

## An ordered pair with Sheffer's stroke?

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Dear Mrs Knox,

(For some reason I am (temporarily) unable to make a direct response to your post. The system answers: "Unable to retrieve message cp805f\$tg\$1@lust.ihug.co.nz". I tried several different servers with the same result. All I can do is post again with an identical subject line. I am very sorry for this inconvenience.)

Thank you very much indeed for writing. I am so happy to have someone really competent to communicate my ideas to. I NEVER will contradict you on anything, and if I somehow sound like it, it is because I am unable to become unstuck from my misconceptions.

Mrs Knox, I am not hiding I am taken completely aback by your kind post. It means I am completely wrong on everything. I gave it several hours of a serious thought, and concluded – I must be completely confused.

Hopefully, you will kindly reflect on the several lines below and utter a line or two of criticism which could possibly give me a clear sense of direction.

Imho, there exist only objects and concepts / thoughts / configurations / relationships. An object is an absolute / autoaffirmative / self-identical existence (Aristotle's first substance) of which we know nothing apart from the fact that it exists and that it enters into certain configurations with other objects. Two objects differ if they may enter into different configurations. The essence of an object is its ability to coexist or to be unable to coexist (to enter configurations) with particular other objects.

A thought is (nothing but) a configuration of objects (i.e. it is a proposition, a linguistic object). A proposition is an objectivized concept / thought. A proposition speaks of its world through isomorphism (it is the ONLY way).

The stroke is an objectivized pure thought which isomorphically speaks of a configuration of two objects. It represents, through isomorphism, a configuration, but it has nothing whatsoever to do with the

existence of that configurations.

Imho, my mistake(s) must be due to naively interpreting TLP:

1. The world is everything that is [[[\*the case.
2. What is the case, the fact, is\*]]] the existence of atomic facts.
  - 2.01 An atomic fact is a combination of objects (entities, things).
  - 2.011 It is essential to a thing that it can be a constituent part of an atomic fact.
- 2.1 We make to ourselves pictures of facts.
  - 2.11 The picture presents the facts in logical space, the existence and non–existence of atomic facts.
3. The logical picture of the facts is the thought.
  - 3.2 In propositions thoughts can be so expressed that to the objects of the thoughts correspond the elements of the propositional sign.
4. The thought is the significant proposition.
  - 4.21 The simplest proposition, the elementary proposition, asserts the existence of an atomic fact.
  - 4.3 The truth–possibilities of the elementary propositions mean the possibilities of the existence and non–existence of the atomic facts.

As for your other kind comments, Mrs Knox, I am unable to benefit from them until I have completely grasped the basics (above).

Again, I am terribly sorry for any misconceptions and misinterpretations.

Thank you very much indeed for writing.

Kindest regards,  
Tom