HEIDEGGER MEETS CARNAP

A. Heidegger on the cultural and socio-political conditions responsible for misrepresenting and devaluing genuine philosophical thinking:

1. When scientific thinking is considered “the only authentic rigorous thought” and logic “regarded as a court of justice, established for all of eternity, whose rights as first and authority no rational man will impugn” (p. 488)

2. Age of German idealism is last age realizing “philosophy means something very different from applying theorems and insights” (p. 495)

3. American (Capitalist) and Russian (Marxist) cultures are the archetypal emasculated spirit cultures (pp. 495-6)
   - Intelligence is now understood merely as a tool for calculating things for the organization of a nation’s people and goods
   - Spheres of art, religion, and science are split off and pursued for their own sakes, without being authentically integrated into life of society
   - Universities reflect this fragmentation and emphasis on practical know-how.

B. Carnap on Heidegger’s 1929 presumed access to metaphysical truth

1. What is metaphysics?

   “The field of alleged knowledge of the essence of things which transcends the realm of empirically founded, inductive science” (p. 136)

2. Carnap’s thesis:
   “In the domain of *metaphysics*, including all philosophy of value and normative theory, logical analysis yields the negative result *that the alleged statements in this domain are entirely meaningless*” (p. 136)