

Review of: "Addiction as a Loss of Inner Freedom"

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The subject matter is both intriguing and relevant. Establishing a link between the phenomenology of addiction and a profound philosophical comprehension of humans as potentially autonomous beings is essential for grasping the recovery process. However, a notable drawback of the paper is its failure to draw from the existing literature on the phenomenology of addiction; instead, it primarily relies on philosophical perspectives, driven by the authors' specific agenda representing an alleged objective understanding of the addictive mind. It is strongly recommended to incorporate a literature review on the phenomenology of addiction at the outset. A further limitation arises as the paper neglects the "problem of consciousness" and partially conflates the mind with brain function, contradicting other statements in the paper; consequently, it ignores the notion that the mind is a non-material entity. A third overarching limitation is the paper's inclusive approach, attempting to cover a broad topic in a concise discussion, resulting in a somewhat unclear text flow. To enhance the paper, a more focused and explanatory approach, narrowing down the topics under discussion, could prove beneficial.