

Review of: "Thought Experiment: from Phenomenology to Transcendental Meditation and Dream about the Meaning of Time"

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The manuscript covers a very interesting and important topics, amongst others perception of time while dreaming.

The manuscript obviously is written by a very experienced scientist with a special interest in philosophy and of course, meditation and dreaming. The manuscript seems to be based on his personal path of recovery from kidney and lung cancer including meditation, dreaming and dream content. This "case study" from a first person point of view is very valuable to the field of holistic health research and treatment.

However, the question arises, if the article is placed in a suitable environment for publication of research. The manuscript seems to read like a very interesting chapter in a book, maybe one about the importance of meditation and dreaming when recovering from a severe disease. Time and time perception seem to be in that context more like so to say side topics, interesting, undoubtedly both for research and philosophy.

There is already a valuable body of research about those topics, but hardly mentioned in the manuscript, e.g. Stephen LaBerge or Marc Wittmann come to mind, such as topics like time perception in lucid and non lucid dreaming and how drugs influence perception of time.

The research design is a first person experiment by the author, interesting, but it seems more like a self report and philosophical thoughts of time perception. Unfortunately, the question arises as mentioned before, if it qualifies as a research project or if it should be rather considered a first person (case-)report.

Some scientists referred to, e.g. Husserl, probably reflecting the interest of the author, suggest that the author might enjoy also turning towards publications on gestalt theory and gestalt therapy theory.