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**Georg Henrik von Wright's Understanding of Actions / ABSTRACT**

Action-Understanding (AU) was given different explications by von Wright at different stages of his thinking. I propose to distinguish between 3 such stages: *Stage I* (Explanation and Understanding), where AU was defined as an Intentionalist Explanation with the logical structure of a Practical Syllogism. *Stage II* (Freedom and Determinism), with its perspective covering also symbolic challenges; and *Stage III* with its radical challenge of AU as implying Truth and Knowledge. My critical reconstruction of these 3 stages is like a mirror of our former personal discussions: Again I am trying to defend the insights of Stage I against von Wright's supposed improvements on Stage II and III.