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## Consider the analytic (?) judgement *a priori*:

Consider the analytic (?) judgement *a priori*: «Being exists», and its very extraordinary nature. This is not even an analytic subject without increase or decrease. «Being is Being» is the logical statement of the question.

Consider these:

1. Bodies are extended.
2. Bodies are weighty.
- s. Being is being.

Analytic judgements *a posteriori* no one makes or thinks it necessary to make.

Kant's great question: «How are synthetic judgements *a priori* possible?»

Can we say this, for instance: «Being is eternal?»<Being\_is\_eternal?>

To prove that we have to take the 2 notions of Being and of not-Being and to oppose them in argument. We say: «If Being began it came either from Being or from not-Being. If from not-Being, it is also eternal, because from nothing nothing can come.»

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