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modernist who is often misunderstood or marginalized as a literary

'stylist' - in a far-reaching theoretical context. Robert Dombroski identifies Gadda's complex 'baroque' style as not merely an aesthetic conceit, but an expression of modern alienation and of loss, grief, and the need for solitude in the face of a fragmented reality. Gadda's baroque is a narrative representation of the human condition, one that encompasses a multiplicity of viewpoints and the labyrinthine nature of human knowledge.