

Opening Note

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In 2018, the ASES celebrated the the 50th anniversary of *La struttura originaria*. In that occasion, the ASES invited prof. Graham Priest to discuss the problem of “contradiction” with prof. Emanuele Severino. After the opening meeting, the philosophers continued their dialogue. This issue of the «Eternity and Contradiction» contains the result of that dialogue.

Prof. Severino is gone... Yes, that's what it is. Emanuele Severino as an empirical individual, as an empirical will, is dead. But death of the empirical individual is not its nullification: death as annihilation is not something visible, and the truth is that no being – therefore not even an instant of the individual existence – can become nothing. Moreover, what we say “empirical individual” is one of the things that isolating faith (which wants to *become other of beings*) believes to be. What man is – what we all really are – is the appearing of the truth of being that implies the eternity of being *insofar as it is being*. Severino calls “the Self of destiny” the dimension in which all the eternal beings, including the empirical individual, begin to appear. And the appearing of death inside the “the Self of destiny” in which the will dies, is the extreme imminence of Joy to which we are all destined: an infinite path awaits us along which ever larger dimensions of being are destined to come forth.

Severino said that a tree is judged by its roots, not by its fruits. The roots are the incontrovertible primal structure of truth. The fruits are its implications. The content of the E&C intends precisely to be rooted in that structure.
