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ABSTRACT

This study

Michael Dummett (1925-2011) is one of the most influential British Philosophers in his time whose fame as a philosopher goes back to his studies of the history of Analytic philosophy and his contributions in the fields of the Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Logic, Philosophy of Mathematics and Metaphysics. When you read Dummett Philosophy, it stirs many important intellectual issues in your brain and makes you constantly mentally alert and ecstatic. These reactions are rarely found when reading other philosophers as there are a constant stream of the ideas he handles or discusses. Those ideas take you along to read other great philosophers like Frege, Wittgenstein, Quine and Davidson. He makes you think deeply of their philosophy with which you might agree or disagree, and then he surprises you with a deeper philosophy whose real orientation is Analytic Philosophy.

Dummett determined that the aim of Philosophy was limited to the Analysis of the Structure of Thought, something that could only be achieved through the interpretation of language. That is why the Theory of Natural Language Meaning is believed to be the Theory of Understanding of this language, i.e. the theories of understanding language are, in essence, Epistemological

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Theories related to a specific type of knowledge which is knowing the meaning of a sentence. Hence, the Philosophy of Language is claimed to have considered the Philosophy of Meaning the basis of Philosophy. Here, it is worth mentioning that the Wittgenstein elements in Dummett philosophy made him adopt the above-explained position because it is believed that Wittgenstein's philosophical work made it natural for the linguistic turn to take place as it stressed the importance of achieving a philosophical interpretation of thought through language. Thus, Dummett Philosophy provokes many questions that should be taken into account as follows:

- 1- How do we understand language?
- 2- What does our understanding of language consist of?
- 3- What should the speaker of a language know in order to understand it?

In his philosophical framework, Dummett refused Realism and adopted Anti-Realism which he introduced into the philosophical thinking for the first time. This attitude had the following results in Dummett's philosophical doctrine:

- 1- Repudiation of psychologism which means the repudiation of the intrusion of mental processes into analysis of meaning, and adoption of anti-psychologism.
- 2- Repudiation of the supremacy of idiolect over common language.
- 3- The main concept of the Theory of Meaning is verification that he soon changed to the concept of justification.
- 4- Truth does not exceed our cognitive abilities.