

DOI: 10.18522/1997-2377-2025-141-2-33-39

UDC: 2

Phenomenon of heroism in the context of metaethics (the positions of Hume and Nietzsche)

P. Prusov

Based on the general understanding of the phenomenon, the article examines the phenomenon of heroism, moving from psychological thematization to ethical, and within the framework of the latter – with an emphasis on the meta-ethical principles of moral realism, expressivism, dependence on response (reaction) and the meta-ethical positions of Hume and Nietzsche. The phenomenon of heroism is very difficult to describe simply, due to the manifestation of its versatility: after all, it presupposes not only the power of freedom of self-overcoming and self-determination, but also public recognition of actions that resonate with universal moral feelings.

Keywords: *phenomenon, virtue ethics, metaethics, moral realism, expressivism, response dependence, sentimentalism, virtuous egoism, D Hume, F Nietzsche, Jeffrey Sayre-McCord, Richard Newell Boyd, Christine Swanton*

References

1. Кант И. Сочинения на немецком и русском языках. Т. II. Критика чистого разума. Ч. 1. М.: Наука, 2006. 1082 с.
2. Кононов Е.А. Метаэтика. Теоретический обзор. М., 2023. 415 с.
3. Юм Д. Сочинения: В 2 т. Т. I / Пер. с англ. С.И. Церетели и др. 2-е изд., доп. и испр. М.: Мысль, 1996. 733 с.
4. Boyd Richard N. How to Be a Moral Realist // Essays on Moral Realism. Edited by Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, Cornell University Press, Ithaca and London, 1988. 318 pp. Pp. 181-228.
5. Compton William C., Hoffman Edward L. Positive Psychology. The Science of Happiness and Flourishing 3rd Edition. SAGE Publications, Inc, 2020. 947 p.
6. Jayawickreme Eranda, Di Stefano, Paul. How Can We Study Heroism? Integrating Persons, Situations and Communities // Political Psychology. 2012. Vol. 33. No. 1. P. 14.
7. Peterson, Christopher, Martin E.P. Seligman. Strengths and Virtues. A Handbook and Classification. Oxford University Press, 2004. 815 p.
8. Sayre-McCord, Geoffrey. Moral Theory and Explanatory Impotence // Midwest Studies In Philosophy. 1988. Vol. 12. Iss. 1. Pp. 433-457.
9. Swanton Christine. The Virtue Ethics of Hume and Nietzsche. Wiley Blackwell, 2015. 227 p.
10. Swanton Christine. Virtue Ethics. A Pluralistic View. Oxford University Press. New York, 2003. 314 p.