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Abstract

The specious present is the claimed temporal breadth in the content of an experience at a particular time. One's experience has a stream-like aspect to it. But how can this be, this chapter asks, if the world itself does not pass? Why does one's experience have this stream-like quality to it when time is itself not flowing? While making the eternalist world safe for the specious present, the chapter carves out and evaluates two contrasting understandings of the specious present.

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