

**Philosophy offers no solutions. To those who look to philosophy for answers, it responds by telling them to look elsewhere.**

**T**ake for example Thales, who whilst looking at the stars fell into a well and then predicted an eclipse. Or Hegel, who dialectically inscribed error into dialectical reason, unleashing a systematically unbound negativity. Then there is Heidegger, who disjoined truth from exactitude through the eventfulness of truth in language. And Lacan, who reclaimed the folly of this insight and belied its supposed "authenticity," claiming that the truth of a proposition lies not in its predication, but in its speaking, in symptoms, in slips and in repetitions.

This tally of little anecdotes from illustrious philosophers (and one psychoanalyst) illuminates the fabric of philosophical thought: it has no pre-given object but comes upon stumbling blocks. Philosophy shows up where the transcendental coordinates of thought fall apart, where understanding trips. The current state of affairs also reminds us that philosophy is the stunt(wo)man of the experts.

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