

Around Gifford Lectures

"The Gifford Lectures were given in Edinburgh in February of 1986. The original text differed on several points from the book whose title [Oneself as Another] was just mentioned above. The first five of the six lectures were indeed devoted to the questions of language, action, and narrative identity But there did not yet exist those studies that I call the 'little ethics.' . . . There then followed two lectures entitled 'The Cogito is Posited' (sixth lecture) and 'The Shattered Cogito' (seventh lecture). They served as a critical introduction to the ontological problematic hailed at the horizon of my hermeneutics of acting and suffering. In the version subsequent to the lectures, I was to include these in a long preface in order to be rid of them as an outmoded combat."

"Intellectual Autobiography," in Lewis Edwin Han, ed. *The Philosophy of Paul Ricoeur, Library of Living Philosophers*, volume 22 (Chicago: Open Court, 1995), 50.

"The discussion ended with an appendix, required by the founder of the Gifford Lectures, under the title of 'natural theology.' In order to satisfy this rule -which had become quite strange- following my predecessors as best I could, I had written two chapters, one on the narrative of vocation in the prophets, in which I discussed problems of identity in the construction of prophetic identity, and the other on the appropriation of biblical writings by an ecclesiastical subject."

Critique and Conviction (London: Polity Press/ New York: Columbia University Press, 1998), 90-91.

"I did not include these two lectures in *Oneself as Another*, in order to remain faithful to the old pact I had made that the nonphilosophical sources of my conviction would not be mixed together with the arguments of my philosophical discourse."

"Intellectual Autobiography," 50.