

Steven Heine, *Existential and Ontological Dimensions of in Heidegger and Dōgen*, State University of New York Press, Albany, 1985, pp.202.

The present study has a three fold significance. First, it seeks to advance Western Scholarship, still in its formative stage, of Dōgen's philosophy of Zen, which clearly has a monumental importance in the history of Japanese thought and Buddhist thought as a whole, and remains singularly contemporary in its exploration of the dynamic nature of temporal reality. Second, it focuses attention on the matter of time as the central clue to the question of Being in Heidegger's *Sein und Zeit* and throughout the various phases of his philosophical enterprise that is frequently overlooked or relegated to secondary status. Finally, the work attempts to ground comparative philosophy and religion in a specific yet universal issue, underscoring the difference between Heidegger's theoretical approach to ontological disclosure and Dōgen's insistence that philosophy can and must spring from direct religious experience.