

Nihilism: Expanded Framework V2

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##Traditional Nihilism

- Absence of Intrinsic Meaning, Value, and Purpose
- Existential Vacuum: Nietzsche's Dance Over the Abyss
- The Liberation of Uncertainty: Embracing the Unknown as Potential
- Meta-Nihilism: The Nihilism of Nihilism Itself

##Existential Nihilism

The Individual's Quest: Crafting Personal Mythos in a Meaningless Cosmos

Nihilistic Creativity: Art & Literature as Acts of Rebellion

Quantum Nihilism: The Uncertainty of All Being

Epistemological Nihilism

The Illusion of Certainty: Embracing Epistemic Humility

Hyper-Skepticism: Doubting the Doubt

Constructing Realities: The Role of Perception in Truth-Making

Ethical Nihilism

Moral Anarchy: The Freedom from Universal Ethic

The Ethic of Self-Creation: Nietzschean Aesthetics as Morality

Relativistic Morality: Culturally Constructed Ethics

Nihiltheism: Expanded Framework

Dissolution of Subjective Justifications

Beyond Good and Evil: Redefining Morality

The Void's Echo: Finding Harmony in Silence

Absurdist Heroism: Camus and the Revolt against the Absurd

Non-Movement (Can be mistaken for pacifism)

Dynamic Stillness: Action through Inaction

The Philosophy of 'Maybe': Probabilistic Ethics

Quantum Morality: The Superposition of Right and Wrong

Consciousness as an evolutionary mishap

Anti-Anthropocentrism: Reimagining Consciousness in the Cosmic Scale

The Self as Illusion: Buddhist Insights into Nihiltheism

Consciousness Unbound: Exploring Panpsychism

The Absurdity of Life Without God

Existential Despair and Liberation

Sartre's Bad Faith vs. Authentic Existence

Camus' Absurdism: The Meaning in Struggle

Nietzsche's Will to Power: Affirmation of Life

Kierkegaard's Leap of Faith vs. Nihilistic Suspension

Schopenhauer's Pessimism: The Will's Negation

Ligotti's Cosmic Nightmare: Existence as Horror

Tillich's Courage to Be: Affirming Existence Amidst Non-Being

Buddhism's Emptiness: The Void as Fullness

Postmodernist Nihilism

Deconstruction: The Unmaking of Worldviews

Simulacra and Simulation: Baudrillard's Precession of the Fake

Lyotard's Incredulity towards Meta-narratives: Beyond Grand Stories

Theism and Nihiltheism: A Dialogical Encounter

Transcendent/Divine Interplay

Monotheism Reimagined: The God Beyond Being

Polytheistic Chaos: Many Gods, Many Truths

Pantheism: The Universe as God, God as the Universe

Divine Command Theory Revisited: Ethics Without Ontology

Objective Morality and Its Shadows: Exploring Moral Pluralism

The Teleology of Randomness: Finding Purpose in Chaos

Divine Aesthetics: The Universe as Artwork Without an Artist

Philosophical and Religious Traditions Reconsidered

Existentialists: The Singular Plurality of Existences

Christian Mystics/Saints: The Dark Night of the Soul as Nihilistic Passage

Eastern Philosophies as Nihiltheistic Practices

Hinduism/Vedanta: Maya as Cosmic Nihilism

Buddhism: Sunyata and the Middle Way as Paths Beyond Nihilism

Taoism: The Way of Wu Wei as Nihilistic Harmony

Psychological and Societal Implications of Nihiltheism

The Anomie of Affluence: Nihilism in Consumer Societies

Digital Nihilism: The Internet as Existential Void

Ecological Nihilism: Confronting the Void of Environmental Catastrophe

The Politics of Nihilism: Anarchy, Autonomy, and the Absence of Power

Cybernetic Nihilism: AI, Consciousness, and the Meaning of Non-Human Minds

Post-Human Nihilism: Beyond the Human Condition into Transhumanism

Cosmic Perspective: Nihilism in the Age of Space Exploration

Virtual Realities: Nihilism in Simulated Worlds

Nihilism in Popular Culture: From Dystopias

- Traditional Nihilism
- Absence of Intrinsic Meaning,

Meaning, Value, and Purpose

- Existential Nihilism
- Traditional nihilism posits

Epistemological Nihilism

- Skepticism & Doubt towards Regarding True knowledge may be impossible to attain or inherently unreliable.

- Skepticism towards Knowledge Claims: Epistemological nihilists question whether it's possible for humans to truly know anything with certainty, including basic facts about reality and the nature of existence.
- Ethical Nihilism
- Nihiltheism: Expanded

Framework

- Dissolution of Subjective

Justifications

- Absence of Inherent Meaning: The central tenet of nihiltheism which posits that there is no predetermined or universal significance to human existence or the universe as a whole.
- Non-Movement (Can be mistaken for pacifism)
- Dissolution of Subjective Justifications: The rejection of subjective reasoning and justification for ethical beliefs, emphasizing the lack of objective foundation for moral systems within nihiltheistic thought.
- Consciousness as an evolutionary mishap
- Ligotti
- The Absurdity of Life Without God
- Existential Despair
- Sartre's Bad Faith
- Camus' Absurdism
- Nietzsche's Will to Power
- Kierkegaard's Leap of Faith
- Schopenhauer's Pessimism
- Ligotti's Cosmic Nightmare
- Tillich's Courage
- Buddhism's Emptiness
- Postmodernist Nihilism
- Prominent Thinkers
- Friedrich Nietzsche
- Jean-Paul Sartre
- Albert Camus
- Theism
- Transcendent/Divine
- Monotheism

- Monotheism: Monotheism is a specific form of theistic belief characterized by the worship of only one god. This contrasts with polytheistic religions which believe in multiple gods/goddesses.
- Polytheism
- Pantheism
- Traditional Assumption: Purpose
- Teleological Arguments
- Traditional assumption in theism is the concept of purpose, which suggests that there is a specific reason or intention behind the creation and existence of the universe.
- Teleological arguments are philosophical arguments that attempt to prove the existence of God based on perceived evidence of design or purpose in nature.
- These arguments often point to complex biological structures, natural laws, and order in the universe as indications of a divine creator or intelligent designer.
- Divine Command Theory
- Objective Morality
- Possibility of a 'Right' and 'Wrong', Making Sense of Human Actions.
- The Reality of Abstract Objects, i.e. values, truths, propositions, etc.
- Prominent Thinkers
- Pascal
- Miguel Molinos
- St. Augustine
- Nihiltheism
- Philosophical and Religious Traditions
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- Christian Mystics/Saints
- Eckhart
- St. Teresa of Avila
- Therese of Lisieux
- Thomas Kempus
- Prominent Thinkers

E.M. Cioran

- God as Nothingness
- The "Void" of Existence as 'Teacher', Nothing else to Learn
- Cioran's language is the Apotheosis of Worshiping the Transcendent, Filled with Doubt and True

Despair over God. This is what 'Belief' is

- Great Admiration for Bach, perceives a sense of the Divine through Bach
- Best Books: On the Heights of Despair, Tears and Saints

Heidegger (I don't read him as atheistic, Quite the Contrary)

- Being-Towards-Death
- Utter Insignificance of Existence
- Anxiety
- Uncanniness

- The Nothing of the World
- The 'Call' of Conscious
- Being Guilty
- The 'They
- Throwness
- The possibility of the impossibility- " It is the possibility of the impossibility of every way of comporting oneself towards anything, of every way of existing.

Swami Vivekananda

- Atman and Brahman, self and True Self
- Maya, Illusion of Material World/Ultimate Reality
- Jnana Yoga
- Would Rather Commit

Suicide than Exist in a Purely

Scientific/Naturalistic World

- Paul Tillich
- The Unbridgeable Finite/Infinite Gap
- Symbolism
- Ultimate Concern- Can Heal or Destroy
- People Attempt to Elevate the finite to the Ultimate, Attempting to Escape Anxiety/Despair/Meaninglessness
- Meaning of Life = Despairing Over the Meaninglessness of Life (Tillich, Courage to Be)
- Nihilistic Philosophers

Nietzsche

- Beyond 'Good' and 'Evil'
- Experiential Realization of the Utter Lack of One's Own Subjectivity
- The "Absurd Perspective"
- Eastern Philosophies

Hinduism/Vedanta

- Brahman/Atman, Maya, Illusion of Material Reality

Buddhism

- 'The Life of Buddha'
- The Four Noble Truths

Taoism

- Tao Te Ching
- Non-Action
- Tao as Nothingness
- The Worldly/Temporal Experience of Nihilism
- Psychological Effects of Embracing Nihiltheism
- Decreased reliance on external validation or societal expectations.
- Heightened sense of the absurdity of societal norms and expectations, allowing for more authentic self-expression
- Enhanced ability to detach from societal expectations and pressures.

- Enhanced freedom from the pressure to conform to societal norms.
- Reduced attachment to material possessions or worldly desires, leading to a simpler and more minimalist lifestyle.
- Improved ability to let go of attachments and desires for material possessions or achievements
- Increased focus on personal exploration and self-reflection rather than external validation or societal expectations
- A dominating presence of uncertainty, existential questioning, and the inherent meaninglessness of existence
- Elimination of ambition associated with striving for external accomplishments or material wealth
- Enhanced critical thinking skills as one questions traditional beliefs, values, and societal norms.
- Expanded capacity for introspection and self-reflection
- Heightened awareness of the subjective nature of reality
- Cultivation of a sense of awe ,wonder, and terror in the face of the unknown
- A unique, nuanced understanding of the complete lack of justification for personal values and beliefs
- Increased contemplation of existential questions and the inherent lack of meaning, value, and purpose of existence.
- Complete Lack of Value
- Valueless Human Action/Endeavors Equal Absurdity
- Renounce the finite
- Turn Focus/Seek the Infinite
- Morality
- Non-Movement
- Existence's Complete Lack of Intrinsic Value Reduces all Human Movement to Absurdity
- Renunciation of Physical World
- Potential for development of a more compassionate, empathetic worldview due to recognition of shared human experiences in the face of existential meaninglessness.
- Reduces Human Existence to Nightmare
- The Absurdity of Life Without God
- Complete Lack of Meaning
- Evasion of Nihilism
- Distractions
- Elevating the Meaningless to the Meaningful
- Existential Implications
- Philosophical Insights
- Inauthentic Life
- Kierkegaard®Double-Mindedness
- Heidegger- Always Falling
- James- Divided-Self
- Existential Boredom
- No Ambition Christian Mystics/Saints

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