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Marx and Rational Animality

According to tradition, we humans are the rational animal; and in this paper, I pursue the idea that our rationality and animality must be a unity. Moreover, I suggest that this unity is to be comprehended from what Marx calls, in his 10th thesis on Feuerbach, 'the standpoint of [...] social humanity'. That is, I suggest that the unity of our rationality and animality can be grasped only by acknowledging the social character of the activity of human living, and I argue that Marx understood that activity better than his Aristotelian or Hegelian sources.

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