

Philosophy of Logic and Language
Metaphor

Readings

- (1) Davidson, D. (1978), 'What Metaphors Mean', in Davidson, D. (1984), *Inquiries into Truth and Interpretation* (Oxford: Clarendon Press). Reprinted in Martinich (ed.), *The Philosophy of Language*.
- (2) Black, M. (1979), 'How Metaphors Work: A Reply to Davidson', in S. Sacks (ed.), *On Metaphor* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press).
- (3) Searle, J., 'Metaphor', in Martinich (ed.) (editions I and II).
- (4) Martinich, A. (1984), 'A Theory of Metaphor', in Martinich (editions III and IV).
- (5) Moran, R., 'Metaphor', in B. Hale and C. Wright (eds.), *A Companion to the Philosophy of Language*.

Questions (choose *one*)

- (1) 'There is no definite content which someone must grasp if they are to understand a metaphor.' Is there then no such thing as metaphorical meaning?
- (2) Is the meaning of a metaphorical sentence a metaphorical thought?
- (3) Can whatever is said metaphorically also be said literally?
- (4) What is the meaning of a metaphor?
- (5) Do metaphorical statements have non-literal truth-conditions?
- (6) Are metaphors supposed to express truths?

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