



The Ontological I Other Essays

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Streisguth / Martin, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Steve Streisguth (illustrator). 203 x 127 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Know Thyself! is the theme most central to the task of this book. These essays came about from the author being a student of philosophy and, as a student, learning how to philosophize. The title essay of this volume is the longest. It consists of six parts, or Studies, and deals primarily with a theory of personal identity that is ethically grounded. In some ways, it argues that ethics is the first philosophy. Emmanuel Levinas, Albert Camus, and Luce Irigaray are the primary influences on this essay, but the work of Paul Ricoeur cannot be ignored as important to the overall understanding of the work. The general thesis is that Otherness forms the ground of my identity, to the extent that I am Other to myself, and that this aspect of my own Otherness is precisely the ground on which self-consciousness becomes possible. Ethical implications spring from the very roots of this thesis and are acknowledged throughout the essay as being of central importance to any plausible theory of the human person....



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