

of the nature of personality. A personalist philosophy which teaches that personality is nothing substantial and that the Ego has to acquire it, thereby renders itself helpless in the face of aggressive society. But this point might be overlooked through the presence of a certain vagueness concerning the Ego's distinction from or identity with the personality (e.g., cf. pp. 111 and 159). Society is thus knocked down with one hand, as objective, and set up again with the other, by the denial of the substantiality of personality. The most valuable notion in the book is that of the personality as a centre of action (and, we might usefully add, braving the dangers of 'objectivity', passion), rather than a mere limiting principle to the rights of society, in which light so many are content to treat of it.

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