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Abstract: Kant's anthropological works represent a very different side of his philosophy, one that stands in sharp contrast to the critical philosophy of the three *Critiques*. For the most part, Kantian anthropology is an empirical, popular, and, above all, pragmatic enterprise. After tracing its origins both within his own writings and within Enlightenment culture, the Element turns to an analysis of the structure and several key themes of Kantian anthropology, followed by a discussion of two longstanding contested features – viz., moral anthropology and transcendental anthropology. The Element concludes with a defense of the value and importance of Kantian anthropology, along with replies to a variety of criticisms that have been leveled at it over the years. Kantian anthropology, the author argues, is “the eye of true philosophy.”

Keywords: Kant, anthropology, philosophical anthropology, pragmatic anthropology, moral anthropology, transcendental anthropology

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