

Review of: "A Dispositional Account of Self-Deception: A Critical Analysis of Sartre's Theory of Bad Faith"

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"A Dispositional Account of Self-Deception: A Critical Analysis of Sartre's Theory of Bad Faith" by Guy du Plessis claims offering us a new insight about consciousness about self deception beyond the theories of Freud and Sartre. The subject is quite interesting but I have two criticisms for the author:

1. The author says : "In conclusion, I do not believe Sartre provides a convincing critique of Freud's account of self-deception, and his theory of mind is not congruent with recent advances in psychological research and academic psychology, nor with clinical practice - as most psychotherapists would agree..."

Here the author forgets that Sartre mainly contributed to philosophy and not to psychology. It is obvious that he did not have the technological tools used by today's cognitive psychologists nor the cumulative knowledge that today's cognitive sciences possess.

1. The Author says : "I then presented a speculative and tentative hypothesis for self-deception that suggests an alternative to Freud and Sartre's accounts, one that views the self or self-system as having a disposition for self-deception when understood as having the capacity for fluid working self-states that are 'expandable' and 'contractable' that differ in self-complexity."

Here the fluid working self-states that are expandable and contractable could be better exemplified throughout the text and their meanings could be expanded.