Can Philosophy constitute “resistance”?
Frankly speaking, I don’t know for sure. The answer would depend
upon what the “resistance” is again.
I don’t know, therefore, whether my essays in this book are more or
less the forms of philosophical “resistance.” I wonder if they contain
certain elements of the “resistance” to philosophy, at least philosophy
in its academic style. Resistance by philosophy and resistance to phi-
losophy: Are they compatible?
At any rate, these essays don’t tend to think about pre-established
“philosophical problems,” but about “contemporary history.” Endeav-
oring here to reflect upon historical events of our times and their
meanings, I have a special concern for the “logic of sacrifice” which
stirs in our society and our world.
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