

Review of: "Distance as the most essential form of human thought and subjectivity"

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The article has as its theme the topic of distance and approaches it in relation to a multiplicity of issues: the relationship with the Self, thought, language, the experience of others and one's own experience in adult life, the genetic constitution of the individual subject and even the nature of God. While the subject is interesting and could make a contribution, in its present form the text lacks a solid articulation of the issues it addresses. The following are some specific observations:

- The references to "western philosophical literature" is too broad. In this sense, the scope of the research should be restricted to the phenomenological tradition (where most of the authors worked on come from) or to a cross between it and psychoanalysis.
- In some passages, the author assimilates the notions of "difference" and "distance". Although the two concepts are strongly related (see, for example, Deleuze's treatment of the subject in "Difference and Repetition"), an additional justification on this matter is necessary.
- It would be useful to provide references for psychoanalytic sources (at least Freud's and Winnicott's).
- The idea that self-consciousness depends on mediation by the experience of otherness (via empathy) in order to be constituted requires further justification. In Husserl's case, at the very least, such a movement may constitute the subject we call human (capable of reflection) but it is certainly not a condition for all subjectivity. In fact, the most elementary levels of human self-consciousness do not operate reflexively but are passive and immanent processes.
- The analysis of the "incomprehensible in us" associated with distance could take up the topic of the unconscious in psychoanalysis, mentioned in other topics but not here, whose influence seems decisive.
- The analysis of the theological aspect of the study requires further elaboration because its articulation with the rest of the study is not well understood.
- It would be advisable to review the text to correct typing and punctuation errors.