

Tempo e Dio. Aperture contemporanee a partire da Hegel e Schelling.
Time and God. A Theory of Time Arising from Hegel and Schelling.

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Abstract

The following book presents a theological theory of Time arising from Hegel and Schelling. A philosophical appraisal of Time is integral to the notion of God, and a key into understanding Hegel's speculative dialectic and Schelling's late eschatological philosophy. The book claims that neither currently prevailing chronological Time conceptions, nor classical theological representations of Time as preliminary to the eternal, fully suffice.

The first chapter reflects upon the biblical figures of the seventh and eighth day and how these relate to a notion of non-chronological, eschatological and subject-centred Time. The ensuing chapters explore Leibniz, Kant and Heidegger's conceptions of Time, demonstrating how Time is not to be understood as mere chronological order, existing independently of the subject. Similarly, Being should not be conceived of mechanistically, but ought to be understood as subject-centred. Chapter five highlights how Schelling, in developing his late Positive Philosophy, envisions a transition from history into eschaton, which necessitates a re-narration of the subject's past. Thus, Schelling's concept of Time is essentially utopian in character. Similarly, Hegel's idea of annulment of Time, which concludes his Phenomenology of Spirit, suggests that Time is no longer historiographically or physically representable, but reveals itself as the possibility of re-textualizing the past. Hegel's speculative proposition, the core of his philosophy, does not only suggest a temporalization of being, but essentially indicates an openness and otherness which can not be directly represented. The last chapter of the book assesses how this alterity can be connected to the biblical name of God, JHWH, whose promise is testified and performed in the biblical text and its ruptures and re-textualisations.

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