

AUTHENTICITY

This article discusses the ordinary, the existentialist, and the virtue-ethics senses of the word 'authenticity'. The term 'authentic' in ordinary usage suggests the idea of being 'original' or 'faithful to an original', and its application implies being true to what someone (or something) truly is. It is important to see, however, that the philosopher who put this technical term on the map in existentialism, Martin Heidegger, used the word to refer to the human capacity to be fully human, not to being true to one's unique inner nature. Authenticity might also be thought of as a virtue, and interesting questions arise whether such a virtue should be regarded primarily as a personal or as a social virtue.

Keywords: authenticity, Heidegger, virtue ethics, modern society.

References

1. Jeffries S. Bernard Williams: The Quest for Truth // *The Guardian*. 2002. 30 November. URL: <https://www.theguardian.com/books/2002/nov/30/academicexperts.highereducation> (accessed: 06.08.2017). (In Engl.).
2. Nehamas Alexander. *Virtues of Authenticity: Essays on Plato and Socrates* // Princeton, NJ: Princeton UP, 1999. 376 p. ISBN 978-0691001784. (In Engl.).
3. Taylor C. *The Ethics of Authenticity*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard UP, 1991. 142 p. ISBN 0-674-26863-6. (In Engl.).
4. Bellah R. N. *Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in American Life*. NY: Harper & Row, 1985. 355 p. ISBN 9780520053885. (In Engl.).
5. Trilling L. *Sincerity and Authenticity*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard UP, 1971. 188 p. ISBN 978-0674808614. (In Engl.).
6. Guignon C. *On Being Authentic*. London: Routledge, 2004. 112 p. ISBN 0-415-26122-8. (In Engl.).
7. Heidegger M. *Being and Time*. Trans. J. Macquarrie and E. Robinson. NY: Harper & Row, 1962. 589 p. (In Engl.).
8. MacIntyre A. *After Virtue*. 2nd ed. Notre Dame. In: *U of Notre Dame P*, 1984. 305 p. ISBN-10: 0-268-03504-0. (In Engl.).
9. Fukuyama F. *Trust: the Social Virtues and the Creation of Prosperity*. NY: Free Press, 1995. (In Engl.).
10. Thompson M. G. A Road less Traveled: the Hidden Sources of R. D. Laing's Enigmatic Relationship with Authenticity // *Journal for the Society of Existential Analysis*. 2006. Vol. 17.1. P. 151 – 167. (In Engl.).
11. Guignon C. *Becoming a Self: The Role of Authenticity in Being and Time* // *The Existentialists: Critical Essays on Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Heidegger and Sartre* / Ed. C. Guignon. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2004. P. 119 – 134. (In Engl.).
12. Guignon C. *Authenticity, Moral Values, and Psychotherapy* // *The Cambridge Companion to Heidegger* / Ed. C. Guignon. 2nd ed. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 2006. P. 268 – 292. (In Engl.).
13. Guignon C. *Philosophy and Authenticity: Heidegger's Search for a Ground for Philosophizing* // *Heidegger, Authenticity, and Modernity: Essays in Honor of Hubert L. Dreyfus* / Eds. M. A. Wrathall and J. Malpas. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press. 1. P. 79 – 102. (In Engl.).
14. Sartre J.-P. *My Death* // *Being and Nothingness: An Essay on Phenomenological Ontology* / Trans. H. E. Barnes. NY: Philosophical Library, 1956. P. 531 – 553. (In Engl.).
15. Swanton C. *Virtue Ethics: A Pluralistic View*. Oxford: Oxford UP, 2003. 328 p. ISBN 199253889. (In Engl.).
16. Rorty R. *Achieving Our Country: Leftist Thought in Twentieth-Century America*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard UP, 1998. 176 p. ISBN 978-0674003125. (In Engl.).
17. Rorty R. *Irony and Solidarity*. Cambridge: Cambridge UP, 1989. ISBN 0-521-36781-6. (In Engl.).
18. Taylor Charles. *Modern Social Imaginaries*. Durham, NC: Duke UP, 2004. 232 p. ISBN 978-0822332930. (In Engl.).

About the translator

KOCHNEV Roman Leonidovich, Educational Master of Philosophy and Social Communication Department; Undergraduate Student, gr. KRM-161 of Elite Education and Magistracy Department.

SPIN-code: 7887-8053

AuthorID (RSCI): 961891

Address for correspondence: r-kochnev@mail.ru

For citations

Guignon C. *Authenticity* [Authenticity] / trans. R. L. Kochnev // *Omsk Scientific Bulletin. Series Society. History. Modernity*. 2018. No. 1. P. 66 – 74. DOI: 10.25206/2542-0488-2018-1-66-74.

Received 29 November 2017.

© C. Guignon