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Chapter 1 : Villa Speranza: Storia della filosofia italiana: Grice e Vico

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Allo stesso tempo la difesa del carattere pienamente umano della storia, rappresenta il guadagno di quei principi universali ed eterni su cui costruire un sapere autentico. Battistini per Mondadori G. Tessitore, Morano, Napoli , 58; ; Questo saggio di Piovani rimane una pietra miliare negli studi vichiani. Il procedere vichiano diventa quasi sillogistico: I principi costitutivi dello stato civile secondo il senso comune: Giambattista Vico e la filosofia pratica, Vita e Pensiero, Milano , Siamo nella sezione III del libro I: Si trova convinto di fatto Bayle che senza religioni possano reggere nazioni. Vale la pena ricordare che per il Corsano Bayle era tra i principali avversari di Vico, mentre addirittura per Garin e la cosa pare plausibile sembrerebbe quasi che proprio la polemica con Bayle avrebbe ispirato la Scienza nuova. Del Noce, sulla scia di R. Vico, Laterza, Bari , ; E. Su Vico e Bayle cf G. Premesse per un confronto, Guida, Napoli ; A. Saggi sui saperi della storia in Vico, Ed. In polemica con le ipotesi del Cantelli, P. Da dove derivano e quando nascono, dunque, le nazioni? Saggio su Vico, Il Mulino, Bologna , ; cf anche, per la consueta erudizione e vis polemica, P. La terra, pertanto, fu sparsa di siffatti giganti dopo il diluvio, che resta per Vico il momento di inizio delle epoche e da cui prende avvio la tavola cronologica. Uomini di 35 U. La stessa origine ha il famoso verso: Infatti rimasero anche dei giganti empì che conservarono i costumi bestiali della comunione delle cose e delle donne. Qui trova pieno senso, a mio parere, la dialettica di corso e ricorso.

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Chapter 2 : Giovanni Battista Vico | blog.quintoapp.com

Giambattista Vico's intellectual magnum opus is the book Scienza Nuova (, New Science), which attempts a systematic organization of the humanities as a single science that recorded and explained the historical cycles by which societies rise and fall.

His contribution to European thought may be characterized as an attempt to combine Enlightenment ideas of natural law and Renaissance literary theory within a comprehensive theory of myth as the basis for a new conception of social dynamics. He is best known for his philosophy of history, set forth in *The New Science*. Vico, the son of a poor bookseller, was largely self-educated. He held the chair of Latin eloquence rhetoric at the University of Naples from 1710 to 1724. He had originally been interested in jurisprudence, on which he wrote a number of works; but when he failed to win the competition for the chair of civil law in 1710, he turned to the study of history and to the articulation of his so-called New Science, which occupied him up to the time of his death. In 1724 Vico was appointed royal historiographer to the Neapolitan house of Bourbon, but this was a belated and niggardly reward for a life that had combined consistent dedication to learning with unrelieved poverty, marital tragedy, public indifference to his work, and betrayal by a succession of patrons. In his view, rationality was a historical acquisition, not a constant component of human nature. The thinkers upon whom he drew for inspiration most often were Plato, Tacitus, and, among the moderns, Grotius and Francis Bacon. But Vico was no mere eclectic; the New Science was a highly original synthesis of the various philosophical creeds and scholarly disciplines of his own time, a synthesis which took into account the materialism of a Hobbes and the idealism of a Descartes, but which framed them in a new approach to history, conceived as the study of human consciousness as it has evolved in time and space. The New Science's main principles. The main arguments of the New Science can be discussed in terms of a question and three assumptions. The question is, How does it come about that men, who are basically ferine, selfish, and vicious as Machiavelli and Hobbes argued, are able to form communities, to submit themselves to the rule of law, and to serve the well-being not only of themselves but of others too? According to Vico, none of the received intellectual traditions could solve this problem. Classical philosophy could not even conceive of it, because it denied the fact of change. Modern philosophers posed it, but then went on to solve it by holding that ancient man was just as rational as modern man and formed human society in much the way that modern men form a commercial concern or corporation. Christian theology begged the question by appealing to divine intervention to explain the formation of human communities out of the primitive animal nature. In effect this means that since God, not man, is the creator of the natural world, then only God, and not man, can understand it fully. Since man is a part of nature, he can, to be sure, understand nature in part. But there will always be something in nature that he cannot comprehend fully; there will always be something mysterious about nature for everyone but its creator. It follows, therefore, that the Enlightenment was altogether misguided in its attempt to construct a science of human nature on the basis of a study of physical nature: Man can understand himself and everything he himself has created, i. Thus, according to Vico, the proper basis for a science of culture and a metaphysics of mind can be found only in a historical investigation of the encounters between human consciousness and nature as they occur in different parts of the world at different times and in different situations. However, if past human consciousness is understandable by present human consciousness, it must not be thought that past problems were the same as present ones or that the specific responses of men to those past problems were similar to what present responses to those problems would be. Cultural change is a macrocosm of the changes that occur microcosmically in the individual human being as he passes from birth to maturity: In order for modern man to understand primitive man, then, it is necessary for the modern to enter sympathetically into a world in which nature seemed alive and governed by hostile spirits whose power over man was exceeded only by their malignity. A proper understanding of human consciousness requires that we return to the time when humanity was a child, when men lived and acted like animals, and then show how the

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very nature of nature itself set up a process of development that lifted man out of his natural brutality, in spite of his own egoistic impulses, and set him on the road to civilization. If primitive man is as ignorant of the nature of nature and is as irrational in his responses to nature as a child is, then it follows, according to Vico, that human society resulted not from abstract considerations of utility or from rational self-interest, as Hobbes believed, but, rather, from immediate responses to real or imagined physical threats. The basic unit of society, the family, was formed when primitive man was frightened by such natural occurrences as thunder or lightning, took refuge in caves with his women, and grew used to living in groups. A similar fear lay at the base of primitive religious belief. Since men translate the unfamiliar into terms of the familiar, the processes of nature are at first experienced as anthropomorphic spirits that must be propitiated and placated, an activity that falls to the heads of families. These primal communities were expanded when fugitives from the original ferine competition sought protection by the patriarchs in return for their labor. The first truly social classes appeared at this point, for the refugees *socii* were not linked by blood to the primal kinship groups but were affiliated only by services rendered and received. The division of power and privileges thus established on functional lines generated tensions within the primal group, and the *socii* soon began to demand fuller participation in the benefits of the group to which they contributed their labor. This required that the patriarchs of the various tribes come together to protect themselves from the *socii*. Here, according to Vico, is the origin of aristocratic societies. In such societies the ruling group claimed descent from the gods; it was characterized by punctilious adherence to codes of honor and achievement; and its dominant style of life was perpetuated by a specific kind of poetry, the heroic epic. The very success of each ruling group in each age bred the conditions for its overthrow. The security and order established by the aristocrats resulted in the enrichment of the plebeians: The struggle between aristocrats and plebeians resulted in the transition from the age of heroes to the age of peoples, from the language of poetry to that of prose, and from a customary code of conduct to legal systems in which the written contract came to define relations between parties enjoying definable rights and specific privileges in the commonwealth. Only then was monarchy possible, for monarchy was imaginable, for Vico, only as rule by one in the interests of an internally differentiated social whole. Such is the basic pattern of the *corso*, or cycle, which, according to Vico, all nations follow in their development from primitivism to civilization. He did not rule out the possibility of cultural borrowing, but he insisted that cultures which have embarked upon their *corsi* will borrow only those ideas, institutions, and values which conform to their needs at the particular stage at which they have arrived by an inherent logic of evolution. But on the whole, cultures develop in response to needs and desires peculiar to them at specific times in their cycles. All of this points to the relationship between human needs, on the one hand, and institutional forms and modes of expression, on the other. It provides a critical tool for the historian, allowing him to penetrate the opaque language of myth and legend. And it suggests that religious, poetic, and even philosophical systems must be viewed primarily as rationalizations of achieved social relationships. Vico employed this insight with special subtlety to criticize contemporary thought about the nature of Homeric poetry and of Roman law. Although Vico shared the Enlightenment belief in the providential nature of history, he rejected the idea that humanity as a whole developed inevitably in linear sequence from lower to higher forms of self-consciousness and rationality. In most cultures, he held, each stage is an improvement over the preceding one, but every third stage the philosophical, or scientific, stage, which follows the religious and heroic stages, is always followed by a period of decline, a time of barbarism rendered more barbarous by the refinements on savagery that sophistication provides— in other words, true decadence. Thus, for Vico, providence seems to operate only within cultures rather than across cultures to turn private self-seeking to public good—and only for a while. In the end, providence is assimilated into human consciousness and thus becomes identical with the activities of a humanity liberated from all fear of nature and God by the New Science. Private self-seeking then predominates, in the form of mere pursuit of pleasure, and results in a breakdown of civic responsibility and therewith the disintegration of culture. Vico did not rule out the possibility of a greater, macrocosmic providence operating across cultures as well, that providence revealed by the Christian religion which allows

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Western man to experience the cyclical recurrence of the cultural process in an ultimately progressive way. And Vico saw the expansion of Western civilization over the globe as an anticipation of a new humanity, unifying peoples hitherto separated and imprisoned within their specific cyclical patterns of rise and fall. In short, human history in general does not develop in either a linear or a cyclical pattern, but more like a spiral, consisting, as it were, of a motion in which every two steps forward is paid for by one step backward; this conception is similar to the dialectical pattern envisaged by Hegel and Marx a century later. And, like Hegel and Marx, Vico seems to have regarded his own philosophical activity as evidence that mankind was at last entering into its kingdom here on earth. The New Science is both evidence of the birth of a new historical consciousness and the instrument by which humanity is to be liberated from cyclical determinism. It is liberating in that it shows man not as the product of fate or of physical process alone or of divine will alone, but as free creator of his own destiny. Just as Christianity is the one true religion for all men everywhere, so the New Science is the one true philosophy for all men everywhere. And just as Christianity had freed man from servitude to an imagined hostile nature by divesting that nature of all spirits, so the New Science will free man from servitude to religion itself, not by destroying religion but by revealing it for what it really is, i. In the New Science men are revealed as creators of their own humanity, are liberated from myth, and are charged to undertake creation of themselves selfconsciously and positively. In the present century his influence has been even greater, encompassing thinkers and writers as diverse as Croce, Gentile, and Collingwood in philosophy; Joyce and Yeats in literature; Toynbee and Trotsky in historiography; Pareto, Sorel, and Sorokin in social science ; and Edmund Wilson and Erich Auerbach in literary criticism. Here Vico applied the principles of the New Science to the analysis of his own intellectual evolution, thus providing, or so he believed, a confirmation on the ontogenetic level of the phylogenetic pattern of human evolution. For discussion of the subsequent development of his ideas, see *Sociology* , article on The development of sociological thought; and the biographies of Croce ; Pareto ; Sorel ; Sorokin ; Trotsky. Translated by Thomas G. Bergin and Max H. A paperback edition was published in by Doubleday. Translated by Max H. Fisch and Thomas G. Edited by Fausto Nicolini. Edited by Paolo Rossi. *Il pensiero di Giambattista Vico*. Edited by Francesco Flora. Amerio, Franco *Introduzione allo studio di Giambattista Vico*. Robert Time and *Idea: The Theory of History* in G. Ciardo, Manlio *Le quattro epoche dello storicismo: Vico, Kant, Hegel, Croce*. Corsano, Antonio *Giambattista Vico*. Croce, Benedetto *Bibliografia vichiana*. Revised and enlarged by Fausto Nicolini. Nicolini, Fausto *Commento storico alla seconda Scienza nuova*. Edizioni di Storia e Letteratura. Cite this article Pick a style below, and copy the text for your bibliography.

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Chapter 3 : Gianbattista Vico, La Scienza nuova

VICO, GIOVANNI BATTISTA (*Giambattista Vico*; -) VICO, GIOVANNI BATTISTA (*Giambattista Vico*; -), Italian philosopher of history, law, and culture. Vico was born in Naples on the eve of the Feast of St. John the Baptist (23 June).

This is an arrogant and ambitious project indeed. To even begin to realize how misguided and fallacious this effort is, it would suffice to consider what Vico scholars have been saying on Vico in the last century, beginning with Croce, all the way to present times. Collingwood, and last but not least, James Joyce. Two Studies in the History of Ideas London: From Machiavelli to Vico London: Hume, Hegel and Vico Cambridge: Indeed, Giovanbattista Vico , warned us against "the conceit of scholars". He wrote that "scholars interpret ancient cultures on the basis of their own enlightened, cultivated and magnificent times". Exhibiting from the beginning of his speculation a probing interest in comparative mythology, Vico claimed that myth, ritual, and law were coherent within each society, that each society must be made sense of within its own culture and time. He greatly admired Bacon. Paul Avis calls Vico "the father of modern Philosophy of History". Vico also declares that assumptions flow through a corpus of work as blood flows through a body: And just as the blood does in our animate bodies, so will these elements course through our Science and animate it in all its reasonings about the common nature of nations. Cartesianism privileged a priori-deductive knowing, and a posteriori-empirical knowing, and by implication marginalised other knowledge, including theological knowing which a Thomas Aquinas surely includes. That is to say, he assumed that humanity consisted of separate persons, and that each person was a rational entity separate from society and from the rest of the universe. This assumption is regarded as illusory in some Eastern thought-systems, but it was foundational to Descartes and the empirical tradition. This assumption about humanity was foundational to Hobbes, Locke. Vico stood firmly against this reductionist construction of humanity. Certainly the threat was real enough. The mantle of academic honour and prestige was being torn at the time from the humanities, and flaunted by the new Cartesian disciplines. The doctrine divided all knowing into the a priori and the a posterior thus: A priori knowing was the deductive knowing of logic, of reason, was irrefutable and exhaustively knowable only because it was a figment; it was a creation of the minds of humans. One such knowing is Mathematics. Of course we might know the a priori exhaustively; we made it. This acknowledgement of its origin and limitation robbed a priori knowing of any necessary privileging over other knowings which were also man-made. For if humans could only truly know what humans had made, then humans could not truly or exhaustively know what they had not made. It followed that only God could know truly and exhaustively what God had made, i. This kicks empirical knowing and the idea of the law of nature off its pedestal. Consider these mirrored passages: He considered historical knowing as superior; above mathematics and the empirical sciences. Vico acknowledges traditional Catholic pessimism about human nature, with its Adamic imagery, "fallen and weak". Men, because of their corrupted nature, are under the tyranny of self-love, which compels them to make private utility their chief gain Fish and Bergin, p. In , Vico sought unsuccessfully for a sponsor to publish his attack. Lack of a sponsor forced him to cut his work by three-fourths; the result was the Scienza Nuova. Paul Avis feels that Vico was influenced towards his doctrine of humanity by Pico della Mirandola, who had asserted that: Confined by no unchanging essence of humanity, he creates himself by his deeds" Avis Foundations, Vico, on the other hand expressed it thus: This kind of historicism is uniquely Vichian. It constructs a pattern into the past which is not explained solely in terms of aggregate individual choice. He explains similarities by positing a providential operation which operates through human choice, through human institutions and arrangements Pompa, This hidden providential law, - this divinity which shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will -, Vico explains as a cosmic purposive tendency. This idea is also discernible in the thinking of Herder, of Schelling, of Hegel, of Adam Smith and Marx, differently expressed as "invisible hand", "cunning of reason", "unintended consequences", even as

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"History". Berlin, 75; Mazlish, As Vico himself puts it: Out of these three great vices, which could certainly destroy all mankind on the face of the earth, it makes civil happiness. This axiom proves that there is divine providence. Fish and Bergin, Leon Pompa points out that this is a version of the argument for the existence of God from design. This providential operation has similar results in disparate and separate cultures: Thus Vico introduced into Christian thinking a cyclical conception of time. He posited that each civilization might advance through three stages, and then regress to the first stage. Here too, Vico does not claim originality; he credits the ancient Egyptians. The first stage is one of primitive culture: The second stage was one of heroes, a feudal stage where the most powerful govern. The third stage was the mature age of men; moderate monarchical or republican government and reasonable access to justice for all. Vico identifies two cycles in the past; one ending in the fall of Rome, and another growing from its ashes, beginning in the barbaric middle ages, but now in the eighteenth century, in its last phase. This doctrine of cycles, *corsi e ricorsi*, is also conceivable as a spiral. Societies which collapse need not revert totally to primitive savagery. In his *Pratica della Scienza nuova*, Vico suggested that: This spiral schema enables prediction. Thus Vico is notable for having validated the study of myths, ancient poetry, and other art forms. Vico treated mythology as a language to be learned. He thought that metaphor was a fundamental category of human rationality and he reasoned that poetry emerged before prose in primitive societies Ibid. Vico privileged myth as a first-class form of imaginative knowing, useful to interrogate and thus imaginatively enter the thinking of the past. If historicism and hermeneutics teaches us anything at all, it is that we are all influenced by our human and intellectual context and acknowledging that simple creaturely existential reality helps us avoid the emphasis on ideas that seems most useful by hindsight. Vico would be the first to admit that he was also limited by his own human and intellectual context which was Cartesian through and through. The Straussians never miss an opportunity to point out that philosophy per se demands a transcendence of context.

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Chapter 4 : Giambattista Vico (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

A. Robert Caponigri, *Time & Idea: The Theory of History in Giambattista Vico* (Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press,); Alphonse C. 't Hart, *Recht en Staat in het denken van Giambattista*.

Storia della filosofia italiana: Fondamentali per la sua formazione culturale furono gli anni tra il e il trascorsi, mentre si dedicava agli studi di diritto, come precettore dei figli del marchese Domenico Rocca nel castello di Vatolla oggi frazione del Comune di Perdifumo nel Cilento: Per il mantenimento del padre e dei fratelli, totalmente dipendenti da lui, dovette dare lezioni di retorica e di grammatica elementare, ed impegnarsi a lavorare su commissione alla stesura di poesie, epigrafi, orazioni funebri, panegirici, ecc. Non giungendo ad un accordo il feretro, che era stato calato nel cortile, fu abbandonato dai membri della Congregazione e fu riportato in casa. Applicando questo originale metodo, Vico risale ad un antico sapere filosofico delle primitive popolazioni italiche. Cristofolini, Firenze, Sansoni , p. In Lui sono presenti le forme, simili alle idee platoniche, modelli della creazione divina. In questa seconda, dove predomina la fantasia, nasce il linguaggio dai caratteri mitici e poetici. I tropi della poesia come la metafora, la metonimia, la sineddoche ecc. Questi contenuti si esprimono in modi diversi a seconda che siano formati dal senso o dalla fantasia o dalla ragione. Cioffi ed altri, I filosofi e le idee, Vol. Autobiografia, Torino Einaudi 5. Autobiografia, Torino Einaudi 6. Fausto Nicolini, Giambattista Vico nella vita domestica. La moglie, i figli, la casa , Editore Osanna Venosa, 7. Storia e testi, Giambattista Vico, Ricciardi, Vico, Scienza Nuova, Conclusione La filosofia di Vico comincia ad essere conosciuta ed apprezzata nel periodo del romanticismo francese ed italiano: Chateaubriand e De Maistre ma soprattutto G. Vico e il suo secolo, , rist. Nuove interpretazioni basate sul principio vichiano del *verum ipsum factum* considerano Vico un anticipatore del positivismo G. Ferrari, Il genio di Vico, , rist. Carabba, Lanciano C. Cantoni, Vico, Torino P. Spaventa e De Sanctis iniziatori di quella corrente dottrinale interpretativa che si ritrova soprattutto in Croce e G. Gentile, Studi vichiani, Messina , rist. Una forzatura questa, secondo alcuni critici, ripresa da B. Croce, La filosofia di G. Chiochetti, La filosofia di G. Vico, Vita e Pensiero, Milano F. Bellafiore, La dottrina della Provvidenza in G. Vico, Cedam, Bologna A. Mano, Lo storicismo di G. Caponigri, Time and Idea, Londra-Chicago , trad. Bianca, Il concetto di poesia in G. Donati, Nuovi studi sulla filosofia civile di G. Vico, Firenze L. Bellafiore, La dottrina del diritto naturale in G. Vico, Milano D.

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Chapter 5 : Biografia di oggi: Giambattista Vico - altmarius

Giambattista Vico died in poverty in January , having spent his last pennies on a new edition of the Principi di Scienza Nuova. Outside Naples, nobody cared. No notices appeared in the learned journals; no obituaries were read at royal or local academies.

He received his formal education at local grammar schools, from various Jesuit tutors, and at the University of Naples from which he graduated in as Doctor of Civil and Canon Law. Vico left Naples in for Vatolla where, with occasional returns to his home city, he remained for the next nine years as tutor to the sons of Domenico Rocca. Vico returned to Naples in and four years later married Teresa Caterina Destito with whom he had eight children. Of his surviving children three of them died , his younger son Gennaro was a favorite and went on to an academic career; his daughter Lusia achieved success as a singer and minor poet, and Ignazio is known to have been a source of disappointment to him. Of the others Angela Teresa and Filippo little is known. He did, however, suffer bouts of ill-health, and failed in his life-long ambition of succeeding to the chair of Jurisprudence at the University of Naples, having to settle instead for a lower and poorly paid professorship in Rhetoric. He retained this position until at which time he was succeeded by his son Gennaro. Vico died in Naples on January 22nd 1723, , aged In Great Britain, although Vichian themes are intimated in the philosophical writings of the Empiricists and thinkers of the Scottish Enlightenment, there is no direct evidence that they knew of his writings. Weber which appeared in , and, more significantly, through a French version by Jules Michelet in , which was reissued in Comparisons and connections have also been drawn between Vichean themes and the work of various modern and contemporary thinkers, inter alia W. Thus despite obscure beginnings, Vico is now widely regarded as a highly original thinker who anticipated central currents in later philosophy and the human sciences. After his appointment to Professor of Rhetoric in , Vico began to address philosophical themes in the first of six Orazioni Inaugurali Inaugural Orations. In Vico gave a seventh oration-intended as an augmentation of the philosophy of Bacon that he subsequently revised and published in under the title *De nostri temporis studiorum ratione* On the Study Methods of Our Time. Two years later his projected but uncompleted statement on metaphysics appeared, *De antiquissima Italorum sapientia ex linguae latinae originibus eruenda libri tres* On the Most Ancient Wisdom of the Italians Unearthed from the Origins of the Latin Language. The years that followed saw the publication of various works, including two replies to critical reviews of *De antiquissima* and , a work of royal historiography-*De rebus gestis Antonii Caraphaei libri quattuor* The Life of Antonio Caraffa -*Il diritto universale* Universal Right ¹⁷²² , and in and the two parts of his autobiography which together compose the *Vita di Giambattista Vico scritta da se medesimo* Life of Giambattista Vico Written by Himself. Over the course of his professional career, Vico also composed and delivered lectures on rhetoric to students preparing to enter into the study of jurisprudence. Although these bring significant benefits, Vico argues, modern education suffers unnecessarily from ignoring the *ars topica* art of topics which encourage the use of imagination and memory in organizing speech into eloquent persuasion. This theme is continued in *De Antiquissima*, where Vico traces the consequences of his insight that language can be treated as a source of historical knowledge. In the course of pursuing this task, Vico also develops two central themes of his mature philosophy: Referring to himself in the third person, Vico records the course of his life and the influence of various thinkers which led him to develop the concepts central to his mature work. Vico reports on the importance of reading Plato, Aristotle, the Hellenics, Scotus, Suarez, and the Classical poets, and traces his growing interest in jurisprudence and the Latin language *Vita*, ff. Vico published a third edition in , which was later edited by Fausto Nicolini and appeared in Nicolini referred to his edition as the *Scienza Nuova seconda*-Second New Science or simply *The New Science* , under which title the definitive version is known today. In the work, Vico consciously develops his notion of *scienza* science or knowledge in opposition to the then dominant philosophy of Descartes with its emphasis on clear and distinct ideas, the most simple elements of thought from which all knowledge, the

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Cartesians held, could be derived a priori by way of deductive rules. As Vico had already argued, one consequence and drawback of this hypothetico-deductive method is that it renders phenomena which cannot be expressed logically or mathematically as illusions of one sort or another. This applies not only most obviously to the data of sense and psychological experience, but also to the non-quantifiable evidence that makes up the human sciences. Recognizing this limitation, Vico argues, is at once to grasp that phenomena can only be known via their origins, or per causas through causes. The challenge, however, is to develop this science in such a way as to understand the facts of the human world without either reducing them to mere contingency or explaining their order by way of speculative principles of the sort generated by traditional metaphysics. They must be rendered intelligible, that is, without reducing them, as did the Cartesians, to the status of ephemera. Understood as mutually exclusive disciplines—a tendency evident, according to Vico, in the history of philosophy up to his time—philosophy and philology appear as empty and abstract as in the rational certainty of Cartesian metaphysics and merely empirical and contingent, respectively. Philosophy yields the universally true and philology the individually certain. Accomplishing this task involves tracing human society back to its origins in order to reveal a common human nature and a genetic, universal pattern through which all nations run. Nations need not develop at the same pace—less developed ones can and do coexist with those in a more advanced phase—but they all pass through the same distinct stages: Each stage, and thus the history of any nation, is characterized by the manifestation of natural law peculiar to it, and the distinct languages, signs, metaphors, and words, governments, divine, aristocratic commonwealths, and popular commonwealths and monarchies, as well as systems of jurisprudence, mystic theology, heroic jurisprudence, and the natural equity of free commonwealths that define them. In addition to specifying the distinct stages through which social, civil, and political order develops, Vico draws on his earlier writings to trace the origin of nations back to two distinct features of human nature: Institutions arise first from the immediacy of sense-experience, pure feeling, curiosity, wonder, fear, superstition, and the child-like capacity of human beings to imitate and anthropomorphize the world around them. This is manifest primarily in fable, myth, the structure of early languages, and the formations of polytheistic religion. This metaphysics was their poetry, a faculty born with them. From this genus of poetic metaphysics, Vico then extrapolates the various species of wisdom born of it. As the faculty of reason develops and grows, however, the power of imagination from which the earliest forms of human society grew weakens and gives way finally to the power of reflection; the cognitive powers of human beings gain ascendancy over their creative capacity, and reason replaces poetry as the primary way of understanding the world. From rude beginnings, undirected passion is transformed into virtue, the bestial state of early society is subordinated to the rule of law, and philosophy replaces sentiments of religion. In addition, the transition from poetic to rational consciousness enables reflective individuals—the philosopher, that is, in the shape of Vico—to recover the body of universal history from the particularity of apparently random events. This is a fact attested to by the form and content of *The New Science* itself. Although from a general point of view history reveals a progress of civilization through actualizing the potential of human nature, Vico also emphasizes the cyclical feature of historical development. Out of this reversal, history begins its course anew, albeit from the irreversibly higher point to which it has already attained. This development is marked by the decline of popular commonwealths into bureaucratic monarchies, and, by the force of unrestrained passions, the return of corrupt manners which had characterized the earlier societies of gods and heroes. Vico, 8 volumes in 11, edited by Fausto Nicolini, Bari: Pinton and Arthur Shippee, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, *On the Most Ancient Wisdom of the Italians*. Yale University Press, Pinton and Arthur W. Shippee, Amsterdam and Atlanta: *Synopsis of Universal Law* trans. Verene and Book 1: *On the Constancy of the Jurisprudent, and Dissertations*. 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Chapter 6 : The Re-Invention of Giambattista Vico – Shells and Pebbles

Scienza nuova seconda (/), *The New Science of Giambattista Vico*, revised translation of the third edition by Thomas Goddard Bergin and Max Harold Fisch, Ithaca: Cornell University Press, ; Cornell Paperbacks,

Romanticism views man as pure, vital activity, generative of self and of the world, and as a finite principle open to an infinite revealing itself interiorly as the inexhaustible self-generative force of life, which is deployed through determinate expressive forms that can always be transcended. Romanticism views reality as the immanent determination of such activity. Historically, romanticism has been the expression of this vision in the complex culture succeeding to, and reacting against, the enlightenment and embracing all aspects of life: Romanticism may be contrasted with classicism, which views man as possessing a determinate nature—defined as much by its limits as by its powers and achieving its perfection within these limits. It may be contrasted also with rationalism, which, though conceiving man as open to the infinite, limits this openness to one power—reason or intellect. In romanticism, the integral, existing human principle is itself open, and it is open to an infinite that is not abstract but concrete. The complex, expressive forms of romanticism give rise to the distinction between practical, or sentimental romanticism, and philosophical romanticism. The latter conceptualizes the basic intuitions of romanticism, whereas the former is characterized by its spontaneity and lyricism. Philosophical romanticism may be characterized negatively as a reaction against the Enlightenment. Opposing the analytical method of the latter, it advocated the synthetic or speculative method. Against excessive intellectualism, it stood for a total reconstruction of human presence with renewed emphasis upon the positive power of the imagination, the senses, and the passions in attaining and witnessing to reality. Against mechanism, it stood for spontaneity and finality. Assigning limits to the natural sciences, it gave fresh vitality to history, the historical method, and the sciences depending on historical data. The positive character of philosophical romanticism becomes apparent in its anthropology, whose basic note is integralism. The life-presence of man is a unity and totality, within which all powers conspire to a pure, transcendental consciousness. All dualisms, as between body and spirit, sense and reason, etc. The immediate, nonreflective operations of the human principle—passion, sense, imagination, will, and intuition—are recognized as positive elements of this synthesis. Integralism is extended also to the expressive forms. Art, as expression, is assigned the status of a principle of transcendental unity for consciousness. The social bond, earlier seen as contractual, becomes organic and historical; it rests upon spontaneous and affective processes as much as upon reflection and volition. Historically, philosophical romanticism is polarized between the figures of Giambattista vico – and G. Its progress falls into three stages: This movement is represented by Vico, whose *Scienza Nuova* successive versions –⁴⁴ anticipates all the basic lineaments of philosophical romanticism. By the doctrine of "poetic consciousness," it achieves a total reconstruction of human presence; by the deployment of human presence through chronological time on the basis of ideal time the latter determined by the constitutive modifications of the human mind , it establishes the order of history in the romantic sense; by the theory of "ideal and eternal history" informing every particular history, it establishes the openness of human history to the eternal and transcendent, in the manner of the romantic philosophy of history. Although Kant is not included among the romantic philosophers, the speculative enterprise of philosophical romanticism takes form through criticism of the Kantian achievement. This formation exhibits two aspects: Numerous thinkers contributed to the process of the dissolution of the thing-in-itself. They reintroduced the Leibnizian notion of a gradual transformation of sensibility into ideality, thus adumbrating both the system of reason and the phenomenology of spirit or mind. Schulze – , in his *Aenesidemus*, offered a negative but important critique; Salomon Maimon – pointed out that the entire notion of the thing-in-itself demands a fresh analysis of consciousness; while J. Beck – drew the entire process to a focus by noting that it is the relation of thought and being that demands rethinking. The process of dissolution, being negative, could not reveal adequately its own implications; these became clear, however, with the ideal construction of a unitary

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structure of intelligible existence through a dialectical interpretation of the synthetic a priori. This project corresponds completely with the principle of philosophical romanticism—that reality is a living process generating alike self and world, world-in-itself, self-in-the-world, and the complete in-and-for-itselfness of intelligible existence. The synthetic a priori, transformed from a formal to a dialectical principle, is the instrument of construction of the system of reason. The construction of the system of reason is associated principally with J. For Fichte, the structure of the system of reason rests upon the categorical imperative, the pure form of the rational will; the world becomes the matter of duty, the content of that imperative in sensuous form; the world is there *dasein* as the theater of human moral activity. The "ought" is the pure and ultimate form of reason and the ground of the world subjective idealism. For Schelling, the system of reason rests on the ground of nature objective idealism. The question thus arises: How does the self-conscious process of reason generate the order of objects in which it is ostensibly negated? That it must generate order follows from the previously established notion that rational activity is autonomous, i. Nature, the order of objects, is the self-generative process of consciousness in its concreteness, in the process of becoming self-commensurate and wholly present to itself. Without the order of objects, nature would remain abstract and in alienation from itself. Schleiermacher introduces a religious element into the system of reason. A tendency to make the ultimate unity of the noumenal and phenomenal orders the object of faith had long existed; Schleiermacher continued this into the construction of the system of reason. The faith of Schleiermacher resembles the activity that Kant discusses in the Critique of Judgment; it establishes an aesthetic relation between man and the world and manifests itself concretely as a feeling of dependence in man. The construction of the system of reason culminates in Hegel, who judged the efforts of his predecessors negatively because they rested on partial principles of presence, namely, will, nature, etc. Logic alone can generate the system of reason by generating the Idea; in the Idea all the partial modes of presence are synthesized and transcended. This process is illustrated in the Phenomenology of Spirit; its principles are established in the System of Logic and elaborated in the Encyclopedia of the Philosophical Sciences. Through this process Hegel establishes in principle the totality of intelligible being and existence in its complex structure of being-in-itself, being-for-another, and being-for-itself as the pure synthesis of being-in-and-for-itself. The resonances of philosophical romanticism are widespread. They may be traced in traditionalism in France though this has other sources as well ; in the works of A. In its own right, the position that philosophical romanticism assumed has entered into the permanent philosophical heritage of the Western world.

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Vico wrote three versions of his last work, La scienza nuova, all of which were published in Naples in , in and in , the year of his death. 1With very few exceptions, it has been the.

Em laureou-se em Direito. De nostri temporis studiorum ratione , De antiquissima italorum sapientia ex linguae latinae originibus eruenda , Diritto Universale , Autobiografia: Este foi o legado de Vico. Os trabalhos publicados em vida: Excellentissimo Domino Hadriano Carapheo. Liber alter qui est de constantia jurisprudentis. Notae in duos libros alterum de uno universi juris principio et fine uno, alterum de constantia jursprudentis. In questa terza impressione dal medesimo autore in gran numero di luoghi corretta, schiarita e notabilmente accresciuta. Testi tratti da un manoscritto della Biblioteca Reale e pubblicati dal bibliotecario della stessa, A. II, a cura di N. Tipografia della Sibilla, I, a cura di A. A cura di M. A cura di P. III, a cura di F. In Varia, il De mente heroica e gli scritti latini minori. A cura di G. In Varia , il De mente heroica e gli scritti latini minori. A cura di F. A cura di C. A cura di Guido De Paulis. Istituto Suor Orsola Benincasa, Editora da UnB, Uma leitura de Vico. In O ser e o tempo da poesia. Vico e a historicidade do saber. Os sinais do tempo: Companhia das Letras,

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A.E. PÁREZ LUÑO, " Un modelo histórico de argumentación jurídica: Giambattista Vico ", *Revista de Ciencias Sociales de la Universidad de Valparaíso*, 45 (), pp. 15 y ss., en concreto

Biography[edit] Born to a bookseller in Naples, Italy, Giovan Battista Vico attended several schools, but ill health and dissatisfaction with the scholasticism of the Jesuits led to his being educated at home by tutors. Evidence from his autobiographical work indicates that Vico likely was an autodidact educated under paternal influence, during a three-year absence from school, consequence of an accidental fall when the boy was seven years old. As Royal Professor of Latin Eloquence, Vico prepared students for higher studies in the fields of Law and of Jurisprudence ; thus, his lessons were about the formal aspects of the canon of rhetoric, including the arrangement and the delivery of an argument. Yet, Vico chose to emphasize the Aristotelian connection of rhetoric with logic and dialectic , thereby placing ends rhetoric at their center. Probability and circumstance retain their proportionate importance, and discovery "reliant upon topics loci" supersedes axioms derived through reflective, abstract thought. In the tradition of classical Roman rhetoric, Vico sets out to educate the orator rhetorician as the transmitter of the oratio, a speech with ratio reason at the centre. What is essential to the oratorical art Gr. Response to the Cartesian Method[edit] As he relates in his autobiography, Vico returned to Naples from Vatolla to find "the physics of Descartes at the height of its renown among the established men of letters. One of the clearest and earliest forms of this argument is available in the *De Italorum Sapientia*, where Vico argues that to introduce geometrical method into practical life is "like trying to go mad with the rules of reason," attempting to proceed by a straight line among the tortuosities of life, as though human affairs were not ruled by capriciousness, temerity, opportunity, and chance. Similarly, to arrange a political speech according to the precepts of geometrical method is equivalent to stripping it of any acute remarks and to uttering nothing but pedestrian lines of argument. Vico would reproduce this argument consistently throughout his works, and would use it as a central tenet of the *Scienza Nuova*. The principle of *Verum factum*[edit] Vico is best known for his *verum factum* principle, first formulated in as part of his *De antiquissima Italorum sapientia, ex linguae latinae originibus eruenda* "On the most ancient wisdom of the Italians, unearthed from the origins of the Latin language". Accordingly, our clear and distinct idea of the mind cannot be a criterion of the mind itself, still less of other truths. For while the mind perceives itself, it does not make itself. The *Scienza Nuova*[edit] Main article: *The New Science* , *Scienza Nuova* is his major work and has been highly influential in the philosophy of history, and for historicists such as Isaiah Berlin and Hayden White. Marx concluded that such a state of affairs is the optimal end of social change in a society, but Vico thought that such complete equality would lead to socio-political chaos and the consequent collapse of society. In that vein, Vico proposed a social need for religion, for a supernatural Divine Providence to keep order in human society. *Institutiones Oratoriae The Art of Rhetoric*. Pinton and Arthur W. On the Study Methods of Our Time, trans. Universal right *Diritto universale*. Unearthed from the Origins of the Latin Language, trans. Ithaca, Cornell UP, *The New Science of Giambattista Vico*, Bergin and Max H. Cornell UP, 2nd ed.

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Giambattista Vico Giambattista (auch Giovan Battista) Vico (Juni in Neapel; â€ Januar ebenda) war ein italienischer Geschichts- und Rechtsphilosoph, der sich mit dem Auf- und.*

Las lengas son lo mai grand monument dels pples. Languages are the greatest monument of peoples. Les langues sont le plus grand monument des peuples. Biografia e opere Filosofo italiano Napoli Contribu, sia pure indirettamente, alla formazione della teoria kantiana della conoscenza opponendosi a quella di Descartes, e soprattutto con la sua filosofia della storia anticip concezioni successivamente sviluppate dalla cultura preromantica, romantica e idealistica tedesca e in particolare da Herder e da Hegel. Tormentato per tutta la vita da una disagiata situazione economica, da una salute malferma e da una vita familiare non sempre felice, V. Le sue opere principali sono: *De nostri temporis studiorum ratione* , *De antiquissima Italorum sapientia* , *De universi juris uno principio et fine uno* , *De mente heroica* Di rilevante interesse la sua Autobiografia Sviluppando questa premessa V. Solo Dio, che ne il creatore, pu conoscere con la certezza della dimostrazione la natura. La certezza che pu offrirci la storia non minore di quella offerta dalla geometria: In tal modo V. Nella Scienza nuova V. La storia palesa, secondo V. Nei miti, nelle saghe e nel linguaggio dei popoli e delle stirpi V. Ai geroglifici che costituiscono un linguaggio ancor impacciato segue la lingua eroico-poetica e a questa segue infine la lingua umana e prosaica: Al culto degli dei si sostituisce ora quello degli eroi, gli stessi che detengono il potere. Nella terza e ultima et, infine, subentrano la coscienza, la ragione e il dovere: Culmine e manifestazione estrema di questa et , secondo il V. Essa perci entra in crisi e ne inizia il processo di disfacimento e di decadenza, prospettando il ritorno a una nuova barbarie. Battistini, *La degnit della retorica. Studi su Giambattista Vico*, Pisa, ; J. Berlin, *Vico and Herder*. Bottini, *La sapienza nella storia. Giambattista Vico e la filosofia pratica*, Milano, Di stile oscuro e contorto e al tempo stesso lapidario e solenne, la S.