

TOPIC 2

THREE CONCERNS OF 20TH CENTURY ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

1. It is concerned with the study of the role of language in communication and thought and in particular, how to ensure that there is meaning in the way we use language.
2. It is also concerned with the examination of the logic of inquiry or methodology of the various techniques and conditions for fixing belief especially in the sciences.
3. It is also concerned with the examination of richness of formal logic for the purpose of employing the material techniques therefore resolving problems in philosophical discourse.

The growth of analytic philosophy was a consequence of the fact that traditional philosophy have been infested by metaphysical thought which according to the logical positivism were meaningless and useless as they were not inter-personally verifiable. Analytic philosophy was thus informed by science. For the Analytic philosophers, the principle of objectivity and verifiability in science were met to save people from moduled thought about metaphysics, thus serving a therapeutic function.