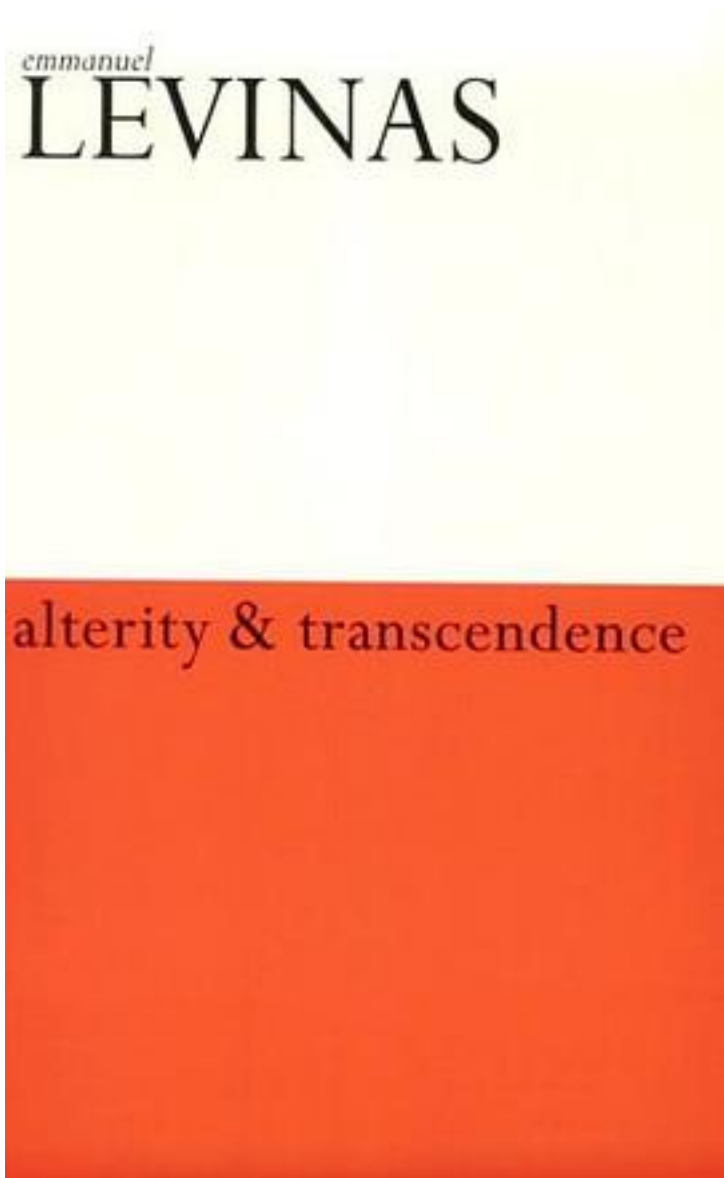


Alterity and Transcendence



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Internationally renowned as one of the great French philosophers of the twentieth century, the late Emmanuel Levinas remains a pivotal figure across the humanistic disciplines for his insistence -- against the grain of Western philosophical tradition -- on the primacy of ethics in philosophical investigation. This first English translation of a series of twelve essays known as *Alterity and Transcendence* offers a unique glimpse of Levinas defining his own place in the history of philosophy. Published by a mature thinker between 1967 and 1989, these works exhibit a refreshingly accessible perspective that seasoned admirers and newcomers will appreciate. In today's world, where religious conceptions of exalted higher powers are constantly called into question by theoretical investigation and by the powerful influence of science and technology on our understanding of the universe, has the notion of transcendence been stripped of its significance? In Levinas's incisive model, transcendence is indeed alive -- not in any notion of our relationship to a mysterious, sacred realm but in the idea of our worldly, subjective relationships to others. Without presupposing an intimate knowledge of the history of philosophy, Levinas explores the ways in which Plotinus, Descartes, Husserl, and Heidegger have encountered the question of transcendence. In discourses on the concepts of totality and infinity, he locates his own thinking in the context of pre-Socratic philosophers, Aristotle, Leibniz, Spinoza, Kant, and Descartes. Always centering his discussions on the idea of interpersonal relations as the basis of transcendence, Levinas reflects on the rights of individuals (and how they are inextricably linked to those of others), the concept of peace, and the dialogic nature of philosophy. Finally, in interviews conducted by Christian Chabanis and Angelo Bianchi, Levinas responds to key questions not directly addressed in his writings. Throughout, *Alterity and Transcendence* reveals a commitment to ethics as first philosophy -- obliging modern thinkers to investigate not merely the true but the good.

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Emmanuel Levinas (1906-1995), a pioneer of the phenomenological method, exerted profound influence on prominent postmodern thinkers including Derrida, Lyotard, Finkielkraut, Irigaray, and Blanchot. Among his seminal works that have been translated into English are *Entre Nous* (Columbia, 1998), *Ethics and Infinity*, *Totality and Infinity*, *Time and the Other*, and *Existence and Existents*.

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评论

哈哈这里目前只有我贡献的笔记。也是选读，原先以为precariousness是巴特勒的独创，后来发现列维纳斯已经很清楚地提了“precarious”，这样看来“脆弱不安”的原创性就要减分不少了。里面关于“脊背”的描述真的很动人，不知道什么时候可以看《生存与命运》。

喜欢不起来列维纳斯...语言有意思，但从这本书中的确可以看出来，他十分赘述。反复反复反复。在我看来，现在欧洲和美国的白左就是列维纳斯所希冀的I，但你也要想到他者也可以是暴力和无情的。其次，如果我在某种程度也能成为他者，那么他者不也能还原成我么？这种逆倒下不会又回到胡塞尔么？Anyway, he is too extreme to be active。我还是愿意回到绝对的、孤独的、阿特拉斯式自我。

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