

Storia della natura e storia dell'umanità: archeologia e teleologia nella filosofia kantiana

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This essay attempts to show the relationships between Kant's philosophy of history and his system as a whole, in particular through the comparison with Kantian writings on natural history. This perspective may help to explain not only how the critical foundation of history of nature runs parallel to the critical foundation of Weltgeschichte, but also how an archaeological study of nature becomes the basis of a teleological approach to the history of mankind, consistent with the transcendental perspective. At the end of this comparison, we will find out that moral teleology is the final ground of every teleology – including the natural one. In this way, moral foundation of the teleological study of nature will become at the same time the ultimate cause both of the gap between history of nature and history of mankind and of the dualistic character of Kantian anthropology. Ultimately, Kant's conception of human being – and of history of human beings – takes on the tensions and the limits of critical philosophy.

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1. Introduzione

Lo scopo del presente lavoro è quello di illustrare come la filosofia della storia kantiana si inserisca nel pensiero critico di Kant e ne segua lo sviluppo. In particolare, intendo confrontare l'evolversi della filosofia della storia kantiana da una storia della natura a una storia della moralità con il declinarsi in senso teleologico dello studio degli aspetti contingenti della natura. Seguire il percorso che porta Kant a connotare lo "studio naturale