

Dove va la filosofia italiana?

Commenti al volume di Massimo Ferrari, *Mezzo secolo di filosofia italiana*

La secolarizzazione e la nascita dell'etica nella filosofia italiana del '900

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Secularization and the Birth of Ethics in the Italian Philosophy of the 20th Century

Abstract: The book (*Mezzo secolo di Filosofia italiana*, il Mulino, 2016) is excellent and shows that Massimo Ferrari is an outstanding historian of philosophy. Three remarks are advanced: little attention is paid to the “material” history, i.e. the history concerning both technical changes (industrialization) and more practical aspects such as number of philosophers involved etc. Moreover, more attention should have been devoted to the “spiritual” history, i.e. the great programs which were at the basis of the age, such as the idea that Italy had to be the leader of renaissance of Roman Catholicism in the world. Such programs have been defeated by rapid and spread secularization. Finally, more attention should have been paid to explain why until the '80s ethics was marginal in the Italian philosophical debate.

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