

*Transcendence
of Ego*

(an excerpt)

Jean-Paul Sartre

...reflective memory, to which we are obliged to have recourse in order to reinstate elapsed consciousnesses, besides its questionable character owing to its nature as memory, remains suspect since...reflection modifies the spontaneous consciousness...all the non-reflective memories of unreflected consciousness show me a consciousness without a me...there is no I on the unreflected level.

MY Restatement of the above:

To think about a memory requires us to use "reflective" memory. Doing this allows some kind of contact with our past consciousness, but we must admit that our "memory" is not to be completely trusted. Our "current" consciousness can easily modify or change how we remember past events. MOST memories are beyond the ability of our mind or consciousness

to remember. This is called "unreflected" consciousness and in this category my ego, the *I*, does not exist.

Some of you did the assignment and recorded a memory (all who did the assignment as of 6am today received a bonus).

Do you think you are remembering this incident correctly?

Sartre seems to be saying that your consciousness cannot truly trust your memory because it is prone to change the event.

- Could you contact a friend to corroborate the event?