



On Einstein's Socio-Political Views on Jewish Identity and Philosophy of Peace

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Abstract

This paper is an attempt to clarify and interrogate Albert Einstein's views on identity, particularly his Jewish identity, as well as his thoughts on antisemitism. The author will consolidate said views in comparison with Jean Paul Sartre's work on antisemitism, as well as Judith Butler's treatises on anti-Zionism. Also, the Jewish identity shall be investigated further and understood as not in isolation, as it overlaps with important identity categories such as gender, race, class, sexual orientation among others. The author will argue that any philosophy of peace is at best incomplete without a thorough regard for the Jewish person-as-person, i.e., a person understood in a myriad of ways, over and above her or his Jewish identity. The concepts of vulnerabilities, forgiveness, memory, tolerance, and acceptance are problematized as vital in any philosophy of peace making.

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Jewish Identity, anti-Semitism, philosophy of peace, forgiveness, memory, tolerance, acceptance