

VOCATION, A RESONANCE OF DASEIN

Abstract

What is vocation? Is there any sense in thinking about talent, vocation, gift? From Heidegger's thought, vocation is investigated as an existential possibility, as a resonance of Dasein (German for "being there"). We also resume ancient Greek thought regarding virtue, relating it with vocation. We consider the vocation understanding as fundamental in the current working system, which values qualifications and skills so much. However, the issue of vocation seems to have no meaning in modern society, especially in developed countries, where there is a diversity of human activities unprecedented in human history, a wide range of educational possibilities and a very insidious salary prestige for some professions. Perhaps this another symptom of the "forgetting of being" and even of its abandonment since the beginning of Modernity. Without recognizing and valuing the Dasein in which we are, where one is, there is no necessary listening to the call, to the vocation to be what one is, not only as oneself, but also, as a result, myself.

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