

# Opening Note

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In the Presentation of the first issue of E&C, Severino writes: «this periodical intends to be a platform to discuss the central themes in the philosophical thought. Also, it is open to the discussion of what we called “destiny”» (p. 8). And by “destiny” Severino means the being itself of the being that appears as the *absolutely undeniable* because it appears as that one whose negation is self-negation.

In the second issue of E&C the voice of dialetheist logic has been raised. In this third issue (edited by Davide Spanio), other authoritative voices take a position as denials of *the primal structure of the destiny*: either because it is not recognized that it is valid as a foundation, or because only a part of it is recognized as a foundation. On the other hand, it is necessary that any objection raised to the destiny affirms the *difference* between itself and that content which is, precisely, the destiny of beings. As a matter of fact, a discussion that is not opposed to the destiny is not an objection to it. But the being itself of beings is the appearing of the negation of being other than itself by the beings: that is, the appearing of that *determinateness* of the being by which every being *differs* from every other being.

Explaining the sense of the objection addressed to the destiny, Severino observes that «“discussing” means affirming a *difference*: between what is discussed and what is opposed to it in several ways. And destiny, as already mentioned, is primarily the emerging of the meaning that appertains to the *difference* (that is, the difference of those which differ). To discuss destiny and oppose to it is therefore *to differ from it*. And precisely because of this it also means *sharing*, more or less unknowingly, its primal trait: the affirmation of difference. In this differing-sharing-what-we-differ-about, and to which we oppose by discussing it, the claim, earlier recalled, of the meaning of the incontrovertible, recurs, that is, the incontrovertible is the dimension whose denial denies itself» (*ibid*).

In fact, the foundation is the primal opening of destiny of being only to the extent that it shows its ability to *absolutely* deny its own negation, and therefore only to the extent that it *essentially* implies, as removed, its own negation.

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