

Abstract

The present study aims to show the influence of Sigmund Freud that underlies an essential part of Ludwig Binswanger's philosophical reflections. In spite of his criticism of Freud's naturalistic view of the nature of human beings and his attempt to philosophically overcome psychoanalysis with his *Daseinsanalyse* or existential analysis, it is Freud's understanding of the finitude of human beings – that he expresses with the idea of drive – that motivates Binswanger's work. In order to retrieve this "legacy" of Freud in his thoughts, the study examines a number of his articles where he expresses his opinion on psychoanalysis as well as the one on the ontology of Martin Heidegger, on the basis of which he founded his *Daseinsanalyse*. The study then investigates Medard Boss's criticism of Binswanger, which throws light on the internal struggle of his thoughts. Finally, the study concludes with the question of psychotherapy where the influence of Freud becomes manifest in Binswanger's reflections on the concept of cure.

Key words: Ludwig Binswanger, Sigmund Freud, Medard Boss, psychoanalysis, anthropology, *Daseinsanalyse*, psychotherapy