

Indicating *Da-sein*

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The talk provides some elements for tracing the phenomenon of *Da-sein*, i.e., there-being. It begins with a tentative phenomenological diagnosis of the fundamental trait of our epoch. It appears that fundamental metaphysical positions – that is, positions which provide a foundation of the beingness of beings – cannot envisage what this diagnosis shows. To indicate what remains implicit and not openly addressed within the scope of such positions, a seemingly “linguistic” way is taken, namely the analysis of how the word “there” speaks in the English language. The presentation then rivets on the *phenomenon* “there” and asks, if and in what form it can be retrieved in the philosophical tradition. It becomes apparent that in Greek thought the notion of ἀλήθεια, while in certain respects indicating the same as the “there”, did not become a phenomenon in its own right, as it remained a mere trait of the Greek understanding of being as beingness, i.e., φύσις. The analysis finally turns back to the phenomenon “there” and ends with an indication of the form of “being” that is implicit in the “there” itself and, together with the latter, forms the name “there-being”.

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