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An Annotated Bibliography of the Theses and
Dissertations on Asia Accepted at Syracuse
University**

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ple would be the title of the book itself. Logic and Existence—the fundamental philosophical duality—become in different contexts abstraction and reality, thought and being, process and structure, consciousness and content, and so forth. Another mechanism is the concept of closed and open; a thing is closed or open to a new reality thereby insuring stability or change and relationship. This closed-open mechanism is related to the idea of levels and sublimation whereby a reality becomes understandable and transformed. The concept of levels and sublimation is extremely useful in dissolving the numerous paradoxes that plague the efforts of philosophers to grasp reality, for it enables one to overcome a duality or multiplicity on one level with a unity on another.

Of interest to those concerned with the relationship between philosophy and theology is the treatment of sin, grace, freedom, responsibility, and the rigid systems of ethics and dogma (pages 152 and ff.). Foss implies that sin, death, destruction are almost necessary preludes to grace, life, and a higher reality. Likewise the author's opinion that the rigidities of ethics and dogmas endanger human freedom and offer easy escape from responsibility into the security of a system. These insights, in the reviewer's opinion, are indeed thought provoking. Some readers may find novel treatment of the reality of faith, the nature of art, the interaction of past, present, and future, and the meaning of creation. The book, as a whole, can be considered a major restatement, by a philosopher obviously deeply familiar with the discipline, of ancient and modern problems and solutions.

A word on the language of the author. The language and style of *Logic and Existence* is a two-edged sword. The author at times succeeds in losing the meaning or the reader through exuberance and verbiage. But most of the time, after getting used to the style, the reader can connect with the author's thought. But one is never free from the constant effort to divest familiar terms with their scholastic encrustations and invest them with meanings demanded by the new contexts created by the author.

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A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ASIAN STUDIES

AN ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE THESES AND DISSERTATIONS ON ASIA ACCEPTED AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY 1907-1963. Compiled under the direction of Donn V. Hart. Syracuse, N.Y.: Syracuse University Library, 1964. xii, 46 pp.

This volume is a welcome addition to the list of bibliographies of doctoral dissertations and masters' theses on Asia published by univer-

sities in the United States sponsoring Asian Studies programs. There are 154 entries written between 1907 and 1963. The total number of titles is a modest one, if compared to 630 included in the *University of Chicago Doctoral Dissertations and Masters' Theses on Asia, 1894-1962* (Chicago, 1962). Nevertheless, it is encouraging to note that at Syracuse University, there has been an increasing interest in Asia among graduate students (as indicated by the larger number of theses and dissertations on Asia undertaken after World War II) and a widening of the number of University academic units concerned with Asia. Take, for instance, the dissertations and theses written on the Philippines. Between 1907 and 1944, a total of only five M.A. theses covering the Islands were written under three of the University units: the History and Political Science departments and the State University College of Forestry. After the war (1945-1963), in addition to the aforementioned three units, the following departments of the University contributed a total of six masters' theses and five Ph.D. dissertations on the Philippines: Business Administration, Education, Anthropology, Public Administration and Geography.

It is perhaps because of the small number of entries covering Asia that Dr. Hart preferred to list the titles alphabetically by the author's surnames rather than to classify them under subject headings as in the University of Chicago bibliography. The index, however, includes not only the names of the authors and subjects of the dissertations and theses but it also includes the geographical areas covered by the graduate research studies on Asia. The Syracuse University bibliography also has a table listing the departments which sponsored the studies, and the areas they concern; it also indicates whether the work is a masters' thesis or a doctoral dissertation.

Of great aid to the researcher on Asia are the annotations in the Syracuse University bibliography which are based on the abstracts of the Masters' theses and doctoral dissertations not found in the University of Chicago bibliography. The latter, however, includes the call numbers of the theses and dissertations on Asia. It is hoped that more universities involved in the study of Asia will publish similar bibliographies in the near future and that those already published will be periodically updated.

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PHILOSOPHY, SCIENCE AND SENSE PERCEPTION: Historical and Critical Studies. By Maurice Mandelbaum. Baltimore, Md.: The Johns Hopkins Press, 1964. ix, 262 pp.