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Part II, Modern Phil.

Introduction

p. 158-9: "With the discovery of gunpowder the indiv. passion of battle was lost. The romantic impulse towards a casual kind of bravery passed into other adventures, not of hate, or revenge, or the so-called deliverance from what men considered the wrongs of innocence, but more harmless adventures, the exploration of the earth, or the discovery of the passage to the East Indies. America was discovered, its treasures & people--nature, man himself; navigation was the higher romance of commerce. The present world was again present to men as worthy of the interests of mind; thinking mind was again capable of action. Now the Reformation of Luther had inevitably to come--the appeal to the sensus communis which does not recognize the authority of the Fathers or of Aristotle, but only the inward personal spirit which quickens & animates & in contradiction to works. In this way the Church lost her power against it..."

Final Result pp. 545-554

p. 546: "All this time was required to produce the phil. of our ~~own~~ day; so tardily & slowly did the World-spirit work to reach this goal... Spirit often seems to have forgotten itself..."

p. 547: "This work of the spirit to know itself, this activity to find itself, is the life of the spirit & the spirit itself. Its result is the Notion which it takes up of itself; the history of Phil. is a revelation of what has been the aim of spirit through its history; it is therefore the world's history in its innermost significance. THIS WORK OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT IN THE RECESSES OF THOUGHT IS PARALLEL WITH ALL THE STAGES OF REALITY; and therefore no phil. oversteps its own time. The importance which the determinations of thought possessed is another matter which does not belong to the history of Phil."

p. 549: "this (the Idea which knows itself) is not reached until the principle of subjectivity, individuality, found a place in it..."

p. 551: "To know opp. in unity & unity in opp.--this is A.K.; & science is the knowledge of the unity in its whole dev. by means of itself."

p. 553: "THIS LONG PROCESSION OF SPIRITS IS FORMED BY THE INDIV. PULSES WHICH BEAT IN ITS LIFE; they are organism of our substance, an abs. necessary progression, which expresses nothing less than the nature of spirit itself, & WHICH LIVES IN US ALL. WE HAVE TO GIVE EAR TO ITS URGENCY--when the mole that is within forces its way on--and we have to make a reality. It is my desire that this history of Phil. should contain for you a summons to grasp the spirit of the time which is present in us by nature, and--each in his own place--consciously to bring it from its natural condition, i.e., from its lifeless seclusion into the light of day."