

Review of: "A Philosophical Analysis of Sartre's Critique of Freud's Depth-psychological Account of Self-Deception"

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The author may find more similarities between Freud and Sartre if s/he employs the distinction between Ego/Id and conscious/unconscious, as Ego is an instance that is both conscious and unconscious, and can serve as the instance that is both the deceiver and the deceived, that is both aware of deception and unconscious of it. That is the focal point of psychoanalytic therapy and its basic belief: that it is, in principle, possible to make these kinds of deceptions fully accessible to us.

The author might also emphasize Sartre's intention to radicalize individual responsibility as his underlying motive for insisting on radical freedom. The question whether a person is responsible for her self-deceptions is crucial for understanding the basic differences between Sartre's and Freud's account.

There are several superfluous references in the text (for example, Schopenhauer and Nietzsche) that do not contribute to the thesis.

Not all references are listed (such as Webber 2013).