



A Phenomenological Encounter with World Sufferings



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Abstract

Suffering has been driven so deep into the human soul that modern humanity seems everywhere on verge screaming or into violence in ways that are now common place. While boasting on success of science and technology, we must spare enough time for “suffering management” with an ample urgent, for hardly anyone seemed surprised when a California high school student gunned several small children because she was “bored” by Mondays. If we continue one-sided pursuit of the technique, it will prove disastrous to the world. Lord Buddha, after long-long days of pondering and meditation, centuries ago, exclaimed that suffering is an inseparable part of this human life. Desire is the cause of suffering and annihilation of desire is the only way to get rid of this human suffering. It is my purpose here to organize the scattered suggestions of Max Scheler’s thinking on phenomenology, which can be found only in a few passages throughout his writings, into a coherent outline of phenomenology as psychic technique of non-resistance to nullify or to minimize the world sufferings, which is quite a lot contrasting with the more familiar one presented by Husserl and Heidegger.

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