Elena Alessiato Del corpo, dell'anima o dell'esistenza? Ambiguità e pluralità del dolore nel contributo di Karl Jaspers

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The present paper scrutinizes how the physician and philosopher Karl Jaspers has thought about the pain. Three perspectives are brought to the discussion: the fact that Jaspers had a personal and lifelong experience with sickness and physical diseases; the contribution given from his *Allgemeine Psychopathologie* to the thinking of the interconnection between the physical level and the mental field; and, finally, the existential meaning assumed by the pain in the frame of Jaspers' philosophy of the existence. The investigation of the nature of the pain offers the chance of dealing also with the question about the subjective and/or objective value of the experience of pain. By developing these premises, the paper puts into light the multifaceted contribution of Karl Jaspers to the examination of the experience of pain (*Schmerz*).