

Abstract: Reference and Propositions

What are propositions? How do they fit into the Fregean hierarchy comprising levels of language, sense, and reference? Are propositions structured? Do they have logical form? Are there singular propositions? These and similar questions are much in the air at the moment. I contend that they cannot be answered in any non-arbitrary way unless we embed them in a good theory of what reference is, and in particular approach them from a clear view of the *theoretical* status of the reference relation. When we do that, I argue, satisfying answers to our questions follow.