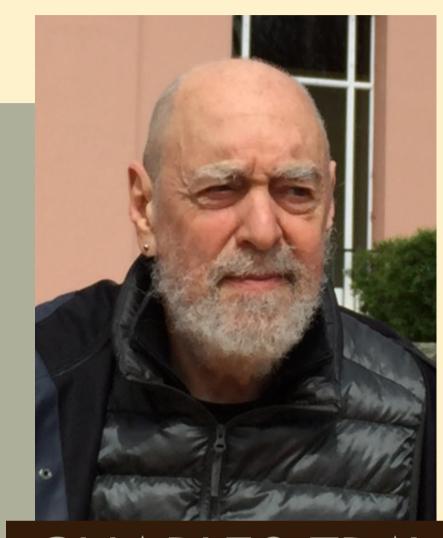
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CHANGING PLACES

Frege drew something like a categorial distinction - perhaps even a more profound gulf - between concepts and objects. His way of drawing it has inspired the idea that the nature of philosophical questions forces one to try to 'describe thought from outside it' - something comparable to jumping out of one's own skin, or observing oneself rushing forward.

The trouble is that on the concept-object distinction Frege was just wrong. He confused what are essentially, by his own lights, relational notions, or notions of roles, for notions of categories - as if in syntax one confused the notions noun phrase and subject. The confusion is easy to make, less easy to unravel. Doing this will involve tracing the pedigrees of the two central notions in Frege's thesis, objecthood and concepthood.

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