

THE PLACE OF JOHN ANDERSON IN THE HISTORY OF  
PHILOSOPHY

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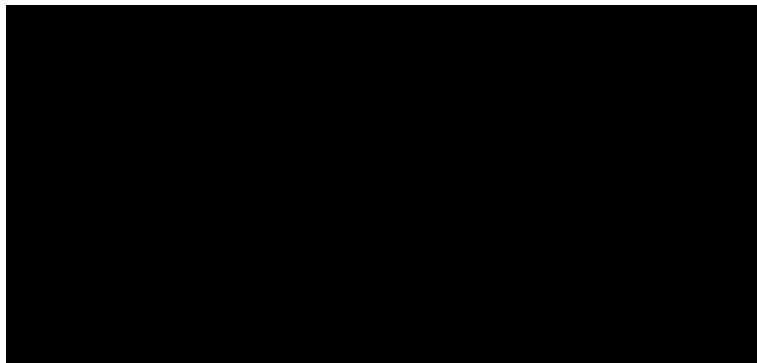
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## ABSTRACT

The issue of the place of John Anderson in the history of philosophy requires both historical and philosophical consideration. The historical issue of Anderson's place in the history of philosophy involves the consideration of the general issue of philosophical history as the conflict between Idealism and Realism and the particular issue of philosophic biography as the development of Anderson's philosophy throughout his lifetime. The presentation of Anderson's philosophical development is in terms of a Realist treatment of metaphysics, aesthetics and ethics in terms of certain periods in Anderson's life, concluding with an account of Anderson's mature philosophical views as a systematic and historical theory of philosophy. The philosophical issue of Anderson's place in the history of philosophy involves the consideration of the particular issue of a systematic and critical exposition of Anderson's philosophy as a Realist philosophy and the general issue of the development of Anderson's philosophy in terms of the issue of the logical relation between Realism and Idealism. Having considered these historical and philosophical issues, it is then possible to determine Anderson's place in the history of philosophy.

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I now go away, my disciples ! You too now go away and be alone !  
So I will have it.

Go away from me and guard yourselves against Zarathustra !  
And better still: be ashamed of him ! Perhaps he has deceived  
you.

The man of knowledge must be able not only to love his enemies  
but also to hate his friends.

One repays a teacher badly if one remains only a pupil. And  
why, then, should you pluck at my laurels ?

You respect me; but how if one day your respect should tumble  
? Take care that a falling statue does not strike you dead !

You say you believe in Zarathustra ? But of what importance is  
Zarathustra ? You are my believers; but of what importance are  
all believers ?

You had not yet sought yourselves when you found me. Thus do  
all believers; therefore all belief is of so little account.

Now I bid you lose me and find yourselves; and only *when you  
have all denied me* will I return to you...