

The Idea of Thing and Ethicality of Zhuangzi and Heidegger, from the perspective of *Ereignis*

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Abstract

This essay attempts to discuss the relation between Zhuangzi and Heidegger from the perspective of the “great usefulness of uselessness” and the “thinging (transformation) of things”. But why we chose to carry out the issue from this dimension? In addition to the idea of “great use of worthless tree” from the chapter entitled *In the world of Men* in *Zhuangzi* as well as the article written by Heidegger in 1945 entitled *Evening Conversation: In a Prisoner of War Camp in Russia, between a Younger and an Older Man*, we are also influenced by the articulation of the Thing (*Ding*) from the *Ereignis* in the work entitled *Heidegger and Christianity: Silent explication (Heidegger et le Christianisme : l'explication silencieuse)* written by Didier Franck. In addition to connecting the signification of “transformation of things” with Heideggerian interpretation of the “thing” (*Ding*) summarized by Didier Franck, this essay also attempts to connect Zhuangzi with Heidegger, regarding their discussion of uselessness and their relation between the uselessness and the “thinging (transformation) of the Thing. Accordingly, this essay also intends to respond to the “uprooting” problem of modernity, and thus to bring out the ethicality of Zhuangzi and Heidegger.