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THE TWO SIDES OF NOTHING: HEIDEGGER'S ONTOLOGY OF COMMUNITY



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Abstract: I explore the ontological foundation for friendship and community through Heidegger's discussion of Angst in *Being and Time*. Contrary to the standard reading of authenticity, I will argue that authenticity, ushered in by the Angst of confronting one's death, marks not the moment of individual self-possession but rather possibility of finding one's self in a community with others. I will also draw on the principle of Anarchy and Taoism to help explain how Heidegger's model of community has two sides: one side that welcomes the other unconditionally, and a different side that excludes those who are differently attuned to one's world.

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