

Review of: "Jan Smuts' Theory of Holism as an Uplifting Philosophy for Philosophical Counseling"

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The article "Jan Smuts' Theory of Holism as an Uplifting Philosophy for Philosophical Counseling" gives a briefly introduction to Jan Smuts' Holism, analyzes the influence of Smuts' theory on psychology and philosophy in Anglo-Saxon, and presents differences between Smuts' Holism from Hegel's holism, organism and integral theory. The author prepared abundant literatures in the writing. The article is comprehensive and informative.

Three disadvantages in the article.

First, the author spent more sentences in length to describe about what Smuts' Holism is not. What positive descriptions of Holism of Smuts are relatively insufficient.

Second, there is confusion between the term 'Holism' as a theory and the term 'whole' as an entity in the article.

Third, the content of the article does not conform to the title. Philosophical counseling must be based on some philosophy, and it needs to draw nutrition from different theories or philosophy to build their own methodology. However, we, from descriptions of Smuts' Holism in the article, can neither see the counseling importance of Smuts' theory to philosophical practitioners as a counseling philosophy or methodology, nor see educational function of Smuts holism to visitors who need some philosophy. There is little correlative analysis between philosophical counseling and Smuts' Holism. I look forward to author's further work in this aspect.