

SEEKING EXISTENTIAL ESSENCE THROUGH THE VOICE OF A PROPHET: A THEISTIC CONSIDERATION

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ABSTRACT

Atheists appear to agree with arrogant certainty that the absence of an existent God has direct consequences for human life. They subscribe humanity's liberation from oppressive religious superstitions and place hope for mankind on the natural sciences. Man's frustration of not being able to provide meaning to life or resolve his existential angst through the making of responsible choices is practically evident in the world today. This essay, therefore, closely examines the nature of existential angst and attempts an explanation to Man's limitations in the face of his existential anxieties. It further proposes that a move from the illusions of 'the self-made man' to looking beyond the limits of his abilities can lead to a resolution of man's existential angst. That is, relying on a Greater Force beyond himself through prophetic utterances constitutes a solution to his predicaments. Also, the essay argues that the basis of the slogan, 'existence precedes essence' fails to consider that Man is also spirit and not only matter, therefore, should not depend solely on the perfect working of the physical senses. Furthermore, the understanding that man didn't create himself betrays his frailty and increases the need for his dependency on a Supreme Being as a way-out.

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