
What does it mean to be a Daseinsanalyst?

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Hello and welcome to Athens, welcome to the 9th forum of the International Society of Daseinsanalysis, 2015. It's a great pleasure to have all you here with us today. It is an honour for the Greek society to organize this Forum.

Dear friends and colleagues,

Hegel discusses Socrates' method and identifies two important features:

First: Socrates goes out among different kinds of people in the context of their daily lives. He went to people who claimed to know something about some specific area and asked them about it. He draws them into a dialog on their immediate experience with specific individual cases and then asks “what all of the particular cases have in common”. So then, What all of the particular individual experiences of Daseinsanalysis have in common?

Second: Another element of the Socratic method, according to Hegel, is the causing of confusion between the idea or definition proposed and the actual experience of the individual. A conflict between the universal and the particular. It ends in aporia (ἀπορία: to be at a loss, impassable). In this way, Socrates shows how we have unreflectively accepted certain things to be true without examining them. Thus, by pointing out the contradictions in our views, Socrates in effect, calls on the individual to go back and examine them critically. So then, could we move in a similar way in this Conference?