

Reconstruction of Text by Kuune

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The paper describes the reconstruction a philosophical text by Wolfgang Kunne. The text by Kunne describes the life and achievements of the German philosopher, Gottlob Frege, who studied physics, chemistry, and mathematics. The essay will attempt to reconstruct an argument from the chosen text, without using any technical terminology, and evaluate the reconstruction.

The chosen argument for reconstruction is the early childhood of Frege. The author of the text uses the word 'promoted' to signify that Ernst Abbe motivated Frege to pursue further studies in mathematics. Abbe later formed the famous optical company, Carl Zeiss, and also contributed a lot of knowledge to microscopes. Gottlob Frege, at that time, had studied several sciences and philosophy, when Abbe asked him to continue his studies in math. Taking advice from Abbe, Frege moved to Gottingen which was considered the hub of mathematics' knowledge in Germany. Here, the author uses the word 'stronghold' which means that large number of texts and scholars of mathematics existed in Gottingen. After moving there, Frege pursued a doctorate degree in mathematics. He succeeded in earning the degree in 1873. Frege often mentioned Rudolf Hermann Lotze for the motivation efforts that he performed so that Frege could achieve something extraordinary. Here, one more time, the author uses the word 'promotion' for the efforts that Lotze put in inspiring Frege towards achievements. The efforts brought fruit when Frege was appointed as a mathematics philosopher at the same university where he had studied previously - University of Jena. This was not the end of story but was the beginning of a new era since Frege used his knowledge of mathematics to introduce advance concepts such as logic gates and quantifiers. This was a new era for meta-mathematical research studies since he continued to contribute throughout his life, ever after.

The point of this piece of argument was that Frege was an ordinary boy with interest in philosophy, science, and mathematics. The right amount of motivation and inspiration led him to the pinnacle of knowledge. By taking Abbe's advise and Lotze's efforts, Frege was able to achieve extraordinary position in his life. What was more important is that he was appointed in the same university where he had once studied, which was a great achievement for him. In addition to this, he continued to contribute works to the area of mathematics after that and is still known for his works as well as books.