

THE CONCEPT OF FUNCTIONALIZATION IN MAX SCHELER'S PHILOSOPHY

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Abstract. The functionalization of spirit in Max Scheler's philosophy means the process through which the essences become new forms of the future experience of the human being. The paper presents first the meaning of essences as phenomena in Scheler's philosophy. Because these essences are not given in a limited number, as in the Kantian philosophy, it was necessary for Scheler to find out an order in which they enter into the conscience. In the historical process the essences, as ideal factors, are interwoven with the impulses, emotions and interests as real factors. The real factors and their dynamics are the prerequisite for the real order in which the essences are given, though their order of founding, or their logical order, is independent with regard to the real factors.