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*The Experience of Other Selves. Affinities and Differences between William Ernest Hocking and Edmund Husserl*

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This essay analyzes possible affinities and differences between William Ernest Hocking and Edmund Husserl in relation to the topic of solipsism and with particular emphasis on how it is that we encounter other minds in experience. Before comparing Hocking's and Husserl's ideas around such topics, the essay provides a brief reconstruction of William James's and Josiah Royce's engagement with them as a way of explaining why Hocking had a fascination for the question of how and under what methodological conditions other selves are experienced. The aim is to highlight in what ways Hocking can be considered a phenomenological thinker. This overall approach should also facilitate a deeper understanding of where the limits of Husserl's *Ideas II* and *Fifth Meditation* are and why Hocking's views are relevant to the phenomenological investigation of the experience of minds other than our own.