

A Critical Examination of Camus' view on the Relationship between Religion and the Meaning of Life

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Abstract

In this article, an attempt has been made to examine one of the main concerns of today's mankind, that is, the answer to the question "Is life meaningful?". When we are searching for the meaning of life, we are actually trying to value life and find our place in existence. The issue of the meaning of life has long been the subject of many thoughtful ' discussions. The issue of the meaning of life has long been the subject of many thinkers' discussion and investigation, but in the contemporary world, due to the increasing number of absurdist and nihilistic thoughts, the need to address this issue has become more important. In this regard, Albert Camus 's viewpoint has been examined. Camus 's opinion is human life lacks any meaning that can be learned and achieved, And In order to make life meaningful, man has no choice but forge meaning from within himself. In the end, it has been concluded from these discussions that Camus 's viewpoint is in a way affirming the absurdity of human life and in practice 'it will not help to liberate contemporary man from the mire of absurdity and senselessness.

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