

Necessitated to Act: the Lawlikeness of Action

The Case of Tripping

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What explains grandpa's misstep?

Aristotle

Causes and explanations

Posterior Analytics

Aitiai (αἰτίαι)

Causes (state of affairs) and explanations (statement) are one and the same by virtue of genus (subject matter)

- Causes should explain that make a thing what it is

What makes a thing it is necessarily i.e. cannot be otherwise

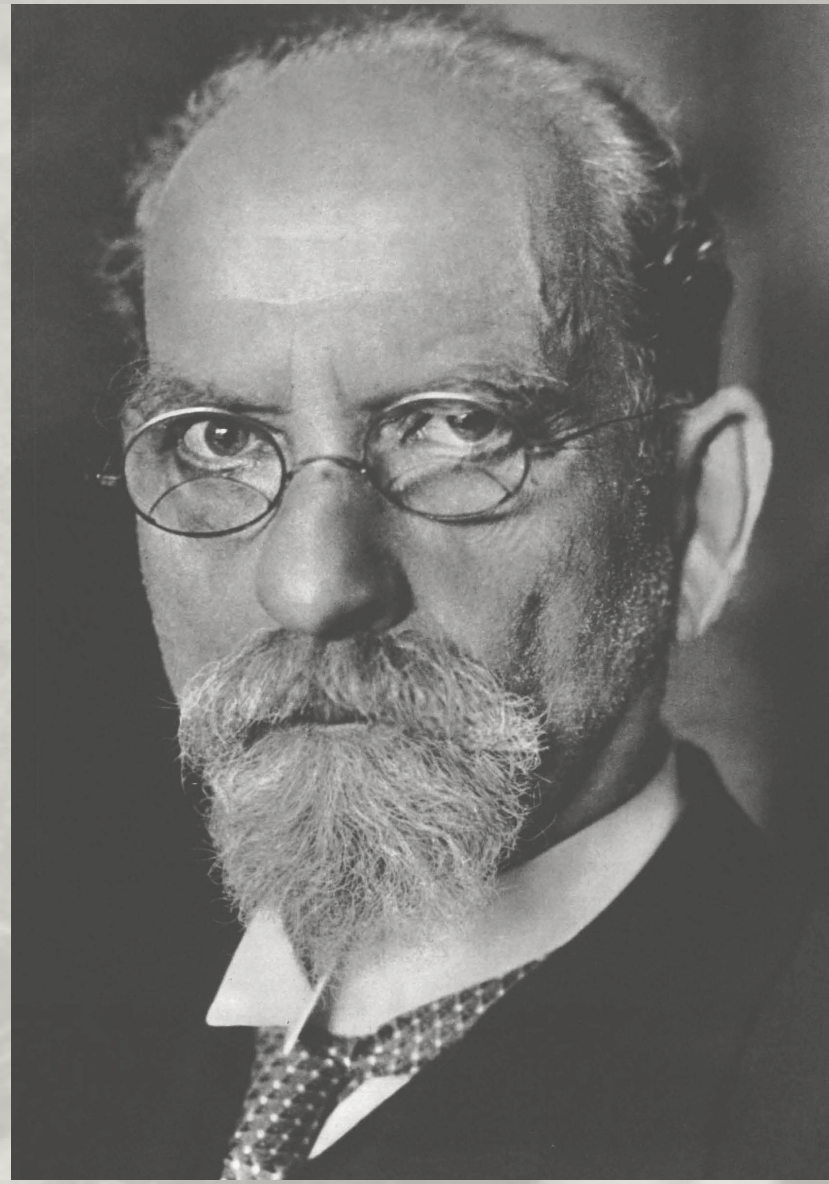
Physics

Genus only present in material causes (?)



Proposed Formulation

Lawlike necessity to act



α is made to show (with variations of tense, aspect, mood) an **attentional structure** N that demands A or B.

Action

N

α

A or B

attentional structure

α = phenomena
A, B = contrary acts

Gilbert Ryle

Mind and the Bogey of mechanism



Ordinary sense v.s. Ordinary use

Contrary manners of acts

Act the Same / Act Differently

Voluntary / Involuntary

Covert / Overt

Occult / Manifest / Explicit

Guilty / Blameworthy / Responsible



Concluding remarks

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