



PHILOSOPHICAL TERMS AND CONCEPTS AND THEIR FUNCTIONAL UNIQUENESS THROUGH THE PRISM OF LEXICAL ANALYSIS OF THE RENAISSANCE

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ABSTRACT

This article claims to identify the fundamental functions of philosophical terms and concepts in the text, their historical formation and evolution through the prism of world, and in particular, English philosophical literature of the Renaissance, as well as establishing and defining the characteristic features of the functioning of philosophical concepts and terms based on lexical materials of world literature.

KEYWORDS: - Philosophical terminology, lexical units, concept, term, terminological system, philosophical vocabulary, Renaissance, differentiation, presupposition, lexical-semantic variant (LSV).

INTRODUCTION

Philosophical terms and their functional peculiarity have always been a specific aspect of lexical-semantic field of English philosophical literature beginning from the Renaissance epoch and further. In order to determine the basic tendencies that characterize the main composition of the philosophical vocabulary aimed at a specific topic in many aspects, it becomes necessary to trace the transformations that are determined by the time factor. New layers of vocabulary, both borrowed from Latin through the mediation of the French language, and previously used only in everyday-colloquial style, are included in the written-literary language, through and with the help of which new concepts are expressed, a new interpretation of the

semantics of lexical units, in the light of the affirmed materialistic system of F. Bacon, "the true ancestor of all experimental science."

The enrichment of the language of the era with borrowed lexical units was due to powerful shifts in the entire social and political life of England in the 16th-17th centuries. A large number of authors, speaking in various genres, each in their own way tried to explain the *humana studia* of the era (poetry, prose, songs, verse dialogues, different types of drama, political and scientific treatises, sermons, pamphlets, travel descriptions, historical chronicles). A similar linguistic situation, when Latin dominated in such areas as science, political life, education, upbringing and religion, influenced the lexical composition and the totality of syntactic methods of organizing linguistic material of a philosophical nature in various spheres and genres.



METHODS

The use of philosophical vocabulary in the overwhelming majority of genres is one of the characteristic features of the literature of the era. At the same time, the acquisition by lexical units of new meanings, shades characteristic of the expression of philosophical thought, testifies to the fact that there is a process of gradual professional differentiation of the language of philosophy in connection with the specialization of knowledge, its formalization into a separate science (anticipation "anticipation", concurrence "coincidence", gradation "gradation", etc.): "anticipation is when we prevent those words that another would say" (T. Wilson. Rhet. 100); "so shall my anticipation prevent your discovery" (Shaks. Hamlet. 11.2.304).

Unambiguous lexical units differ in insignificant frequency, however they have a high degree of semantic autonomy, independent of context (modesty "modesty", presupposition "presupposition", ratiocination "reasoning"), "...is according to the light and presupposition of that which is delivered" - "... is in accordance with the clarity and presupposition of what is being said" (F. Bacon. Adv. L. 11.126); "without any discourse of reason, or ratiocination" - "... without any discourse in reasons or reasoning" (Holland Plutarch, Mog. 1344); "... be pastime passing excellent, if it be ... with modesty" - "... be great entertainment if it is connected ... with modesty" (Shaks. Ind. 1.66); "The that which maiden modestie doth warrant, bet all my sins look meray" - "that female modesty ... justifies ... all my pains look insignificant ..." (Ado. IV. 181).

There is: 1) a significant increase in the number of word combinations from 2 to 32 lexical units while maintaining the main word as the nucleus of the combination and 2) an increase in the number of LSV. These two conditions indicate a noticeable development of the semantic structure of words of

a philosophical nature. The complication of the semantic structure of the analyzed words confirms the idea of their complete assimilation in the semantic sense. All interacting meanings of words play the role of clarifying, concretizing components of the primary borrowed meaning.

By its origin, the philosophical vocabulary is divided into:

- 1) words arising from the native native vocabulary and
- 2) words borrowed from other languages.

Some features of the introduction of new borrowed units into everyday life are noted: a) author's interpretations in dictionaries, where by their very nature simplicity and clarity of presentation are inherent; b) periphrases - usually by descriptive translation or through the use of synonyms, for example: ratiocination is, that cometh of logic of any Commodity, or to echeve any discomodity, levity, lightnesse, inconstancie; - "an attempt to reasonably substantiate means to proceed from the logic of any convenience or ... to achieve any inconvenience, frivolity, superficial thinking, inconstancy."

In a significant number of cases, the author introduces a word without interpretation, counting on the linguistic erudition of the reader, while the context helps to determine the meaning of the lexical unit being introduced: In the mysteries of the Christes person, there is no transition of the deitie into the humanite or humanite into the deitie - "In the mysteries of the person of Christ, there is no transition of deity into human form or vice versa" (Gard. Explication of transubstantiation, 123).

It is necessary to distinguish between words that relate to philosophical vocabulary and express important, fundamental concepts of a given sphere (fact "fact", agent "agent", coherence "consistency", modesty "modesty", levity "gullibility"), from words



that are philosophical terms in the analyzed period: ratiocination "reasoning", gradation "gradation", medium "medium", ubiquity "omnipresence", reflex "reflection", materiality "materiality", presupposition "assumption").

The manner of presentation in the first person was typical in the analyzed era (letters, sermons, pamphlets, poetry), which is confirmed by the predominance of personal active forms of the verb, which have a semantic shade of assessment, the author's "I", as well as a personalized form of presentation (psalm, poetry, treatise), reflected in the selection of vocabulary, especially with the verbs of physical action and with the verbs "evaluation, judgment, intention". These lexical units belong not only to scientific philosophical literature, but are also widely used in works of a very different genre: poetry, drama, treatises, sermons, correspondence, polemical articles, which allows us to conclude that during the period under study in general, philosophical vocabulary has not yet been strictly limited within the framework of the terminology system, i.e. was not a "pure" affiliation of philosophy, but manifested itself as a common vocabulary for expressing the philosophical thought of authors whose works are characterized by different genre orientations. This confirms the general historical tendency - the fact of the encyclopedic education of the representatives of the Renaissance and, accordingly, the various fields of application of their abilities.

Lexical units of a philosophical nature in the XVI-XVII centuries. used in various genres. This especially applies to words from the field of ethics (modesty, levity, constancy, coherence), expressing the moral and ethical qualities of a person and to words with broad semantics (fact, gradation). The attraction of these groups is due to the fact that they are characterized by abstraction, are used mainly in the style of written speech (F. Bacon, C. Marlo,

Shakespeare, T. Grafton, J. Milton, Stow, G. Fletcher, Cox).

A number of words from the very beginning belong to the philosophical scientific terminology: reflex, ratiocination, anticipation, presupposition). The scope of their distribution is very narrow - they are present in works of a philosophical nature (treatises, essays): "... great progress ever be made in science by means of anticipations" - "... progress in science is always achieved with the help of anticipation (foresight) "(N0262); "by means of anticipation, that is to say, of the reasoning which is now in use" - "with the help of anticipation, that is, reasoning ..." (N.0.262); "presuppositions must seek assistance from similitudes and comparisons" - "assumptions should be based on similarities and comparisons" (F. Bacon. De Augm.V. 532).

In the analyzed texts, as the study has shown, usually microfield units are first attached to the term, i.e. a set of special lexical units combined with a given word within the terminological system, and later - words of the general literary language. For example, the compatibility of the lexical unit of ratiocination in the first 100 years on English soil: process of-; discourse of-; to evidence-, to evince-; reason or-. 15 words - innovations of the Latin character are conjugated with words with similar (but not the same semantics): anticipation, coherence, correlation, elucidation, education, gradation, identity, levity, modesty, materiality, penalty, ratiocination, reflex, transition. These words, as we believe, being an integral part of the commonly used vocabulary (178 words in total), play the role of an intermediary in replenishing the reserves of a layer of philosophical vocabulary.

A certain number of conjugating words that arose within the same (XVI) century stand out: hardheartedness "hardness (thoughts)", falsity "fallibility", deceitfulness "deceit"; perspicuity



"clarity (of presentation)"; inclination "inclination"; reflection "reflection"; the vulgar "commoner"; forecast "foresight"; epitome "total". Observed in the English language of an older period and in the Middle Ages, the polysemantic semantics of these conjugating words, expressing a particular concept, in the 16th century gives way to a clearer and more unambiguous expression of the concept.

CONCLUSION

The results of comparing the semantic structure of the studied units in the analyzed period and in modern English (based on the nouns of the literary-book style) confirm the working hypothesis about the comparative simplicity of the structure of the semantic structure of words of an abstract-philosophical nature.

English abstract philosophical vocabulary acts as a multidimensional system, characterized by the presence of numerous transitional cases, thus reflecting the complexity of relationships and interconnections of its constituent units.

Philosophical vocabulary is also subject to processes that are characteristic of all Latin borrowings of the 16th century.

Thus, philosophical vocabulary appears before us as a single, integral system, subordinate to certain objective laws of history and thinking, reflecting the really existing dialectical relationship and further development of the most important philosophical concepts, worldview of representatives of the late Renaissance. It is indicative that in the foreground is that part of the vocabulary that is directly related to the central concepts of the philosophy of humanism (reflex, modesty, levity, identity, coherence, antipatience, education, correlation).

The Renaissance epoch most decisively influenced

not only the content, but also the composition of the philosophical vocabulary, as evidenced by the appearance in the studied era (XV-XVII centuries) of a large number of words to explain the new worldview and worldview in the light of the revolutionary scientific discoveries of the era.

The presence of philosophically "targeted" words among playwrights, poets, theologians suggests that their authors mastered a new worldview, and were also well acquainted with the main works of a philosophical nature of the old and new times, with the vocabulary used in such works.

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