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Hylomorphism and Materialism

The ability of a human being to choose is one aspect that is clearly illustrated by Viktor Frankl’s in his book on philosophy (Frankl, 1984). The human beings are given the ability to make their own choices, which can affect their actions because of the consequence faced. In addition, the ability of a human being to make chooses illustrate the essence of being human. Through the ability to make choices, the type of attitude a human being selects will also demonstrate the ability to become compassionate and kind (Frankl, 1984).

When one is able to make choices based on his or her will, the people can choice how to control his or her life and enjoy the benefits of his or her decision. Human beings can also choice when to display their attitudes, which gives the human being the power to control their lives. The power of choice can also encourage people to become kind and compassionate, even in worse circumstances (Frankl, 1984). The power of choices awarded to human beings also differentiates humans from animals. This means we are not controlled by instinct alone, but also the human conscience. Human beings have the ability to think which is essential through the process making choices. Therefore, through thinking one can choice what type of attitude to display in any given situation.

According to Walker Percy’s (Percy, 1992), human being’s ability to make choices under the aspect of rationality can affect the human existence. This is because people tend to make bad choices which results into negative outcome. The human beings ability to make choices limits the human being on the type of choices he or she makes. When a human being make bad choices the negative consequences occur in which they have to face, thereby threatening the human existence. In the relationship between the human body and the human rationality is purely independent from one another. The body is independent from the rational being that is encouraged through critical thinking. The power to think is the primary perfection of the rational soul of the human being. However, human beings can only think through the intelligible which is separate from the body.

Furthermore, the power of rational aspect of the human soul and the power of the body are the same when other aspect apart from human intellectuality is considered. This means that when a person makes bad choices, he or she is likely to face consequences that might affect his, or her human existence based on the severity of the choice he she has made. However, a person’s good choices are considered the primary perfection of the soul because he or she is able to use his or her rationality based on intellectual ability of the human being to consider their decision.

The perfection of the human being is a perfection of the soul separate from the human body. This means that if a one part of the human body is removed, the human being becomes no-existence. The removal of the perfection of the human body is different from the removal of the human being’s rational being because the one part of the body is the primary perfection of the human being (Inati, 2000). Therefore, the human rationality is the source or origin of movement and the human rational power is the end and essence of human existence. The rational power of the human being is the animating form of the human body. The human rational power is inseparable from the human body and the highest aspect of the human rationality is the mind, which is eternal and immortal (Inati, 2000).

If there seem to be independence between the human rational power and the human body, then the body would not have certain primary perfections such as the power to move. A person’s intellectual beings can create decisions based on negative choices that are bound to affect the human body as a result. The human body relays on the ability of the human mind to think in order to respond to an action.

Therefore, it is the human rational power that controls the actions of the human body and negatively choices through human mind affects the human body responses. The human body depends on the choices made through the human rational power because of the human mind. However, the human rational power is independent from the human body because one is required to think and make a choice before making an action through the human body (Inati, 2000). The dependence of the human body on the human rational power justifies the human action, which affects the existence of the human body. The human rational power has a major impact on the both the negative and positive consequence on the human existence and bodily response. However, it is the intellectual of the human being that defines independency of the rational power towards the human body (Inati, 2000). Therefore, the independence of the rational power affects the human body based on the human being’s intellectual capacity.

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