

The Master-Disciple Relationship in the History and Philosophy of Religions

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Abstract

The master-disciple relationship has raised up overtime a great interest among researchers who were bent both on areas of secular life and those in religious life. A brief look into the history and philosophy of religion reveals that masters and disciples were present in each cultural and religious area. The relationship that has been established between them has depended on the nature of the religion in the midst of which was manifested. The fact that the same relationship is also found in the secular society should not be overlooked, where one can see all its forms, from the total attachment of the disciple towards the master, to the radical contesting of the master and the permanent parting from him.

The lines above are only an introduction to the phenomenological study of the master-disciple relationship as manifested over time. The cultural and religious areas are as where we can see this relationship how that the paideic model is one of the most spread and popular images in the human history. But the modern, contemporary times seem to depart and forget the importance of the master in people's lives. However, in the religious world the master-disciple relationship cannot disappear, because it is a part of the very constitution and manifestations of *homo religiosus* who is present in all the religions of the world.