

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

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Summary

This is a unique and interesting paper that deals phenomenologically with the problem of time using transcendental meditation and dreams. However, there are not a small number of problems in terms of the academic standard of the paper. It would be a better article if the author revised this manuscript in light of the following points.

General Points

Is "Thought Experiment" appropriate as the main title of this paper? Not a thought experiment, but an actual experiment is described here. Perhaps "From Phenomenology to Transcendental Meditation and Dreams about the Meaning of Time: An Attempt at Self-Experimentation", or "Phenomenological Self-Experimentation about the Meaning of Time through Transcendental Meditation and Dreams" would be better.

Headings and subheadings hierarchy is not clear.

Page and line numbers below from PDF version.

P1-P2: "Introduction" is vague and a little confusing. In particular, the descriptions of Research Gates and science fictions seems to be too personal for an academic paper.

Also, there are some ambiguous expressions. For example:

p2,L15: "which he rounded off and gave an almost final shape":

Who is "he"?

The continued part of this line: "Einstein, also the transforms and ...":

Where is the main verb of this sentence? As Qeios is an international academic journal, authors should write as clearly as possible so that non-native English speakers can easily understand it.

The last paragraph of P2: "...library on the evolution of life on earth: his becoming from animal...":

"his" is not appropriate. "their" is better.

P3: "Theoretical and conceptual framework"

p3,L4: "Transcendental Psychology"

What is "Transcendental Psychology"? Is it the same as "Transcendental Meditation"? Citation of the literature is preferred.

p3,L5: "evidence-based psychotherapy"

Why does the author say "evidence-based psychotherapy" instead of just "psychotherapy"? Does this word refer to cognitive-behavioral therapy, a representative of evidence-based psychotherapy? Does Freud's classical psychoanalysis belong to evidence-based psychotherapy or not?

P3: "Phenomenology of perception"

p3,L21: "Maurice"

This would be a "Merleau-Ponty" mistake.

P3-P4: "Transcendental insight meditation"

p3,L27-L28: "This philosophical current began with the works in psychology of Alfred Binet and Pierre Janet at the end of the 19th century":

This differs from the settled opinion about the history of philosophy and psychology. See, for example, the following page from *Britanica*: "introspection, the process of observing the operations of one's own mind with a view to discovering the laws that govern the mind (...) Thus, it was the method of primary importance to many philosophers, including Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, George Berkeley, David Hume, James Mill, John Stuart Mill, Alexander Bain ---as it was to the 19th century pioneers of experimental psychology, especially Wilhelm Wundt, Oswald Külpe, and E. G. Titchener...." (*The New Encyclopaedia Britannica, Vol.6, Micropaedia*, p. 360. Chicago: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., 1989).

If the author wanted to state something different from the settled opinion as written in Britannica, he would have to provide a source. Nevertheless, the sources listed here ([7][8]) have the following fatal problems.

p4,L2: [7][8]

As for No7 in "References" (p.11):

I have read "Autobiography of Pierre Janet" from the cited URL and could not find any significant statement strongly relevant to the claims of this paper. Therefore, I recommend the author to revise this paragraph. The work of William James may be more useful.

As for No8 in "References" (p.11):

There is no such article as "Autobiography of Alfred Binet" in the cited URL. Instead, I find another article "New Methods for the Diagnosis of the Intellectual Level of Subnormals. Alfred Binet (1905)" In addition, "First published in "L'année psychologique. 12, 191-244" is not exact. It was first published in "L'année psychologique. 11, 191-244, 1904". See: <https://doi.org/10.3406/psy.1904.3675>

p4L3-p4L21

Citing literature on Transcendental Meditation is desirable (if possible).

P4-P6: "Analysis and interpretation of dreams"

In this section, the author several times refers to Gaston Bachelard in addition to Sigmund Freud. However, Bachelard's writings are not as well known as Freud's, and I cannot understand exactly how the author uses the former's ideas about dreams. I suggest him to cite the relevant pages of Bachelard's book.

P8-P12: "Results"

p9,Lines 3-4 from the bottom: "My surprising...on the matter."

Is this sentence necessary?

p10.L2: "II. I have..."

Could this section number "II" be a mistake for "III" ? Isn't "II" already used in p9.L3?