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Distinctive and temporal aspects of anthropogenesis

This article offers a philosophical reflection on anthropogenesis. It proposes to distinguish two fundamental aspects of this process: the distinctive and the temporal ones. The distinctive aspect is defined as the human acquisition of free will, manifested in the capacity for metacognitive reflection. This unique ability allows humans to be aware of and influence their mental states, system of symbols, and values. The realization of this freedom results in the creation and development of culture. In the temporal aspect, anthropogenesis is viewed as an incomplete, dynamic process closely linked to cultural evolution. It is noted that human biological evolution has significantly decelerated, giving way to cultural evolution, which is characterized by the rapid accumulation and transmission of knowledge, technologies, and social practices. The article emphasizes the importance of a philosophical approach to anthropogenesis, which allows for the integration of various aspects of human nature into a unified conceptual framework.

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