

Saving Eternal Recurrence from Absurdity: Anthony Peake Rescues Nietzsche's Pet Theory

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A British author and theorist has developed an innovative eternal recurrence theory and has done that which Nietzsche could not: Given the theory evolutionary and ethical coherence.

British author and eternal recurrence theorist Anthony Peake has employed brain science, quantum physics, the Implicate Order of David Bohm, the Many Worlds theory of Everett, and 21st century neurology to arrive at an eternal recurrence theory which would surely have made 19th century German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche incredibly joyous.

Nietzsche (1844-1900) advocated an immortality ("for all joy seeks eternity") based on a loyalty to the earth and flesh and the empirical method. According to him, modern authenticity demanded that we cast off the shackles of Platonic Idealism and Christianity, and divest ourselves of the notion of a purely transcendent realm, which forms the basis of the afterlife domain of the major Western religions. The only problem: In finding the way out of this dilemma by theorizing that we live our lives over and over again within a series of recurrences, Nietzsche by inference condemned us to existential absurdity. Not only could this life be seen as incoherent and meaningless, but far worse, would be eternally so without escape.

Now Great Britain's Anthony Peake has woven a tapestry of 21st century scientific research which saves Nietzsche and us from just such an absurdity: We need not go back to the Platonic fairytale of a pure idealism but can without qualms remain loyal to earth and flesh, and the immortality such craves.

As a teleologist, Peake has woven together a rich tapestry which embraces the theories of two other major philosophical players who quested for meaning and authenticity: One who was loved by Nietzsche himself, Soren Kierkegaard; the other who spent a fair amount of his theoretical time expounding on both, 20th century existentialist, Martin Heidegger. Peake's "Cheating the Ferryman" thesis, which taunts the mythological character of Charon, the boatman who crosses humanity over to the land of the dead, saves us from the fate of absurdity, by showing us that ethics and personal evolution may be the sole purpose for an empirically-based recurrence.

His binary mind theoretical dyad borrows terms from Greek antiquity: The "daemon" is a secret inner self which exists within each human consciousness, and its role is to give the daily self or "eidolon" human ethical evolutionary guidance. Kantian and deontological in its underpinnings, the daemon is a creature with a purpose: To spin out corrective, purposive, and above all, meaningful recurrences. (See Anthony Peake, "The Daemon", Arcturus Publishing, 2008).

The implications for applied philosophy are many; the causes for optimism formidable. And New Yorkers will soon have a chance to meet this heroic theorist in the flesh, and to hear him present and defend his theory in a free public lecture in Midtown East on August 3 (6 pm in the Broadway Suite of the landmark Roosevelt Hotel; free public lecture and reception hosted by Gnosis Arts Multimedia).

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