

ABSTRACTS
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BEITRÄGE

Dominik Perler, Lässt sich Angst rational steuern? Thomas von Aquins Emotionstheorie in systematischer Sicht

Thomas Aquinas' thesis that emotions are "motions of the sensory appetitive power", which are controlled by the rational power, raises three fundamental problems. (1) How can this thesis be reconciled with the assumption that emotions are to be ascribed to a person and not to a sensory power as an inner agent? (2) How can emotions have a cognitive content if they are nothing but appetitive states? (3) How is it to be explained that emotions are often not under rational control or that they even have a strong impact on so-called rational activities? All of these questions are discussed with respect to the example of fear. This example shows that Aquinas defends a complex position which takes both the cognitive dimension of emotions and the mutual relation between sensory and rational states into account.

Dietmar Hübner, Gibt es eine objektive Gegenwart? Zur Metaphysik der Zeit

Since J. McTaggart's paper on "The Unreality of Time" the opposition of "A-theorists" and "B-theorists" establishes a focal point in the modern debate on the metaphysics of time: While "A-theorists" claim the existence of an objective present, moving along time positions, "B-theorists" maintain that time is just a set of ontologically equivalent coordinates, "now" being merely the indexical of the speaker's position. Contemporary attempts to resolve the issue by resorting to the analysis of language or to the theory of science seem to deliver no definite results. By contrast, practical and existential aspects of the two models promise to be more univocal guides in deciding between them. Particularly, C. D. Broad's hybrid conception of a "growing block theory" attains special attractiveness in this regard.

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Bernd Goebel, Die Wiederkehr des Dualismus in der Philosophie des Geistes. Aristoteles und Thomas als Alternative