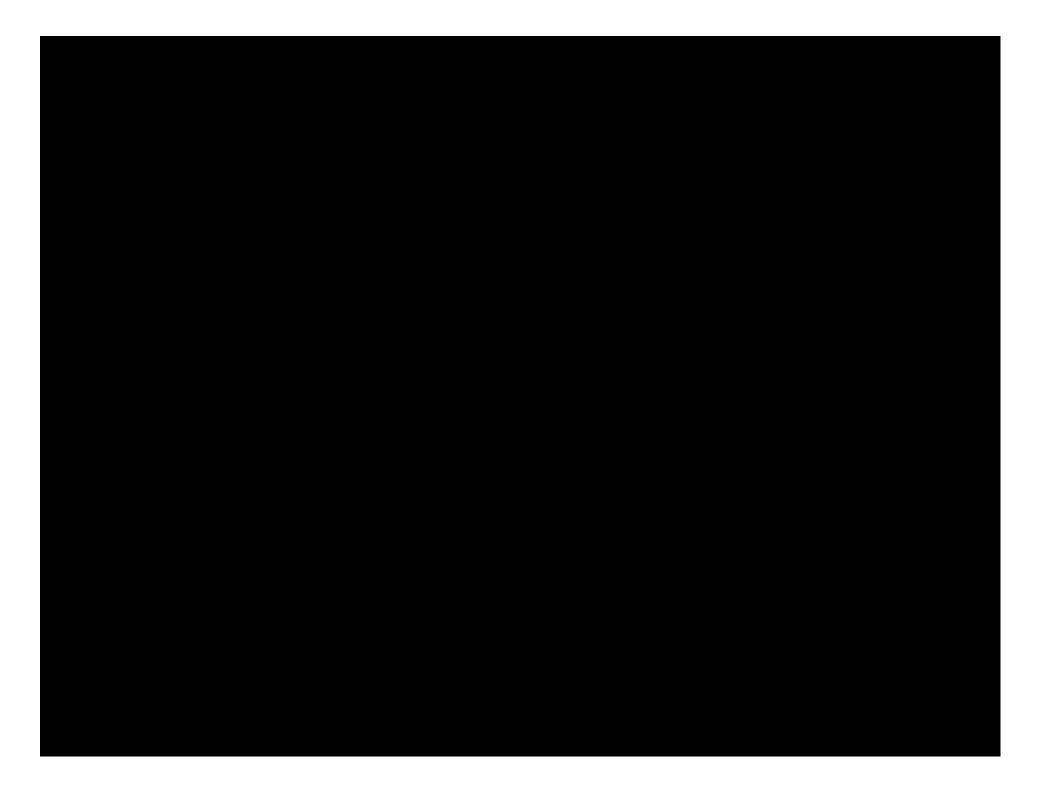


((Mephisto in: Goethe, 1808)



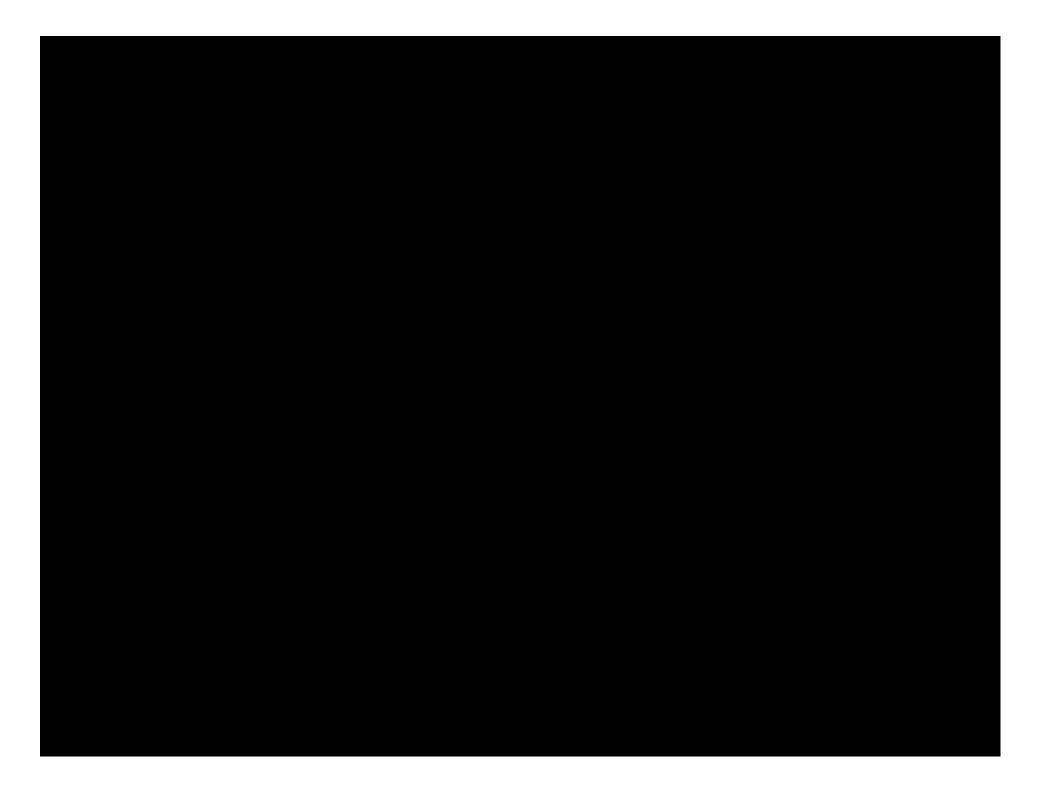


(René Char, 1943-44, p.30)

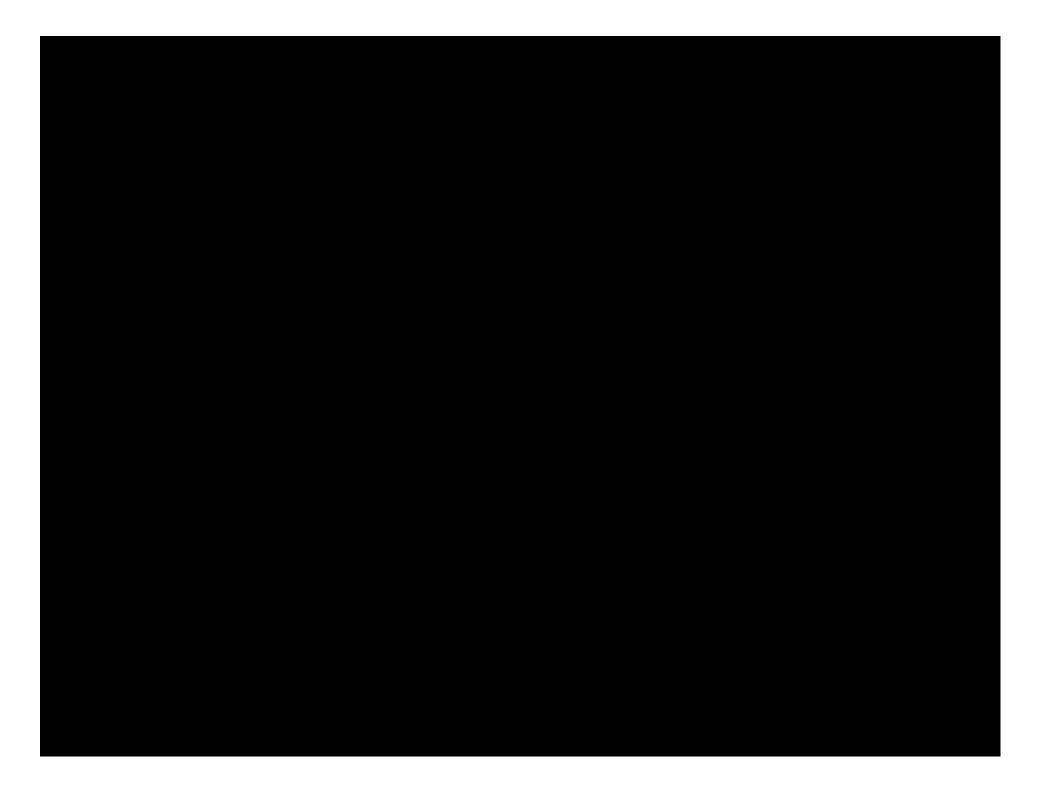


And thirdly we have got a You, in which the same retreat is actualized objectively.

... the same identical pulling out of the world is to be understood only in the ego as reflexion-in-itself in the real sense, i.e. as thinking . . .

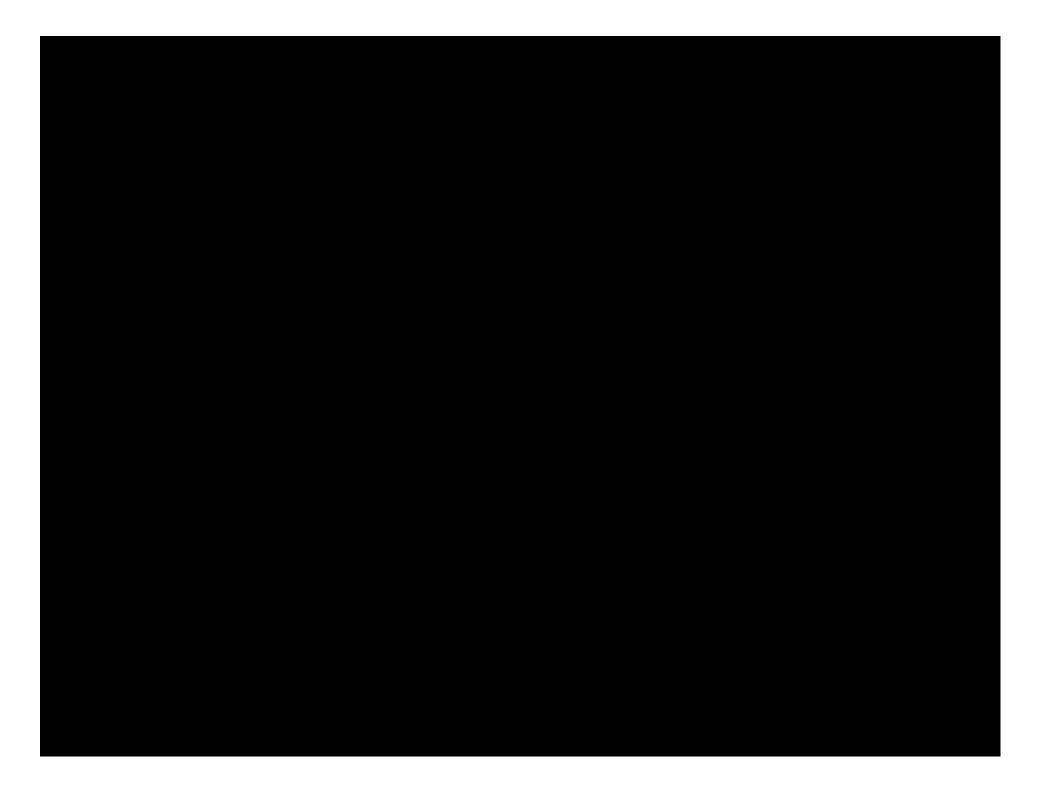


In the You appears the same retreat, that appears from the viewpoint of the ego as from "me", as objective directed by a "self-potency", thus as will or act of will.



The You is an "object of second order" that is capable to offset itself both from me (the ego) and from the world – the objects of first order.

It is thus "a Third, free from both".



Today, we stand amidst the first emerging attempts to achieve a transition from the second metaphysics to a third metaphysical level of man. . . . At the beginning of every new metaphysical epoch of man is the myth, which constructs the framework for the oncoming concrete history.

