

# Cognition

*“...the being of an object in general belongs to the form of appearances, and is conditioned by the being of the subject in general, just as the object’s manner of appearance is conditioned by the subject’s forms of knowledge. Hence, if the thing in itself is to be assumed, it cannot be an object at all.”*



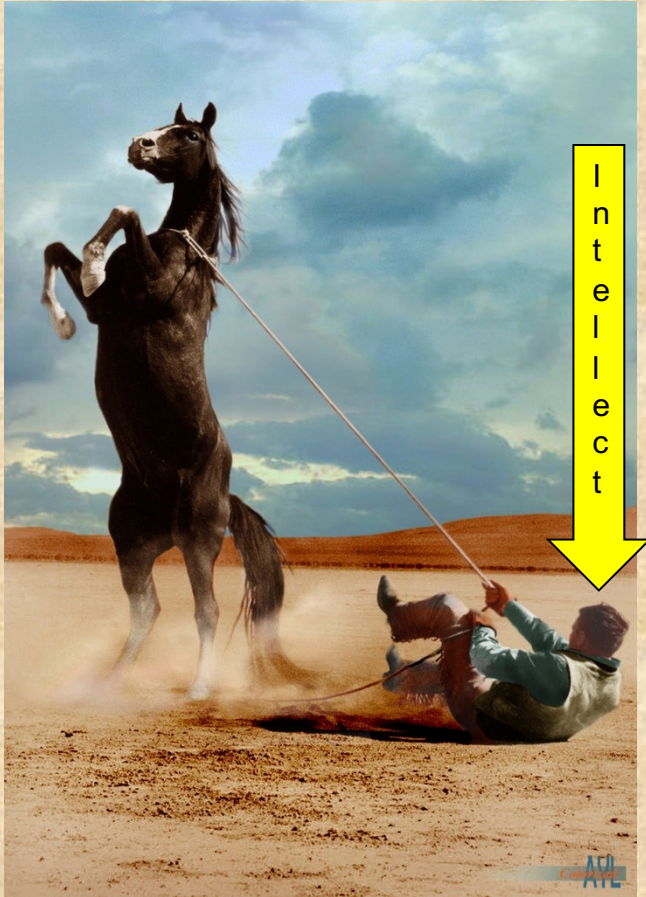
# Intellect

*“From the start, the intellect is a hired hand assigned to a miserable task at which its overly demanding master, the will, keeps it busy from morning until night.”*



*“..In fact the intellect is a mere function of the brain, the will by contrast that whose function is the entire human being with respect to his being and essence.”*

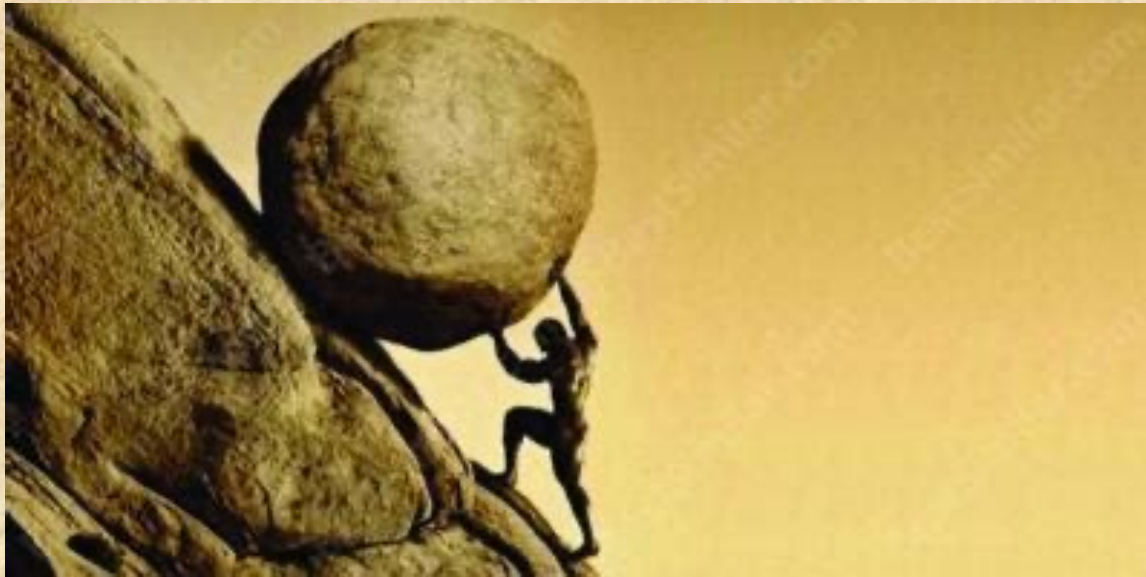
*“The purpose of all intelligence can only be reaction to a will; but because all willing is an aberration, the nullification of all willing is the ultimate work of that intelligence which has served its purposes up until then”*



*“...even the most complete intelligence possible can only be a transitional step toward that which no cognizance at all can ever reach”*

# Representation

*“...on the path of objective knowledge, thus starting from the representation, we shall never get beyond the representation, i.e. the phenomenon. We shall therefore remain at the outside of things: we shall never be able to penetrate into their inner nature, and investigate what they are in themselves...”*



*“Intellect shares demise of the body”..*

# Final Destination

*“Life itself is a sea full of rocks and whirlpools that man avoids with the greatest caution and care, although he knows that, even when he succeeds with all his efforts and ingenuity in struggling through, at every step he comes nearer to the greatest, the total, the inevitable shipwreck..namely death. This is the final goal of the wearisome voyage...”*



*“What makes death so frightful to us is not so much the end of life, since this cannot seem to anyone particularly worth regretting, but rather the destruction of the organism”*



*“...living being does not suffer an absolute annihilation through death, but survives in and with the whole of nature”..*

*“..our life is in the first instance like a payment that gets doled out to us in nothing by pennies, but for which we must then give a receipt: our life is the days, receipt is death. For in the end, time pronounces nature’s verdict on the worth of all the beings appearing in it, by destroying them”*



*“..we are not, as such, aware of the three greatest goods of life, health, youth, and freedom, so long as we possess them, but only after we have lost them”*

# Life

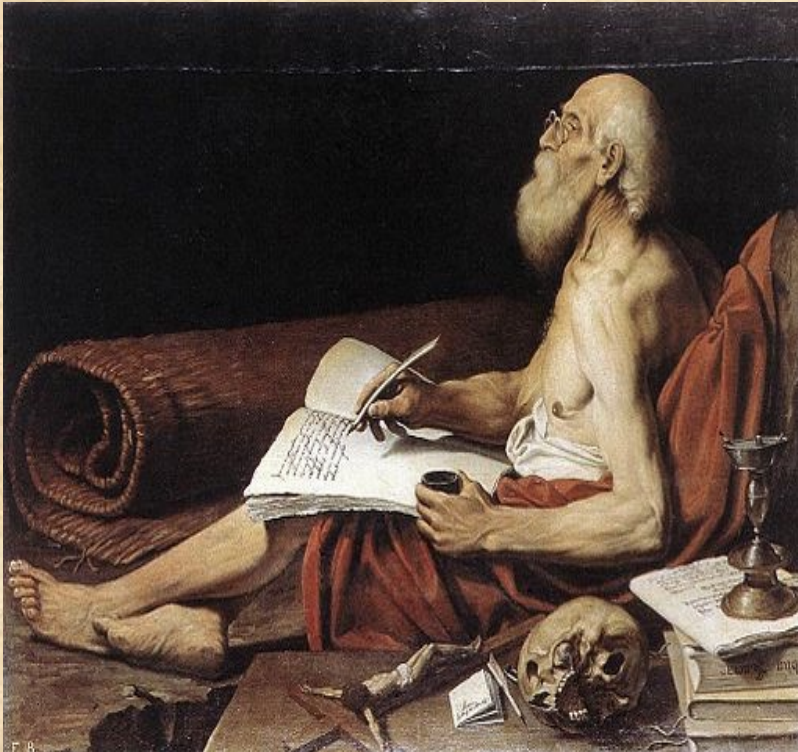
*“What might otherwise be called the finer part of life, its purest joy, just because it lifts us out of real existence and transforms us into disinterested spectators of it, is pure knowledge, pleasure in the beautiful, genuine delight in art, which remains foreign to all willing.”*





# Escape from the Will

*“Whereas to the ordinary man his faculty of knowledge is a lamp that lights his path, to the man of genius it is the sun that reveals the world.”*



*“Consequently, a way from within stands open to us to that real inner nature of things to which we cannot penetrate from without...”*