

OVERVIEW OF PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE AND LANGUAGES DEVELOPMENT

THE KEY FUNCTIONS OF HUMAN LANGUAGE DISCUSSION

One of the most famous and influential opponents of Saussurean standpoint on linguistic system is

Wilhelm von Humboldt /1767-1835/

/ˈhʌmbɔʊlt/, also US: /ˈhʊmbɔʊlt/,

UK: /ˈhʌmbɔlt/

German: [ˈvɪlhɛlm fɔn ˈhʊmbɔlt]

WILHELM VON HUMBOLDT /1767-1835/



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From the point of view of Philosophy of Language a most valuable Humboldt's contribution is concerned with his **Antinomies of Language** conception.

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1. The antinomy of language and thinking;
2. The antinomy of the objective and subjective;
3. The antinomy of language as an activity and as a product of activity;

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4. the antinomy of stability and movement in the language;
5. the antinomy of the whole and the singular in the language;
6. The antinomy of the individual and the collective in language;

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7. antinomy of language and speech;
8. the antinomy of understanding and misunderstanding;
9. The antinomy of the arbitrariness of the sign and motivation of the elements of the language.

CHECKING POINT 4: NOW A FEW QUESTIONS

- What was Wilhelm von Humboldt?
- What languages could Wilhelm von Humboldt speak or write?
- What languages did Wilhelm von Humboldt study scientifically?

CHECKING POINT 2: NOW A FEW QUESTIONS

- What was William Jones' hypothesis?
- What are the Indo-European languages?
- What are non-Indo-European languages?
- What is the difference between **typology**, **classification** and **genetic ties** between languages?

CHECKING POINT 3: NOW A FEW QUESTIONS

- What are Isolating languages?
 - What are Inflecting languages?
 - What are Synthetic languages?
 - What are Analytical languages?
 - What are Agglutinating languages?
 - What are Incorporating / Polysynthetic languages?
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CHECKING POINT 4: NOW A FEW QUESTIONS

- What are Wilhelm von Humboldt's antinomies of human Language?
- What is the difference between language as Ergon and language as Energeia?
- Why could Wilhelm von Humboldt disagree with Ferdinand de Saussure on the nature of language?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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