

We must ask ourselves
ultimately served by this
all the accepted
if, in the end, we return to
that we pretended to question

In fact,

the systemic erasure of
enables us first of all
the statement
of its occurrence,
that
is one of those great
that

not only in the geology
but also in the simple
of the statement;

it emerges in its historical irruption;
what we try to examine is the incision

that it
makes, that
irreducible—

and very often tiny
—emergence.

However banal it may be,
however unimportant its consequences may appear to be,
however quickly it may be forgotten after its appearance,
however little heard or however badly deciphered
we may suppose it to be,

a statement is always an event

that neither the language (*langue*) nor the meaning
can quite exhaust.

It is certainly a strange event:
first, because on the one hand

it is linked to the gesture of
writing or to the articulation of

speech,

what purpose is
suspension of
unities
the unities
at the outset.

all given unities
to restore to
the specificity
and to show
discontinuity
accidents
create cracks

of history,
fact

and also on the other hand
it opens up to itself a residual
in the field of a memory, or in the materiality of
books, or any other form of recording;
secondly, because, like every
event,

existence
manuscripts,

it is unique, yet subject to repetition, transformation, and reactivation;
thirdly, because it is linked not only to the situations that provoke it, and to the consequences
that it gives rise to, but at the same time, and in accordance with a quite different modality, to
the statements that precede and

follow it.