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Leibniz and Husserl on Universal Science

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Universal science in Leibniz and Husserl is shown to have as one of its conditions the reversal of the pre-modern relation between the inner and outer aspects of souls definitive of modern consciousness. This reversal collapses the world's externality into the phenomenon of perception, understood as the representation of a multiplicity in the unity. Apperception of this representation is then shown to be behind both philosophers' vision of philosophy as universal science and that vision's common limit: the ontological non-equivalence of the perception and apperception of multiplicity in the unity.