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This book includes ten essays that trace the notion of unconcealment as it develops from Martin Heidegger's early writings to his later work, shaping his philosophy of truth, language, and history. Unconcealment is the idea that what entities are depends on the conditions that allow them to manifest themselves. This concept, central to Heidegger's work, also applies to worlds in a dual sense: first, a condition of entities manifesting themselves is the existence of a world; and second, worlds themselves are disclosed. The unconcealment or disclosure of a world is the most important historical event, and Heidegger believes there have been a number of quite distinct worlds that have emerged and disappeared in history.

Heidegger's thought as a whole can profitably be seen as working out the implications of the original understanding of unconcealment.

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