

There is One Reality but it is "Perspective Dependent"

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The Spanish philosopher José Ortega y Gasset develops his perspectivist view, at least implicitly (been too long since I read him), from the existentialist dictum "existence precedes essence" – i.e., we can only posit some "essence" of things (if we are so inclined) from the perspective and influence of our existential circumstances. (Which, to me, means that such an existential perspective depends on *αἰσθήσεις* and *πάθη* – and our interpretation of such, from that perspective.)

Saying that "I" cannot be detached from my existential circumstances, Ortega offered a simple formulation: "*Yo soy yo y mi circunstancia.*"