The Individual
& The Ethical Community

M439

"spiritual essence has already been designated as ethical substance; but Spirit is the actuality of that substance. it is the self of actual consciousness (...) which it opposes to itself as an objective, actual world"

"Spirit, being the substance and the universal, self-identical and abding essence, is the unmoved solid ground and starting-point for the action of all, and it is their purpose and goal, the in-itself of every self-consciousness expressed in thought (...) the universal work"

M447

"the ethical substance is actual substance, absolute spirit realized in the plurality of existent consciousnesses"

M448

"the certainty of itself as a simple individuality is that Spirit as a government"

M471

"The substance does appear, it is true, in the individuality as his pathos and the individuality appears as that which animates the substance"

"The ethical individuality is directly and intrinsically one with his universal aspect, exists in it alone"

M457

"the particular individual is a contingent element which can be replaced by another individual"

M437

"By acknowleding the absoluteness of the right, I am within the ethical substance, and this substance is thus the essence of self-consciousness. but this self-consciousness is the actuality nd existence of the substance, its self and will"

M451

"The content of the ethical action must be substantial or whole and universal; therefore it can only be related to the whole individual or to the individual qua universal"

M468

"It is not this particular individual who acts and is guilty; for as this self e is only the unreal shadow, or he exists merely as a universal self, and individuality is purely the formal moment of the action as such, the content being the laws and customs which, for the individual, are those of his class and station"

self consciousness within the nation descends from the universal only as far down as mere particularity, and not down to the single individuality which posits an exclusive self, an actual existence which in its action is negative towards itself"

Thank You

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