Beyond Emptiness: A Critical Review

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Abstract

In his recent book, Jae-Seong Lee argues that not only Eastern thoughts but also Western philosophy lead us to transcend our ordinary, binary, reflexive thought and become one with the truth, namely, Emptiness, or the true self. But this aspect has not been thoroughly considered in Western metaphysics. After considering Heidegger’s failure to get to the bottom of transcendence through his “Dasein,” Lee looks to the French postmodern ethicists, in particular, Levinas, in this regard. Just like the Mahayana Buddhist philosopher Nāgārjuna did almost two thousand years earlier, Lee suggests that Levinas too may have hit upon the insight that genuine subjectivity can be reached through an openness to the Other as the wholly exterior. Throughout the entire book, Jae-Seong Lee shows a strong interest in postmodern ethics, Daoism, Buddhism, theology, and literature, but in the end, he concludes that Buddhist philosophy, with its focus on Emptiness, would be the best approach to a merging of Eastern and Western Ways of thinking in our search for the ultimate and absolute. Finally, Lee suggests that the general philosophical theory he introduces and develops actually works for literary works including the Book of Job, Count Dracula and Frankenstein.

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James Leyland Kirby, the British producer also known for his work as V/Vm, returns as Caretaker with a haunting and gorgeous series of edits from old 78s. An Empty Bliss Beyond This World sounds like a collection of edits of prewar parlor-room music because that's what it is. "This Caretaker album is built from layers of sampled 78s and albums," James Kirby told me in an email recently. "Things have been rearranged in places and other things brought in and out of focus. Surface noise"-- which is abundant-- "is from the original vinyls." Kirby is an artist who Beyond Communication. A Critical Study of Axel Honneth's Social Philosophy Social and Critical Theory A Critical Hori The Philosophy and Economics of Market Socialism: A Critical Study. Hegel and Schelling 1801 The Critical Journal of Philosophy Introduction on The Essence of Philosophical Criticism Gene ×. Report "Emptiness Appraised: A Critical Study of Nagarjuna's Philosophy". Your name. Email.