

Review of the Book Umanism, Transumanism, postumanism. Perspective filosofice. Editura Lumen, Iași, 2019.

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Abstract

The book entitled "Humanism, transhumanism, posthumanism. Philosophical Perspectives" published by Lumen Publishing House in 2019 is up-to-date, given the challenges facing today's society. The paper is consistent and the author Loredana Vlad brings to the fore a series of aspects related to the human bio improvement.

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1. Introduction

With the increasingly accelerated development of technique and technology, man seeks to discover more and more aspects related to his existence and his ontological condition (Vlad, 2019). Under these circumstances, the transhumanism comes proposes a number of transformations of man, meant to help him to overcome his condition; therefore, transhumanists aim at the fusion of man with the machine in order to extend life expectancy (Terec-Vlad, 2015b), the creation of upload mind technologies, the intervention at the level of genes and so on (Terec-Vlad, 2016). By implementing bioimprovement technologies, there will be a transformation of the old man from the species homo sapiens sapiens into a possible new man, with clearly superior capabilities (Terec-Vlad, 2015a).

2. Modernity, Transhumanism and Topicality

The transhumanism is a current to date that the author Loredana Vlad analyzed starting from the structures that legitimized this current. Starting from the founding myths of Modernity, the author tries to discover the foundations of this current; therefore, the myth of progress, the myth of reason and the myth of the superman are identified. Ethics plays an important aspect in the author's work because it is the link that unites the perspective of modernity to the perspective of postmodernity.

In her work, the author creates a model for understanding the evolution of the superman, bringing to the fore the Nietzschean concept (the morality of slaves and the morality of masters) but also the transhumanist concept, highlighting the possibility of creating a different form of slavery, called the soft slavery (Vlad, 2017).

3. Nietzsche and the Transhumanism

The transhumanism brings to the fore the ideas derived from F. Nietzsche's philosophy regarding the morality of the slave and the morality of the master. By using bioimprovement technologies it is possible to create two types of people, the improved, physically and morally superior man and the unimproved man. The author brings to the fore these risks and especially the risks that occur in the field of the artificial intelligence.

4. Conclusions

Loredana Terec-Vlad's work is part of the reference bibliography in the field of transhumanism both nationally and internationally. The paper addresses contemporary human issues, starting from the philosophy of modernity. In these conditions, we emphasize the author's contribution to the transhumanist philosophy.

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