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Existentialist Deformation of the *a Priori* Principle in M. Dufrenne's Philosophy

Summary

In this text, we will introduce the *a priori* concept found in Dufrenne's philosophy, which will allow us to evaluate the *a priori* problematic more broadly and to unfold it from an existential perspective. We will contrast Dufrenne's *a priori* principle with the notion of a priori proposed by Kant and show that the *a priori* does not

belong exclusively to the subject of pure reason and the formal acts it produces. We will argue that the *a priori* appears in a real and not merely formal form, and has a materially tangible objective meaning, which opens with a concrete factual content in the primordial apprehension of an object.

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