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The photograph on p. 182 is by the author.
EDITORIAL NOTE

My collaborative aim in the production of this work has been to offer a series of intratextual corrections in a typescript produced and renovated over several decades by more than one author. There are numerous errors of omission because blandness has no boundaries. Plagiarism is another manner. It was one of the necessary aims of revision.

Much of the work involved considerably less labor, was less meaningful in its aims, being merely a mechanical transcription of a clear text, but in other places more idiosyncratic handwritten notations or stylistic devices, or even choices of words have made the production more difficult and less literary than it need to have been. Such work is of the past of course. Such reading is of the present.

There is nothing that can come between indifference and a form of redundancy. Except perhaps an omission. Multiple authorial redundancies could not be avoided. These lapses were welcomed wherever they might have been found in the text. Accordingly, there is nothing spectral, bracketed [ ] or metaphysical that remains, which is merely the husk of things that were true at the moment when they were once, [hallucinated] and by once I mean once written down without hope for any future, imagined or otherwise intended. There is truth and there is truth.

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编者的话这项工作的生产我的合作目的，是要提供一系列的intratextual更正在打字生产，几十年整修由一个以上的作者，有很多的遗漏错误，因为枯燥无味是没有边界的。抄袭是另一种方式，它是必要的修订目标之一。大部分工作涉及的少得多的劳动，是有意义的减少其目的，这种说法仅仅是一个明文机械转录，但在其他地方更奇特手写的批注，或符号设备，甚至有选择的使生产更加困难，少文学比须获。这些工作是当然的过去，这种阅读是本。没有什么能与冷漠之间，和一个冗余的形式。或者除了遗漏。多作者的内容是无法避免的。这些失误在任何地方受到了欢迎，可能已经在文本中找到的。因此，没有什么哪怕是，方括号[]或形而上学的，剩下的仅仅是事物的皮那些目前正正当他们一次，我的意思是由一次一次写下没有任何未来的希望。想象或试图。有真理，有真理。2004年，纽约