

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

PREFACE.....	vii
CHAPTER ONE. THREE IDEALS OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY.....	1
1.1 Simplicity and Certainty .....	2
1.2 Compositional Semantics.....	8
1.3 Simplicity and Comprehensiveness .....	13
CHAPTER TWO. THE METHODOLOGY OF SEMIOTIC .....	19
2.1 Primitiveness and Sign Levels .....	19
2.2 Semiotic and Semiotics.....	23
2.3 Necessary and Contingent Features .....	27
2.4 The Language Archetype .....	30
2.5 Grades of Involvement.....	34
CHAPTER THREE. SIGNS AND LEARNING THEORIES .....	39
3.1 Conditioned Reflex and Instrumental Learning.....	39
3.2 Behavioral and Teleological Reductions .....	44
3.3 Natsigns.....	53
3.4 Awareness of Associationist Learning.....	60
3.5 Proto-Natsigns and Panpsychism.....	64
CHAPTER FOUR. COMMUNICATIVE INTENT AND CONVENTIONALITY.....	67
4.1 Comsigns and Signals .....	68
4.2 Transactional and Iconic Aspects .....	74
4.3 Regularities and Conventions .....	80
4.4 Truth and Falsity .....	86

CHAPTER FIVE. PROTO-LANGUAGE SENTENCES .....	95
5.1 Subjects and Predicates.....	96
5.2 Reference and Existence .....	101
5.3 Feature-Placing Sentences and Identification .....	105
5.4 Illocutionary Force and Avowals.....	110
5.5 Addresses .....	114
5.6 Frames and Semantic Fields .....	119
 CHAPTER SIX. NATURAL LANGUAGE DISCOURSE .....	 127
6.1 Linking Expressions.....	128
6.2 Reference, Meaning Transfer, and Fiction.....	132
6.3 Inferences and Propositions .....	138
6.4 Quotation and Interpretation .....	144
6.5 Identity .....	150
 CHAPTER SEVEN. SPECIALIZED DISCOURSE .....	 157
7.1 Writing and Institutional Specialization.....	157
7.2 Discourse Frames, Objects, and Existence .....	163
7.3 Discourse Relativity and Truth .....	171
7.4 Scientific Realism .....	176
7.5 Natural Kinds and Reference .....	182
7.6 Customs, Imperatives, and Laws .....	187
 CHAPTER EIGHT. APPLICATIONS TO METAPHYSICS .....	 197
8.1 Philosophy and Metaphysics.....	197
8.2 Identity and Functionalist Theories.....	202
8.3 Beliefs and Persons .....	206
8.4 Sign Level Comparisons and Metaphysics .....	211
 NOTES .....	 217
 REFERENCES.....	 231
 INDEX .....	 243



<http://www.springer.com/978-1-4020-1650-9>

Sign Levels

Language and Its Evolutionary Antecedents

Clarke, D.S.

2003, XI, 260 p., Hardcover

ISBN: 978-1-4020-1650-9