

Evaluation of a master thesis

Supervisor's review

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Title of the thesis: Ontology of transculturality in the concept of Rose of the world by Daniil Andreeev

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Theme and the goal of the thesis: A master thesis is focused on the analysis of the treatise Rose of the World by Daniil Andreev. The primary goal of the thesis is to analyse its place in the Russian religious revival of 19th and 20th century and to analyse its potential contribution to the discussions on transculturality.

Key areas of the research: Daniil Andreev, Rose of the World, Interreligious dialogue, Russian philosophy, Religious philosophy, Psychology of religion.

Overall assessment and critical remarks: This is a review of the revised version of the thesis. It thus focuses only on the major changes compared to the original version and on the author's dealing with the supervisor's remarks.

1. The author partly revised the references and footnotes, which represented the most problematic part of the original version of the thesis. He removed the most problematic references and added all required elements into the footnotes. The main formal requirement was thus fulfilled. Despite this fact, there are still missing references to the original text of the Rose of the world (like in the case of the direct quotations on the pages 19-21). There are also broad sections of the text with only minimal references to the original sources.
2. The author added broader description of his main source – The Rose of the World (chapter 3). Still, he could work with this source more consistently and add more critical examination of the original text.
3. Main goals of the research are presented in a more coherent and better organized way.

4. Author did not revise, with minor exceptions, the major parts of his exposition of the Rose of the World. So, there is still a problem with the overabundant and confusing references to a great number of different authors. The author also did not develop his analysis of the metaphysical background of the Andreev's thinking and of the Andreev's interpretation of Christianity, which was mentioned in my original review.

Final evaluation: The revised version of the thesis corrected main formal flaws of the original version. However, it did not offer a major amelioration of the analysis of the Rose of the World.

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