CONCEPTS THROUGH LIFE AND HISTORY: A COMPARISON BETWEEN HEGEL AND NIETZSCHE

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ABSTRACT

Hegel is a philosopher of inspiration, if not he is *the* philosopher of inspiration. What makes him so inspirational? I believe the answer is "because he is telling the story of our own life." When reading *Phenomenology of Spirit* (*PS*), we can confidently say that *de nobis fabula narratur* [about us is the story told], whether we agree with the story or not. Likewise, Nietzsche philosophizes about our lives and devotes his philosophical endeavor to the affirmation of life.

In this talk, I will attempt to comment on the story that Hegel told in "Lordship and Bondage" in relation to Nietzsche's perspective of life by using the Hegelian opposition of master-slave and Nietzschean opposition of noble and slavish modes of evaluation. As a result, I will argue that, despite very basic differences, there are also significant similarities between the philosophies of the thinkers in question that characterize post-Kantian thought; which are 1) vision of life as the struggle of forces, 2) historicality of all events, 3) the idea of the evolution of concepts, and 4) their praise of activity.

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