

# Review of: "Alienation, Values and the Destruction of the Subject"

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Dear author,

I find the idea of the text interesting and it certainly stimulates reflection on this topic. Reading the text, several things stand out: Interest is directed towards a topic, in particular the alienated values. In the course of the text, an attempt is then made to classify this topic with the help of numerous sources in order to finally carry out an interpretation of Freud's concept of neuroses. Unfortunately, it is not possible to follow this focus throughout the text. In the end, it is therefore difficult to make a conclusive assessment of the interestingly introduced topic. Unfortunately, the concluding remarks on Freud are also somewhat confusing and it is difficult to clearly delimit what the Freudian concept of neurosis might also consist of, in contrast to psychoses, and thus the connection to the main topic of the work. I would suggest simplifying the sources of literature a bit, as many different philosophers are often only briefly touched upon. For example, Lacan and Ricoeur are mentioned, but both points of view are called incorrect without further explanation, but later Lacan is quoted again.

The chapter "Alienation, Self-Entanglement and the Bifurcation of Personality" could also be clearer by focusing more clearly on the question. For me as a reader, it is difficult to integrate the very different sources into one concept, so the question arises, for example, why, for example, Hegel and Heidegger or Marcuse are briefly addressed in this context, the connection to the actual topic of the work appears overall basically understandable, but the text itself seems somewhat incoherent as a result.

Terms such as "choice" should be defined more clearly overall. Is the choice unconscious or are the reasons for the choice in the unconscious. Unfortunately, the elaboration of Freud's concept of neuroses, including the resulting pathology, for example obsessive-compulsive disorder, is not clear enough, nor is the connection to the alienated values clear enough for me. In summary, from my point of view it would certainly be easier for the reader if the text as a whole were given a better focus and the connections between the individual concepts of alienation, neurosis, etc. were explained a little better.

Best regards