

# THE HUMAN BEING AND TIME: FROM KANT TO EXISTENTIALISM (second call)

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## DESCRIPTION

It is uncontroversial to say that one of the most significant topics in the history of philosophy is the relation between the human being and time. This theme takes center stage especially in the Kantian and Post-Kantian tradition (the latter including especially German idealism and existentialism). The connection between being *human* and being *inside* or *outside* time is not only a pervasive theme across these periods, but one that is non-accidentally shared in a continuous historical thread from Kant, Fichte, Schelling, Hegel, Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, up to the present day. For all these figures, it is essential that we understand the link between (for instance) *time and experience*, *time and freedom*, *time and morality (or evil)*, *time and the limits of human nature*, and *time and ontology itself*. And yet, there are many important questions in this arena that have long been woefully out of focus in academic philosophy. Within Kant scholarship alone, it is an under-explored question how we should understand the different *functions* of the representation of time (what, for instance, is the 'timelessness' of freedom when the exercise of freedom is inextricably linked with a time? Or, what is the relation between time as an *empty* form of intuition [a kind of 'nothing' according to Kant!] and the form of thought, given that thought appears to be essentially 'tensed' and yet stands outside of the merely 'given' forms of sensibility?). But *between* Kant and post-Kantian figures, the questions multiply.

While there has been scattered attention across the decades, very little has been written on the following questions:

- How should we understand the way(s) in which Kierkegaard interprets and/or transforms Kant's own account of the relation between the thinking/acting subject and time (what, for instance, is the difference between the 'timelessness' of freedom in Kant and the eternal in Kierkegaard?)
- Similarly, how should we understand the significance of temporal relations or temporal self-location in connection to human meaning or purpose in Kierkegaard and/or Heidegger (by reference to *Wiederholung* or the *Augenblick*, for example)?
- How might the above accounts relate to Fichte's connection between the unconditional determining 'I' of reason and *immortality* in the *Vocation of Man*?)
- Given that Sartre's conception of the 'I' that is 'nothing' is explicitly related by him to Kant's discussion of the elusive 'I' from the *Critique of Pure Reason*, should we understand this as a valuable interpretive step or an essentially transformative and revisionary conception of Kant's central insight?

Papers addressing the above topics would be especially welcome, though these are merely examples of what a suitable submission may look like.

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