

Bachelor's thesis

Walter Benjamin and his theological-philosophical conception of time

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Abstract

In my work, I will deal with Walter Benjamin's non-linear concept of time and I will compare this concept with the concepts of time of Karl Marx, St. Augustine and with the Jewish conception of paradigmatic time. My work is based for the most part on two texts by Walter Benjamin: *On the Concept of history* and *N*. At first, I will present two linear conceptions of time. The first will be Marx's linear perception of history, which ends with a secular goal, classless society. The second will be St. Augustine's conception of time, which perceives the culmination of history theologically, through the second coming of Jesus Christ. Next, I will focus on the Jewish non-linear conception of time, called paradigmatic time. Paradigmatic time represents atemporal system in which past, present and future intertwine in time, that resembles eternity.

The central part of my thesis will be dedicated to Walter Benjamin and his conception of non-chronological structure of his thoughts about history and time. Then I will focus on the role of the individual in his concept of time. Next, I will present the epistemological and theological implications that Benjamin's non-linear conception of time entails. And at the very end, I will compare all the mentioned concepts of time.