

Wittgenstein, Rules and Meaning

I will be looking at Kripke's account of the consequences of Wittgenstein's rule-following considerations. I shall argue that the communitarian account is flawed, but that an account that heeds the concerns that motivate the communitarian but which avoids the account's flaws is possible. I will then argue that this account should lead us to accept that (i) there is no objective correctness about rule-following (even cashed in terms of communal approval), only agents saying that applications accord or conflict with rules; and (ii) this account should lead us to radically re-think what it is to say that an agent means something by a sign.